

Deer Management Strategy

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Summary

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The Town of Truro Deer Management Strategy (DMS) is an important step toward providing a clear and coordinated approach to deer control within the Town of Truro. The DMS has been developed by the Town of Truro's Deer Management Resource Working Group (RWG), which includes members of Truro Town Council, Town Staff, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Women That Hunt, and community members.

The DMS recognises that deer pose a risk to natural ecosystems and biodiversity, citizen landscapes, public health and safety, and overall deer-human conflict. These impacts are increasing, coinciding with an increase in deer distribution and abundance in the Town of Truro and surrounding areas. This DMS recognises that the large numbers of deer and their wide distribution across the Truro area, means that decisions will need to be made to determine where deer population control can be most effective in protecting the community at large. The DMS also highlights that long-term success will largely depend on changing human behaviours and attitudes towards feeding urban deer and other deer-human interactions. Ultimately, the Town of Truro needs to be prepared to implement widespread management tools that help reduce population numbers. Still, residents should understand that the goal of the DMS is not to eliminate the urban deer population, but rather bring the population within the social carrying capacity of Town citizens. Ultimately, residents will need to learn to live with urban deer long-term and therefore be prepared to implement individual management options on their own properties for the foreseeable future.

The DMS sets out several management options for reducing and controlling deer populations in the Town of Truro, as well as options that help to reduce deer-human conflicts. The management options were evaluated by the RWG to determine which options were most feasible for the Town of Truro and its residents, both at the individual level and at the municipal and provincial levels. Due to a variety of factors, a number of the management options that were evaluated were not viable for the Town of Truro. However, those most suitable were explored in detail and strategies for each feasible option were outlined.

The most feasible and efficient option for a reduction in the urban deer population was considered to be a controlled managed hunt. Details have been outlined as part of the implementation plan. A detailed plan has been established to conduct a Year 1 Pilot Program for 2021/2022, but due to the sensitivity of the information, the detailed plan has not been included in this document.

Within the DMS are outlined priorities for deer control and other management measures to address current and potential impacts. The DMS describes how the Town of Truro will work with the community and experts to set deer control priorities. The detail about where the control will take place, in what form, and over what time scale is described in detail.



Goals and Objectives

The overarching goal and objective of the DMS is to mitigate deer-human conflicts within the Town of Truro and to bring the urban deer population within the social carrying capacity of Town residents. The goal of the DMS is not to eliminate the urban deer population. Ultimately, residents will need to learn to live with urban deer long-term and therefore be prepared to implement individual management options on their own properties for the foreseeable future. To mitigate deer-human conflicts, the Town will seek to reduce the following metrics:

- Deer-vehicle collisions.
- Landscaping conflicts and garden losses caused by deer.
- Public health conflicts involving humans and pets (reducing close contacts to such things as ticks/Lyme disease, feces, and aggressive behaviours).
- The potential presence of deer predators.

The RWG will establish a set of principles to guide the DMS development process as follows:

1. The RWG acknowledges the need to manage the urban deer population to a level that corresponds to the social carrying capacity of Town residents.
2. The DMS recommendations will consider both opportunities and impacts on local properties and community wellbeing.
3. The DMS must be sustainable over the long-term; however, this should not preclude the use of short-term options.
4. The DMS will focus its recommendations on minimizing deer-human conflict.
5. The RWG will consider all viewpoints.
6. Consideration of all options and solutions will be based, whenever possible, on scientific information or professional experience.
7. The RWG's recommendations must be a credible and reasonable reflection of public views.
8. Decisions by consensus are optimal.
9. The RWG recommendations will respect local First Nation considerations as much as they are known and possible.



Background

The process of preparing this DMS provided an opportunity to review the current urban deer situation, review the concerns of residents and community stakeholders and, where necessary, define what must be done to ensure a balanced but optimal approach to deer management within the Town of Truro for the benefit of all citizens.

In 2017, the Town of Truro carried out a Public Information Session and conducted a Deer Management Survey using two methods. An online survey was posted on the Town's website for 10 days in June 2017. Paper copies of the survey were also available at a Public Information Session held on June 20, 2017. Paper copies were also made available to the general public at Town Hall. The survey closed on June 26, 2017.

In the end, there were a total of 1,714 responses to the survey. Of the total responses, 65% of respondents indicated they lived or owned property in the Town of Truro. The intent of the survey was to provide Truro Town Council with a clear understanding of the wishes of their constituents in order to help define policy direction with respect to deer population management. To this end, the survey and the data analysis focused on Town residents and those owning property within Town, however, the report also included the responses of non-residents.

The survey was completed by a significant portion of the Town's residents. Statistics Canada 2016 Census data indicates that there are 12,261 residents in the Town of Truro. Of those residents, 1,109 Town residents responded to the survey.

A copy of the Deer Population Management Strategy – Public Survey Results Summary Report is included as Appendix A.

Following the results of the Deer Management Survey, Town staff began working with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables on deer management techniques and also began to collect additional data on local deer populations and on deer-human conflicts in Truro.

One of the management strategies identified by Truro Town Council was to educate residents on the importance of not feeding the deer and on the existence of the Town's Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw. As part of this, the Town of Truro developed a "Please Don't Feed the Deer" brochure that was included with annual water billings. The brochure highlights deer safety and health as a result of supplemental feeding by humans. The brochure also points to overpopulation and human safety. It also directed citizens to additional resources available through the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. The brochure remains in circulation and is used as a public education tool through the Town's bylaw enforcement in citing the Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw.

The Town has also erected numerous signs throughout Truro which highlight the importance of not feeding the urban deer. Education efforts have also been consistent on the Town's social media and website.

Since 2018, the Town of Truro has also been collecting data to help identify trends in the urban deer population. Data collection includes conducting Pellet Group Inventories through ten transects each spring. These are done early in the spring, after the snow has melted, but before the spring green-up begins. Data collection also includes Road Survey Counts through identified routes. These are conducted each spring and fall. A copy of the Town's Pellet Group Inventories and Road Survey Counts has been included at Appendix B and C, respectively.

The Town of Truro also started an annual Watershed Bow/Crossbow Hunt program in 2018. This program has run for three years with minimal success. In 2018, 37 hunters registered for the Watershed Hunt. During 2018, only two deer were harvested. In 2019, the Town opened up the program to include both the Town's watershed and also the Town owned lands located south of William Barnhill Drive. For 2019, 11 hunters registered, and 1 deer was harvested. In 2020, 8 hunters registered for the program and 1 deer was harvested.

As part of the data collection and management efforts, the Town sought additional input from residents through a plebiscite on the election ballot for the 2020 Town of Truro municipal election. Voters were asked, *"Do you support a managed urban deer bow/crossbow hunt in the Town of Truro to control and reduce the urban deer population?"* In the end, 4,123 people (39.5% of eligible voters) cast ballots in the Town of Truro election. With respect to the plebiscite, 2,311 votes (56.1%) were "Yes", 1,728 votes (41.9%) were "No", and 84 people (2.0%) did not respond to the plebiscite.

Given the collection of three years worth of data from 2018-2020, the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables was able to analyze the data to better understand the population trends of deer within the Town of Truro.

Data suggests that the average deer density in the Town of Truro has grown from approximately 3.5 deer per km in 2018 to approximately 6.0 deer per km in 2020. This was then compared with average deer densities in Colchester and the Province of Nova Scotia. Deer density in Colchester was approximately 1.6 deer per km in 2020, while the Province of Nova Scotia was approximately 1.1 deer per km in 2020. While the two study areas are very different, the data provides some context to population numbers in the area, but should not be used as an absolute for comparison purposes. This data concluded that the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables could allocate a specific number of permits to the Town of Truro for a controlled managed hunt program. A copy of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables data analysis is included at Appendix D.

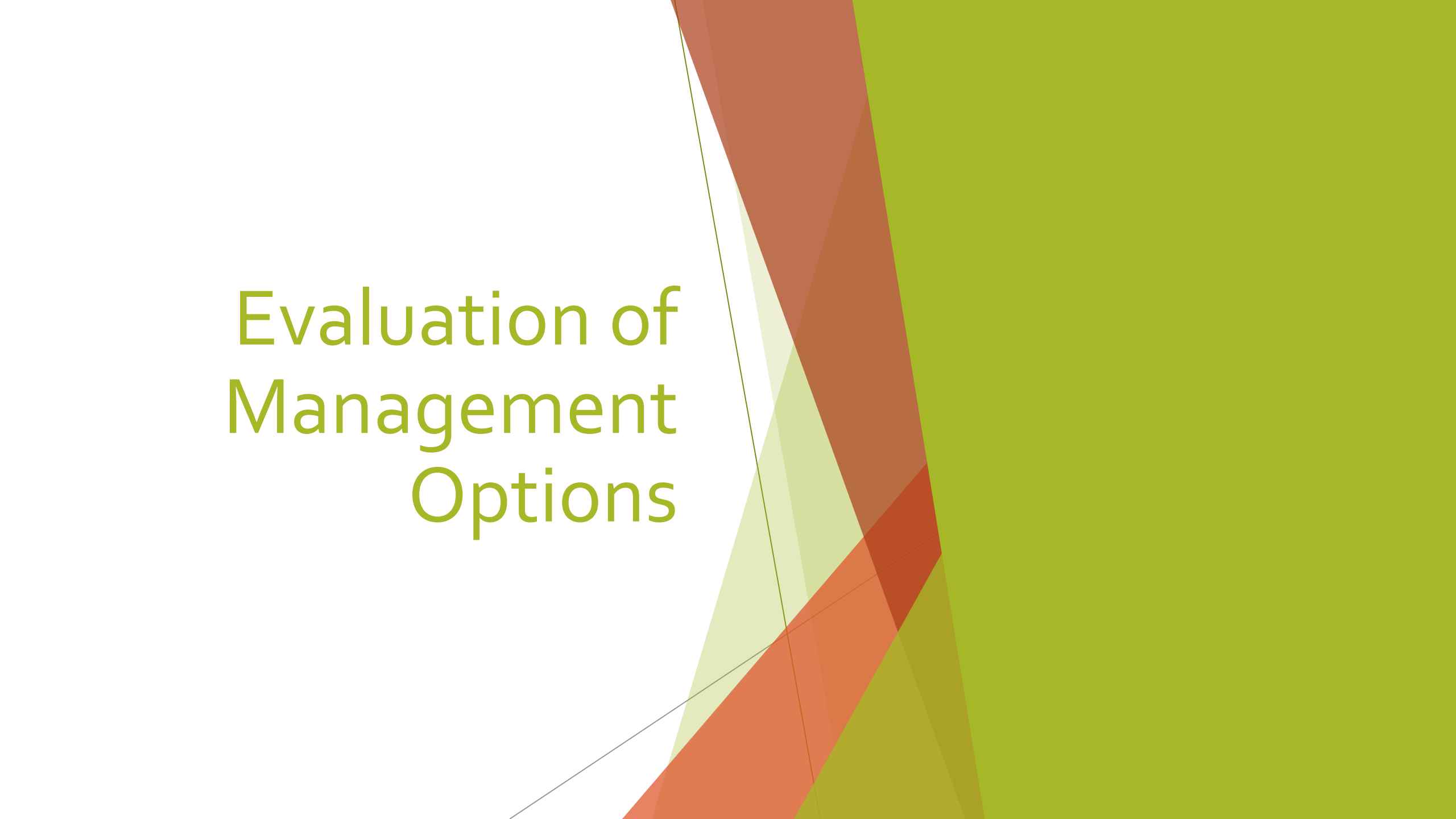
On December 17, 2020, Town staff and representatives from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables briefed Town Council on the current urban deer population and on potential management programs for Truro. The presentation outlined the complexity of the current situation and the numerous items that still needed to be considered before finalizing a plan and strategy.

During this meeting, Council indicated that staff should continue to work towards the creation of a detailed DMS. It was also proposed that a RWG be formed to begin to formulate a DMS for Council to consider. Council approved the creation of the RWG at the Public Council meeting in January, 2021.

Town staff, members of Council, and staff from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables met on January 26 to begin to develop the Terms of Reference for the RWG. This included proposing additional members for the RWG, establishing a meeting schedule and timelines for the RWG, as well as beginning to discuss the communications plan and the process for DMS development.

The development of a DMS will help Town Council develop a proper operating budget to implement deer management initiatives and ensure adequate resources are available to carry out the actions in the DMS. Part of the DMS will be to work with the community on individual initiatives to reduce the population. Work to change human behaviours and attitudes will be significant, as long-term success in reducing the urban deer population will depend heavily on changing the human/deer interactions that currently exist.

Evaluation of Management Options

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There were 12 different management options explored by the Town of Truro from 2017-2021. These management options were assessed through a public survey in June 2017 and by the RWG in 2021 for their applicability within the Town of Truro. The results from both surveys are attached at Appendix A and E, respectively. This section explains each management option, along with a summary of the RWG's discussion and the outcome of the evaluation process.

The management options considered viable for the Town of Truro were grouped into three overall categories for further action. The management options that were not considered viable have also been included and the evaluation of each has been outlined at the end of this section. It is important to note that all three categories play a role in reducing human-deer conflicts. One management option alone will not result in an optimal solution for reducing human-deer conflicts within the Town of Truro and will not reduce the urban deer population to within the social carrying capacity of Town residents.

1. Conflict Reduction

Conflict reduction options focus on keeping animals away from susceptible properties and minimizing damage and conflicts by implementing landscaping and gardening techniques, repellents, deterrents, and fencing. These measures are intended to deter deer from habituating to human activity. These management options do not reduce population levels directly, but have the effect of moving deer away from susceptible urban properties.

This category relies heavily on public participation and residents of the Town adopting these management options on their own individual properties. This category is primarily focused on individual adoption and practices. Along with public participation, the Town of Truro will be adopting appropriate techniques from this category in Town operations and will be using such things as promotional campaigns, public programming, and education tools to assist residents in familiarizing themselves and with the implementation of these techniques.

Landscaping and Gardening

This management option consists of changing or updating landscaping practices and incorporating a selection of plants that are less palatable to deer in order to reduce browsing opportunities. This technique focuses on the education and encouragement of residents to incorporate less palatable herbaceous and woody plants into their gardens and landscaping plans.

Deer preferences for plant types are dependent upon several factors: time of year, availability of food in the wild, level of plant palatability, prior/learned feeding behaviour, and the nutritional needs of the animal. Natural diets are primarily native plants, but deer are very adaptable.

Deer density may partially determine the availability of food. Lower density populations may have abundant food options, allowing deer to exercise their preferences. Higher density populations create competition for food sources, resulting in the consumption of plants that deer usually would avoid.

Deer-resistant planting may reduce damage in some areas, however, in areas of high deer densities, nearly all plants are at risk. Plant palatability changes throughout seasons, and this, along with plant health, can also impact deer browsing. Regularly watered and fertilized plants are very attractive overall, and therefore difficult to prevent browsing without physical or chemical barriers.

EVALUATION:

Residents from Truro were the main complainants regarding deer damage to landscaping. Deer-resistant plants have variable success, but have proved effective in decreasing browsing pressures in some areas. The RWG proposed working with the local greenhouses to promote deer-resistant plantings in Truro, especially during the Spring months when people are typically making decisions on annual plantings.

This option has increased effectiveness when used in combination with fencing, deterrents, and/or repellents. However, as these options are left to individual discretion to adopt, there could be limited effectiveness over a broader area for overall or widespread management. In addition, the Town wants to encourage residents to grow their own food gardens (as well as implementing community gardens across Town). Food gardens are not deer resistant and therefore widescale deer-resistant plantings could conflict with other community goals. However, the Town of Truro has also implemented a demonstration garden in Victoria Park to help educate and promote deer-resistant plantings.

This management option is best suited for individual property owners who are concerned with landscaping damage to their properties, but all individuals of Truro should seek deer-resistant plantings to help mitigate deer-human conflicts on a larger scale. This option is considered best to reduce deer-human conflicts at the individual level, but does not reduce the population over the larger area. However, it was viewed as a key component in learning to live with urban deer. Overall, this option was viewed as moderately to highly effective at the individual level, but not the broader area. It is very unlikely that this option will address the broader issue of reducing the overall urban deer population, however, as a management option it was felt that it is moderately easy to implement for individuals. There are few negative community impacts, low public costs, average public support and enthusiasm, and a relatively low to medium cost to implement.

Fencing

Fences restrict or contain deer using a physical barrier, a psychological barrier (using negative conditioning) or a combination. There are two main types of fencing: physical and electrical. A physical barrier is a fence that the animal cannot pass over, through, or under, such as a wooden or wire mesh fence. Electrical fences are minimal in terms of their physical characteristics but deliver negative stimulation through an electric shock when contacted.

The Town of Truro Land Use Bylaw limits fencing height to 2.4 m (8 ft) in residential areas. All fences over 2.0 m (6.6 ft) require a building permit. Fences can be higher (up to 3.6 m (12 ft)) in non-residential zones. The Town also restricts the use of electric fencing, except for agricultural use. Research suggests that 2.4 m (8 ft) is the most appropriate fence height to successfully protect properties from deer damage.

While fences provide a reliable barrier to site-specific issues such as landscaping, the aesthetics of fencing should be a consideration for residential areas and fences should also be designed with local characteristics and regulations in mind. Additional considerations include the desirability of a fenced area by the deer, the ability of deer to penetrate different designs, and the cost of installation and maintenance. Good quality materials and design, as well as maintenance, are required for effectiveness.

Deer can jump barriers as high as 2.4 m (8 ft) and can pass through poorly constructed fences, passing through gaps in fences as narrow as 19 cm (7.5 inches) wide. This behaviour can be learned and is taught to other deer through demonstration. Given that many of Truro's urban deer are born into an urban environment, they easily adapt to the urban habitat. Therefore, it's important to build proper fencing and to inspect fencing regularly for breaks and erosion.

EVALUATION:

As with landscaping alternatives, implementation of this option is left to individual discretion, and it cannot be assumed that all landowners could afford to, or would want to, install fencing. This option should also be used in conjunction with other options such as landscaping alternatives, deterrents, and repellents.

There are concerns regarding the aesthetics of fencing in primarily residential areas, and additional concerns with some lower-cost fencing types which degrade and become damaged, thus quickly becoming ineffective and unattractive. The quality or type of fencing materials may also result in the risk of injury to the deer. The Town of Truro will encourage and promote appropriate and effective fencing in keeping with the nature of the Town's bylaws.

The cost to implement and maintain physical fencing is considered high and would be an expense taken on by individuals. Although fencing is considered to be a relatively effective option at the individual property level, it is not considered effective at addressing the broad issue of reducing the urban deer population. In addition to the Town's bylaws relating to fencing, some urban neighbourhoods may also be subject to Restrictive Covenants that restrict fencing on individual properties.

Public support is considered higher if fencing is implemented on an individual basis to reduce damage to individual properties. Public support will likely decrease as more fencing is added throughout Town, due to aesthetic considerations. As such, there can be negative community impacts associated with fencing.

While fencing is impractical to implement over large areas, it can be an appropriate solution for some individual property owners to deal with deer-human conflicts. This option is considered effective at reducing deer-human conflicts at the individual level, but does not reduce the population over the larger area. It is also viewed as a key component in learning to live with urban deer.

Repellants

Repellants are defined as substances that create aversion behaviours using chemical barriers that animals will not cross or products with an odour that causes deer to avoid an area. The best results occur when nearby food sources are available and the repellent is applied directly to a plant that is already of low palatability. Repellents use four sensory modes to interact with deer: fear, behaviour modification, pain, and taste (encompassing smell and taste). Odour-based repellents have better results than taste repellents. With odour-based repellents, deer usually realize the plants are treated when they approach within a few feet, leaving the plants undamaged.

This option has limitations. Most repellents require reapplication after rain, and often use biological agents such as blood meal or substances that have no guarantees to safety and source. Some chemical repellants may also damage plants and leave noxious or offensive residues.

In some areas, there is limited success as any plant that is watered and fertilized becomes attractive to deer and may negate the use of repellents. This also results in increased costs and labour for repellants for managed gardens and landscaping.

EVALUATION:

In order for repellants to be effective, they could be cost prohibitive and resource intensive for many individuals, as they require regular and ongoing use. Repellents need to be reapplied often, especially after rain or precipitation. Also, the amount of time required to reapply on larger properties is considerably high.

Overall, repellants are considered to have low to moderate effectiveness at the individual level and low effectiveness over the broader area. However, they can be used effectively along with other mitigation measures identified above if an individual is diligent. Repellents do not adequately address the broader issue of high population densities but could effectively reduce damage to individual properties. There is an ease of implementing repellents, and cost to implement and time for implementation was considered low to moderate for individuals. However, overall public support was considered low to moderate, but with low negative community impacts.

Deer Deterrence

These These techniques are intended to reduce damage by deer, using visual, auditory or other sensory stimulation to trigger the flight or fright reaction in specific areas.

Deer tend to be afraid of unknown or unfamiliar things. Several devices are available to frighten deer away from agricultural, rural, and urban plantings. Some use visual or auditory stimulation such as wind chimes or radios.

Once established, deer behaviour is difficult to modify, particularly if associated with a preexisting home range. Deer will rapidly habituate to unfamiliar sights and sounds, therefore combinations and alterations are advised. The locations of deterrents should be changed regularly to maintain effectiveness.

When in the presence of humans, the majority of reports of deer behaviour indicate a lack of fear, suggesting previous habituation. Deer should naturally be suspicious, so in order to restore this precaution in deer, interactions with humans should be perceived as negative or stressful. This option requires significant public cooperation to be effective.

Widespread programming of deterrents across large areas is complex. Prior and consistent absence of individual animal habituation is far better and more effective.

EVALUATION:

Within the Town of Truro, it has been determined that generally deer no longer have a natural aversion to humans, and even to urban dogs to some degree. This management option is considered to be an option with relatively high levels of effort required on an ongoing basis. It also requires widespread effort to be effective in deterring urban habituation. Rapid habituation to a deterrent further limits the effectiveness of this option. Audible deterrents were considered very undesirable in urban environments, and some could conflict with the Town's Noise Bylaw.

Overall, this option was considered to be most viable at the individual property level, using a mix of other techniques and only to reduce human-deer conflicts at the individual property level. This technique generally results in moving deer from one property to another and does not address the broader issue of overpopulation. Comparatively, the cost of the option was low, and could be undertaken quickly by individuals. However, this option could result in neighbourhood conflict if the deterrents conflicted with neighbouring properties.

2. Population Reduction

Population reduction programs will generally be ongoing and will not be a one-time solution. These programs are based on an initial reduction phase, followed by a long-term maintenance phase, and only after localized population densities are reduced to the social carrying capacity of the local area.

The details of any population reduction program will rely on community-specific information to establish proper controls and regulations. Public support tends to be higher where meat can be put to use rather than wasted. In Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables has an established program through Feed Nova Scotia where all deer harvested through a population reduction program could be processed and delivered to Food Banks throughout Nova Scotia.

While the other categories can be used effectively for population control, only the measures outlined below are suitable for population reduction.

Controlled Managed Hunt

Controlled managed hunts consist of heavily controlled and restricted legal hunting methods by certified hunters. These restrictions include such things as seasonal considerations, methods of take, deer available for take, size of hunting area and hunting area restrictions.

Controlled managed hunts focus more on individual animals and smaller groups of deer, versus the large scale population or herd. Success may be measured through different metrics than simply by a traditional population count. For example, success may be determined by a reduction in landowner complaints, reduced deer-vehicle collisions, or reduced landscaping losses. These are considered inputs to measure the social carrying capacity of an area.

Many jurisdictions have concluded that this management option is effective, economical, efficient and acceptable in areas where government restrictions, laws, permits and physical geography allow. The Town of Truro has been working with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables and has determined that a controlled managed hunt could take place following provincial restrictions and guidelines.

Additional safeguards are also being considered as part of a detailed implementation plan. For hunters, this includes shooting proficiency tests, additional safety training, pre-hunt seminars, pre-hunt interviews, mandatory check in/check out, proof of experience (specified by number of years), minimum level of certification, and registration of any special equipment. There may also be additional requirements necessary for hunters under the provincial permitting. There are also additional safeguards related to the permitting, site locations, timing of hunting, and other considerations.

With proper planning in place, a controlled managed hunt is considered an above average approach in its ability to directly reduce deer-human conflicts across the Town of Truro and at the individual property level within the Town of Truro.

EVALUATION:

Public support and enthusiasm was considered to be moderate with reference to the 2020 Town of Truro plebiscite which asked, "***Do you support a managed urban deer bow/crossbow hunt in the Town of Truro to control and reduce the urban deer population?***". The results of the plebiscite saw 56.1% of total ballots cast voting "yes".

Based on peer reviewed literature and information from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, a controlled managed hunt is the most feasible, effective, and cost-efficient measure for population reduction.

For Truro, a controlled managed hunt would include a controlled managed crossbow hunt, using carefully selected, experienced, proficient crossbow hunters. These hunters would operate under strict guidelines for the purpose of reducing the deer population within the Town of Truro. A controlled managed hunt would take place in designated areas throughout the Town of Truro, including suitable wooded areas where safety protocols can be met. Within the Town of Truro, any controlled managed hunt would need to carefully consider distances from proposed hunt location to schools, businesses, residences, buildings, etc. Any proposed hunt location that falls within illegal crossbow discharge distances under provincial wildlife regulations will require permit application to Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables outlining the specific location of each proposed site in relation to nearby schools, businesses, residences, buildings, etc. Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables will require approximately 2-4 weeks to review the permit application and provide a response. Hunting locations suitable for hosting a controlled hunt have been identified and mapped. The Town of Truro will additionally restrict any hunting from taking place within Victoria Park.

A controlled managed hunt follows provincial restrictions which only allows for hunting under very strict guidelines and as directed by Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. These all pertain to archery deer hunting within designated urban areas.

Professional Sharpshooting

Professional sharpshooting consists of the luring of deer to a specified location by trained and authorized professionals. Authorized individuals would be determined and approved by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables and the Truro Police.

Professional sharpshooting can use a variety of techniques to maximize safety, humanness, discretion, and efficiency. Firearms used in a hunt could be fitted with suppressors which help to minimize negative public reaction to sharpshooting.

The Town of Truro's Firearm Bylaw restricts anyone from discharging a firearm within the Town of Truro, the only exceptions are those discharging a firearm at a shooting range approved pursuant to the Firearms Act (Canada) and regulations under the Act. Therefore, any sharpshooting program within Truro may involve the use of archery equipment as opposed to firearms, or an amendment to the Firearms Bylaw would be required.

Public safety would be prioritized through this type of program.

EVALUATION:

Professional sharpshooting is similar to a controlled managed hunt in rules and regulations and a number of the same public concerns are identified. Due to the Town's Firearm Bylaw, a sharpshooting program could be incorporated as a technique into a controlled managed hunt, using only archery equipment.

Professional sharpshooting is considered to be moderately to highly effective at reducing deer-human conflicts for both the individual property and broader urban area. It was also considered that the Town would have the capacity to implement a sharpshooting program. Higher costs have been identified based on the need to pay professionals, however if volunteers are used there may be less cost to government. The time required to implement the program was considered high due to the careful implementation and need to prioritize public safety. Public support was rated as low in the urban areas if the use of firearms are involved, as compared to archery equipment. This is primarily due to concerns regarding public safety and noise. It was also identified that Truro Police Service would need to be heavily involved in any planning and implementation, but may ultimately identify too many concerns for this to be feasible.

As evaluated by the RWG, this approach should be considered as part of a controlled managed hunt as it could prove to be a tactical and efficient approach for an urban area if archery equipment was used with certified professionals, and proper safety planning in place.

Supplemental Feeding

Supplemental feeding is normally defined as providing feeding stations for deer in areas away from urban areas, and is used in an effort to lure deer away from specific high density areas. This is considered a non-lethal management technique. However, in Truro, there is also high density nuisance deer in surrounding rural communities, so locally this technique is considered to be counterproductive as it would increase deer-human conflicts in other areas. In addition, the implementation of supplemental feeding programs to prevent malnutrition would also be counterproductive to population control efforts because it could encourage fertility and additional population growth.

This technique also tends to attract other predators and pests to the area of the supplemental feeding station and can therefore compound an issue.

EVALUATION:

As outlined above, the RWG felt a supplemental feeding program that lured deer outside of an urban area would not be effective in terms of population management or control. It was also identified as having a high public cost and that the time to implement would be high. It was not considered a valuable non-lethal technique because deer would continue to prosper and the population would continue to be healthy and grow.

The RWG evaluated the benefit of a supplemental feeding program to lure deer to a specific location in order to incorporate this technique into a controlled managed hunt. It was felt this technique would enhance public safety and add to the efficiency and effectiveness of an overall controlled managed hunt program.

3. Public Education, Outreach & Enforcement

Public education and outreach as a management technique compliments several other options and techniques, and is vital to public support and awareness, as a greater informed community is more likely to develop a greater understanding and acceptance of the issues.

Public education should involve a range of agencies, organizations, and groups to reach a large subset of the public and build trust in information. The goal can be to increase the general knowledge of the public and change attitudes or behaviours associated with management options, which can help grow support.

Outcomes may include:

- creating realistic expectations for achievable results,
- increasing appreciation for wildlife in appropriate settings,
- reducing undesirable human activity,
- broadening the public's knowledge of the range of concerns of all affected by deer habituation and
- increasing public understanding of deer management measures.

Public Education Campaigns

Public education campaigns play an important role in changing social norms and providing basic facts and education to a public audience. These campaigns aim to change behaviours and require a different planning process with an emphasis on understanding why people do what they do.

A public education campaign for deer management will be a long-term initiative that consists of several mediums for messaging. This may include a mix of media, messaging, and other communication tactics.

Public education campaigns are important because they can contribute to policy changes by encouraging a community to take action. These campaigns can inform the community about a current problem by highlighting and drawing attention to it in such a way that the information and education provided can solicit action to make changes.

EVALUATION:

This option was evaluated and considered an overarching management option that will become increasingly effective if paired with other management options. On its own, it was considered moderately effective. It's also a continuation of the Town's current efforts that can be built upon and further emphasized.

Public education could shift the public's expectations and perceptions of deer-human conflicts. Although this will take a significant amount of time, the end result could increase the effectiveness of other management options.

This option can be initiated relatively quickly, with few costs, higher levels of public support and no negative community impacts. Alone, this option is not very effective at reducing deer-human conflicts; however, it complements other management options. Comparatively easy to implement, the RWG currently has the means to undertake public education to some degree in the short-term.

Feeding Ban

One technique to reduce the deer population and reduce deer-human conflicts is to encourage local bylaws that prohibit deer feeding and allow local governments to take appropriate enforcement action.

Secondary issues from deer grazing on urban gardens and landscaping includes purposeful feeding by residents that interfere with natural habituation and deer population control. Intentional feeding of deer by residents results in personal attachments to individual deer or groups of deer, and leads to abnormally high deer densities. When humans intervene with food, substituting natural diets, these human relationships become cross-generational, with offspring learning these behaviours.

This also creates a dependency on the feeding practice and habituates deer to humans. Feeding bylaws prevent people from feeding deer, including during harsh seasonal conditions. Although difficult to enforce, additional efforts are required from the community (through reporting), bylaw enforcement, and the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to help discourage this supplemental human feeding.

The Town of Truro currently has a Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw in place to ban this practice. While some local businesses sell deer pellets and deer apples for hunting in rural areas, the bylaw restricts residents from feeding deer within the Town of Truro. It's important to educate citizens on this bylaw to help reduce the number of people who feed deer.

EVALUATION:

While the Town of Truro currently has a Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw in place to ban the practice of human supplemental feeding, it is still difficult to prevent residents from feeding deer without a concerted effort by the community and through enforcement.

Enforcement can be difficult because it requires evidence or proof of feeding. It is also complaint-driven and therefore requires community members and often neighbours to document proof of feeding and file a complaint. This can create conflict between neighbours.

The Town of Truro has created a brochure related to this bylaw which was previously distributed to all citizens through water and tax billings. While this was distributed widely, it may not have been read and it may not have gotten into the hands of those renting, or non-property owners.

The Town of Truro plans to begin regular educational campaigns to stress the importance and existence of the bylaw and also the importance of not feeding deer.

While enforcement can be challenging, campaigns to promote the bylaw can efficiently help reduce feeding by humans. It can be quick to implement and with few costs. There are high levels of public support and no negative community impacts. Alone, this option is not very effective at reducing deer-human conflicts; however, it complements other management options.



Management
Options Not
Considered
Viable for Truro

Trap and Euthanasia

Trap and euthanize involves the physical capture and subsequent humane killing of deer by professionals, using a penetrating captive bolt gun applied directly to the head. Deer may be trapped, netted or tranquillized, and then killed. The capture techniques may vary, but would be reviewed by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. Provincial approval is required to implement this option.

This technique involves pre-baiting in order to attract deer to the capture site. A drop net technique allows for the capture of multiple deer at a time, with the consequent need for much more infrastructure and personnel, while Clover traps usually capture one deer at a time. This technique can be used in areas where there is a concern about the discharge of firearms or in areas with very high deer densities. Also, if a direct means of euthanasia is performed, as opposed to chemical means, it has the advantage that the meat from the deer can be consumed.

EVALUATION:

This option would need to be carried out annually in order to reduce deer population densities to acceptable levels, followed by non-lethal options to mitigate conflicts due to the remaining deer population.

Trap and euthanize was identified by the RWG as an unreasonable option. This option was unreasonable due to the high cost, as it requires trained personnel, oversight and planning from the Province, and is very resource-intensive. In addition, the method was identified as inefficient and one that could be very inhumane if not carried out correctly. The process would be human resource intensive as it would require the continuous monitoring of traps. It was also noted that unless deer are extremely hungry, this method would likely be inefficient and could result in other animals being caught and suffering.

This approach would require approval from the provincial agency for animal care, and no approval is guaranteed. Overall the RWG identified this approach as less humane than a controlled managed hunt.

Trap and Translocate

Trap and translocate is defined as the capture, transport and release of wild animals for ecological and conservation reasons. The relocation site is different from where the animal originated.

In this approach, deer are either captured physically or immobilized remotely with pharmaceuticals. Physical capture may be combined with the administration of tranquillizers for transport. A number of capture techniques may be used such as drop nets, rocket nets, corral or Clover traps. Most of these methods require baited traps. Once caught, the animal is restrained and blindfolded while handled.

Chemical immobilization involves the remote injection of a combination of pharmaceuticals. Deer are a significant challenge to immobilize effectively. The response to dart administration is never predictable and the animal may run and hide. The length of time for the drug to take effect varies with several factors. There is no ability to control the animal's movement, which creates safety, time, and land approval issues. In addition, the administration of drugs creates a drug residue issue if the animal is later used for food by humans or predators.

Transportation methods can involve putting deer in transportation crates before they are placed on trucks or trailers to their release sites with no more than five deer being transported at a time.

Males should have antlers removed before transport or be moved individually. This option is useful in localized situations but is costly on a large scale with deer experiencing high-stress levels and high mortality rates. There is additional human risk to those handling animals.

Research indicates that this option is less than humane and causes high stress and high rates of animal mortality during transport. In addition, post-release survival is also low and the after-effects, such as starvation or immediate predation, are high.

EVALUATION:

Trap and translocate was considered a favourable option by the public, according to the 2017 public survey. However, with further research and discussion with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, and in consultation with the RWG, this option is considered unreasonable and potentially very inhumane. The RWG did not view this option as desirable or feasible.

Many barriers and challenges are associated with implementation. This approach would require approval from the provincial agency for animal care, and no approval is guaranteed. In addition, this approach could result in the transfer of disease and site selection for relocation is extremely difficult, as it's a transfer of a problem to a new location. Further, costs of implementation would be high and timing is also a significant concern with this option.

Winter is traditionally the best time to trap deer, however releasing deer in the winter would significantly increase mortality rates. No facilities exist for holding captured deer.

While public support was high, the RWG assumes that public support would drop dramatically once information regarding the high levels of stress and mortality rates were better understood.

Fertility Control

Fertility control is a method of reducing the ability of the deer to reproduce. It is a relatively new option and its practicality is limited in areas with high deer populations due to the cost of implementation and the lack of approved fertility control drugs in Canada.

While there are many different methods available, all work to control the birth of new deer to control the overall population. Methods include synthetic chemical steroids and immunocontraception. For delivery, deer are typically trapped and then injected.

EVALUATION:

While this approach was generally accepted by the public, there is no form of contraceptive or fertility control drug approved for use within Canada. The only fertility drugs which have been approved for use within Canada are for research purposes and are not available to control herd populations.

This approach is also very expensive and does not result in a quick reduction to deer populations. In addition, a very high percentage of female deer need to be treated for this approach to be effective in controlling population growth on a broad scale.

Surgical Sterilization

Surgical Sterilization is defined as a procedure to sterilize female deer to reduce population and breeding behaviours. This technique involves the removal of the deer's ovaries or tubal ligation. This technique begins with deer capture via a tranquillizer dart. The deer is then transported to a surgical bay. The surgical prep and surgery take approximately 20 minutes. After surgery, the deer is returned to the field, a reversal agent is administered, and the animal is observed from a distance to ensure all is well. The mortality rate for this procedure is about 2%.

This method is still considered experimental and requires skilled staff, which are difficult to obtain. This approach also does not result in a quick reduction to the deer population and it is very difficult to capture enough deer in order to reduce the population. This method is very expensive.

EVALUATION:

Public support for this option was low, with the majority of respondents opposed to this technique. Feedback from Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables has also suggested that this approach is not practical and effective for Truro.

With numerous barriers and challenges associated with implementation, the RWG identified this option as not viable.

Planning for Implementation

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Implementation of the DMS will follow the recommendations and evaluation of the management options presented in the previous section. The implementation phase is about taking action based on the culmination of the information and data gathered, and the analysis conducted. This section identifies the management practices specific to Truro that will help to address the overall goals and objectives. Techniques include conflict reduction methods, population reduction methods, public education, outreach and enforcement.

As the Town moves forward, it will be important for individuals to implement conflict reduction methods on their own individual properties. This will be key to the success of reducing deer-human conflicts over the long term as the urban deer population will not be eradicated, but rather residents will need to learn to live with urban deer populations. Part of living with deer will involve residents taking responsibility for implementing conflict reduction methods on their own properties to reduce such things as landscaping and property damage. These methods include incorporating landscaping techniques, fencing, deterrents, and repellants. A combination of these practices proves most successful in reducing deer damage to individual properties. Over the long term, property damage caused by urban deer is expected; therefore, conflict reduction methods will be vital for individual residents to reduce damage on their own properties.

The Town of Truro will educate citizens on conflict reduction techniques and strategies and the importance of implementing these techniques as part of the overall strategy. This may include implementation techniques, specific plant and landscaping suggestions, fencing strategies, successful deterrents, and similar. It will be important for citizens to understand their role in the overall management plan when it comes to conflict reduction techniques and their role in not feeding deer.

The Town of Truro's RWG is planning a pilot project for a controlled managed hunt, subject to approval from Truro Town Council. The Town of Truro, under the guidance and oversight of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables have the intention to conduct a controlled managed hunt in late 2021 or early 2022. Under the provincial authority, a controlled managed hunt can occur between September 1 and May 1, annually.

A controlled managed hunt will include carefully selected, experienced, proficient crossbow hunters. These hunters will operate under strict guidelines, for the purpose of reducing the deer population numbers within the Town of Truro for the benefit of natural ecosystems, citizen landscapes, reducing Deer Vehicle Collisions (DVC's) and an overall reduction of deer human conflict. This controlled managed hunt restricts the use of any firearms and only crossbows will be used.

A controlled managed hunt would take place in designated areas throughout the Town of Truro, including suitable wooded areas where safety protocols can be met. The hunt will not take place within Victoria Park or the Truro watershed. It is important to note that a controlled managed hunt is significantly different than previous hunts which have taken place annually in the watershed.

If approved, only carefully selected, experienced, proficient crossbow hunters would be selected and utilized. Each individual qualified hunter would be required to meet specific requirements set out by Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. In addition, all hunters would be required to participate in a 1-day special course on the guidelines and expectations of the managed hunt.

A controlled managed hunt would be operate under a permit as issued by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. Each designated hunter will be required to stay within their own established area and hunt from a stationary, elevated tree stand, or similar. Deer would be baited to that area and shooting is restricted to short downward distances. Discrete participation/activity is advised, and deer are covered during the process of removal from designated hunting areas.

All meat harvested through the hunt would be processed and distributed throughout food banks in Nova Scotia through the Feed NS program, Hunters Helping the Hungry. Donations to Feed NS help to increase the amount of protein available at food banks across the Province. The average deer harvested through this program would provide protein to families in need, across Nova Scotia.

To be effective, a controlled managed hunt would need to occur annually until the urban deer population is to a level where other methods are suitable for control and management. The phase 1 pilot project will be done on a smaller scale for the first year to ensure design, efficiencies and best practices are developed locally.

The DMS also incorporates a Communications Plan to assist with the public education and outreach management methods. A copy of the Deer Management Communications Plan is attached at Appendix F. The Communications Plan lays out integrated strategies and tactics to help the Town of Truro effectively promote the benefits and to educate the public throughout the development of a deer management program to key audiences before, during, and after its implementation. The overall objective of the Communications Plan is to generate public understanding, educate residents on the issues, and build public support for the DMS and its implementation, moving forward.

The Town's Bylaw Enforcement Officer will continue efforts to reduce supplemental feeding by humans through enforcement of the Town's Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw. This will coincide with public communications to educate citizens on the importance of not feeding the deer and part of the overall DMS.

Appendices





TOWN OF TRURO Deer Population Management Strategy

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY REPORT

September 5, 2017
Planning & Development Services

The Survey

Truro's Deer Management Survey was carried out during the month of June 2017 using two survey methods. An on-line survey was posted on the Town's website on Friday, June 16 and remained open until Monday, June 26. A paper copy of the survey was handed out at a Public Information Session held on Tuesday, June 20. Paper copies were also made available to the general public at Town Hall. Paper copies were received until Monday, June 26.

There were a total of 1714 responses to the survey. 65% of respondents indicated they live or own property in the Town of Truro. The intent of this survey was to provide Truro Town Council with a clear understanding of the wishes of their constituents in order to help define policy direction with respect to deer population management. To this end, the survey and data analysis have been designed to focus on Town residents and those owning property within Town. This report does include the responses of non-residents, but this information has been broken out and presented separately where possible.

For your reference, a copy of the two page paper survey is shown on the following pages. Both the on-line and paper survey included the same questions and all hard copy responses were entered by Town Staff using the on-line survey tool.

This survey was completed by a significant portion of the Town's residents and the results of this survey can be considered to be representative of the Town's population as a whole. Statistics Canada 2016 Census data indicates that there are 12,261 residents in the Town of Truro. 1109 Town residents responded to this survey. This means that the survey results in this report can be considered to be accurate to within plus or minus 2.81 percentage points 19 times out of 20. Please note, however, that this report does not include any detailed analysis of sampling error or sampling bias.

Town Staff have reviewed the IP addresses associated with each survey response and it does not appear that there has been any significant occurrences of one IP address being used to enter multiple on-line responses.





1 Do you feel that the deer population in Truro is a problem? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is yes, please continue

If your answer is no, please skip to question 4

2 How serious do you think the deer population problem in Truro is?

☐ Very Serious ☐ Serious ☐ Somewhat Serious ☐ Neutral ☐ Not Serious

3 Please select **one** of the following that best describes your primary cause for concern.

- ☐ Ticks/Lyme Disease
- ☐ Deer May Attract Predators Such as Coyotes
- ☐ Damage to Landscaping/Property/Gardens/Ornamental Plants
- ☐ Damage to Agricultural Crops
- ☐ Vehicle/Deer Collisions
- ☐ Aggressive Behavior towards People or Pets
- ☐ Other, Please Describe _____

4 Do you own property or reside in the Town of Truro? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is yes, please continue

If your answer is no, please skip to question 13

5 Please provide the street address of your property or residence:

Street Name _____ Number _____

6 Have you seen deer on your property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is yes, please continue

If your answer is no, please skip to question 10

7 How many deer would you typically see on your property at a given time?

☐ 1 to 2 ☐ 3 to 5 ☐ 5 to 10 ☐ more than 10

8 How often do you see deer on your property?

- ☐ More than once a day
- ☐ Once a day
- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ Several times a month
- ☐ Less than once a month

9 Have the deer been aggressive to you, pets or others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please continue on reverse



10 Have deer caused damage to your property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is yes, please continue

If your answer is no, please skip to question 13

11 How have deer damaged your property? Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Lawn damage
- ☐ Flowers, ornamental shrubs or plants
- ☐ Vegetable Gardens
- ☐ Fruit Trees
- ☐ Crops
- ☐ Other, please describe _____

12 Please provide an estimated value of the damage to your property in the past year.
Estimated Value _____

13 Have you been involved in a motor vehicle collision with a deer in the Town of Truro in the past 5 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14 If you answered yes to the previous question, please provide an estimated value of the vehicle repair/replacement costs. Estimated Value _____

15 Do you agree that deer population management should be a priority for Town of Truro when allocating budget funds and resources?

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ No Opinion

16 Please indicate if you are in support of or opposed to the Town incorporating the following population control measures in its Deer Population Management Strategy:

	Strongly Support	Support	Unsure	Opposed	Strongly Opposed
Feeding Ban	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Controlled Hunt	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sharpshooting	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trap and Euthanasia	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trap and Translocate	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fertility Control	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Surgical Sterilization	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gardening Techniques	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fencing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Repellents	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Deer Deterrence	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Supplemental Feeding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

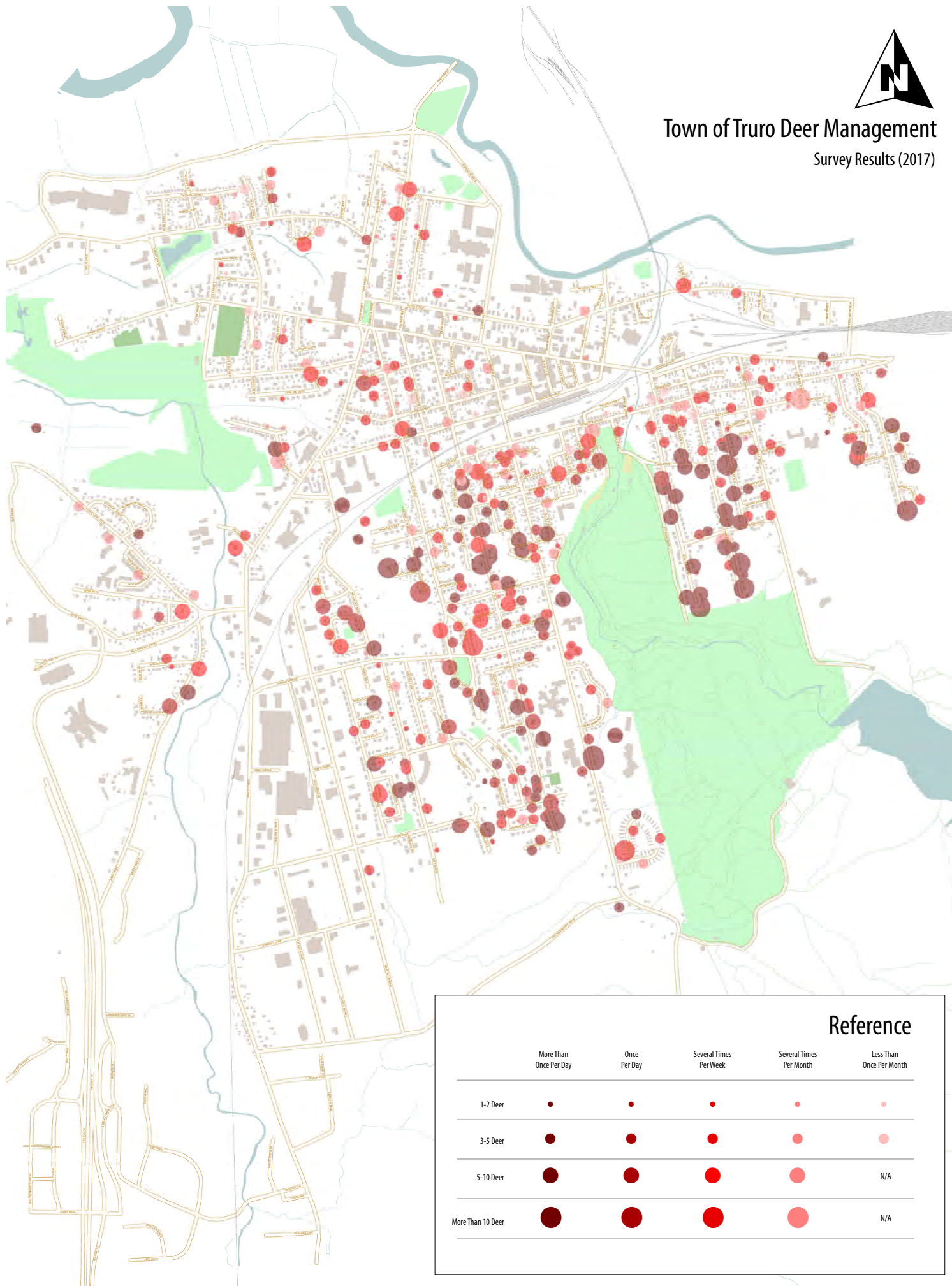
For further information, please contact the Town of Truro at (902) 895-1148 or by email at planning@truro.ca. Please return the completed questionnaire to the Town of Truro, Planning & Development Services, 2nd floor of Town Hall, 695 Prince Street. Questionnaires may also be completed online at www.truro.ca





Town of Truro Deer Management

Survey Results (2017)



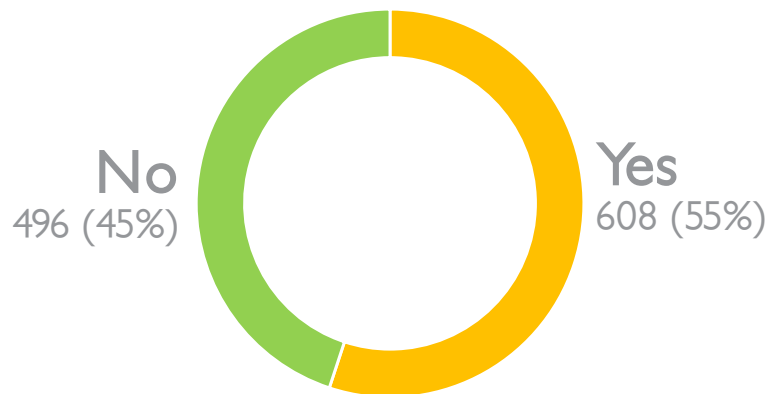
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	More Than Once Per Day	Once Per Day	Several Times Per Week	Several Times Per Month	Less Than Once Per Month
1-2 Deer					
3-5 Deer					
5-10 Deer					N/A
More Than 10 Deer					N/A

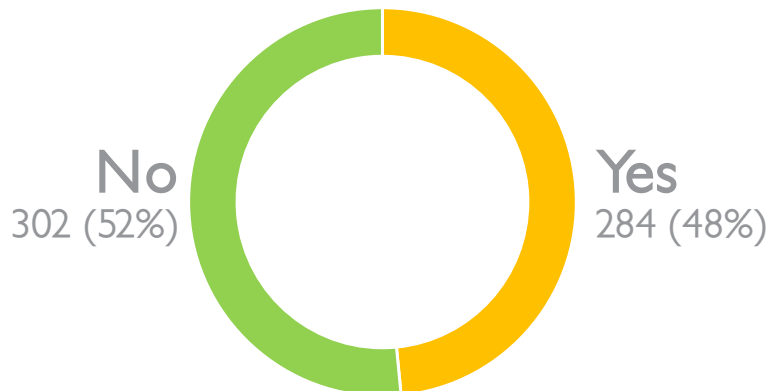
Question 1

Do you feel that the deer population in Truro is a problem?

Town Residents/Land Owners



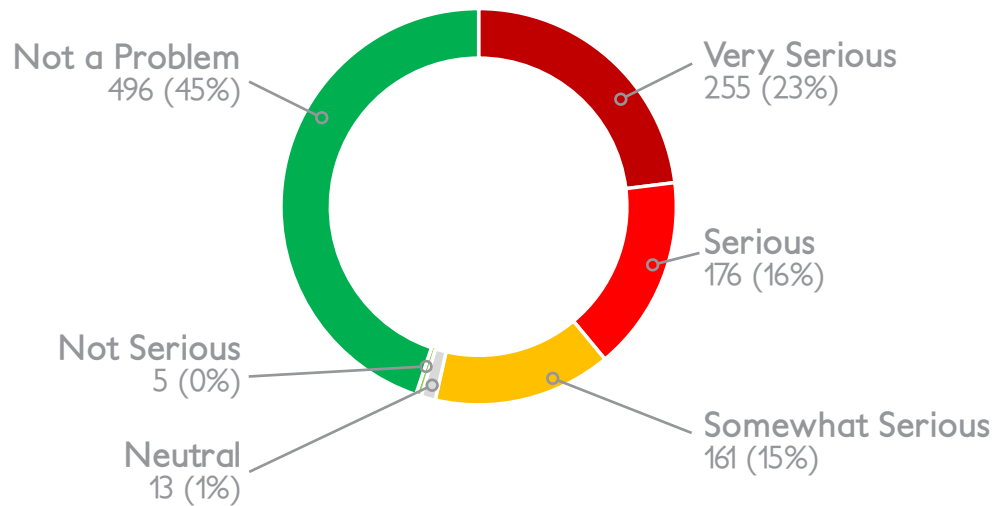
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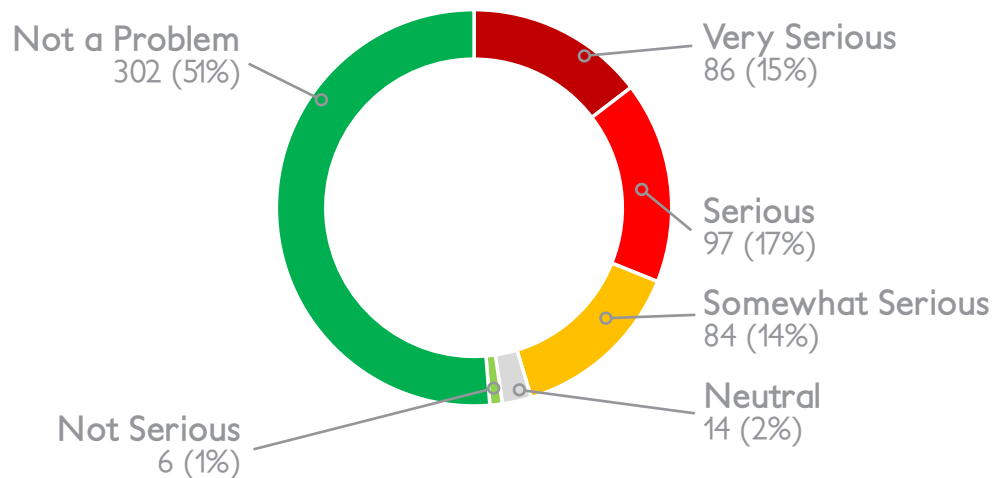
Question 2

How serious do you think the deer population problem in Truro is?

Town Residents/Land Owners

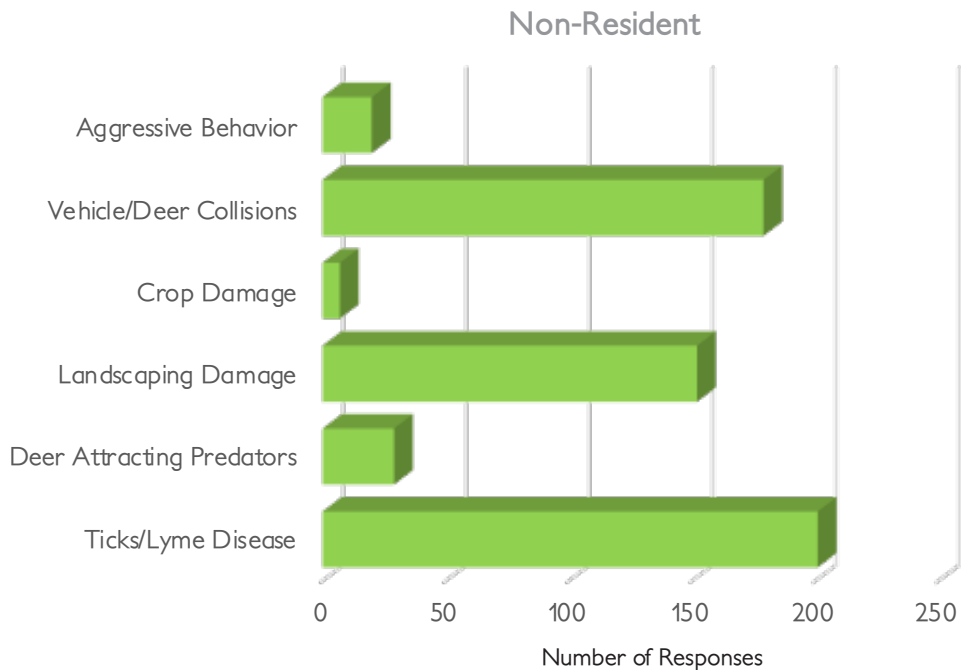
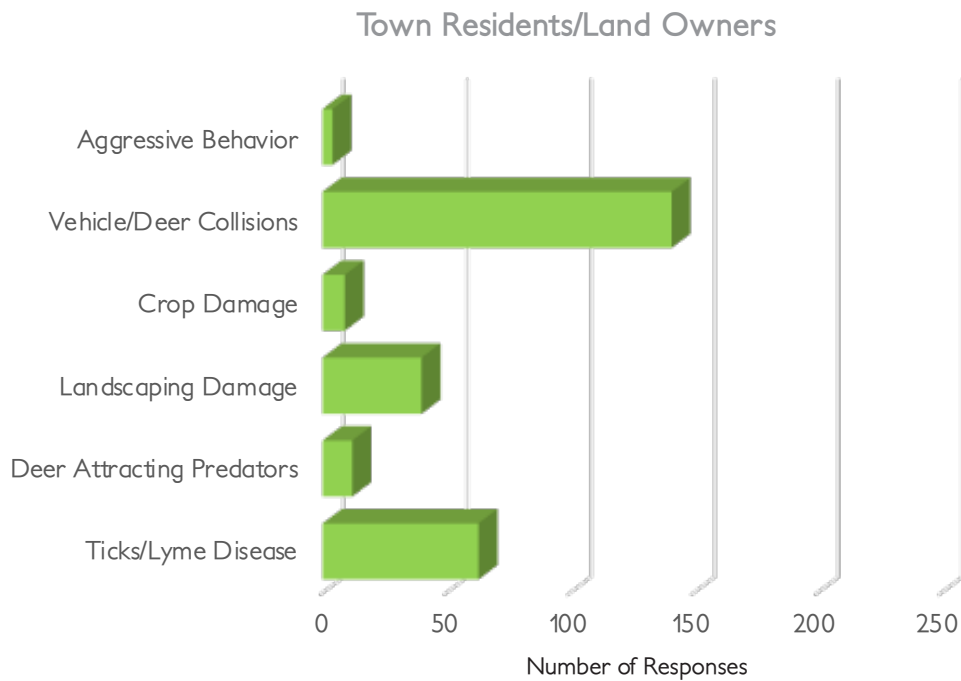


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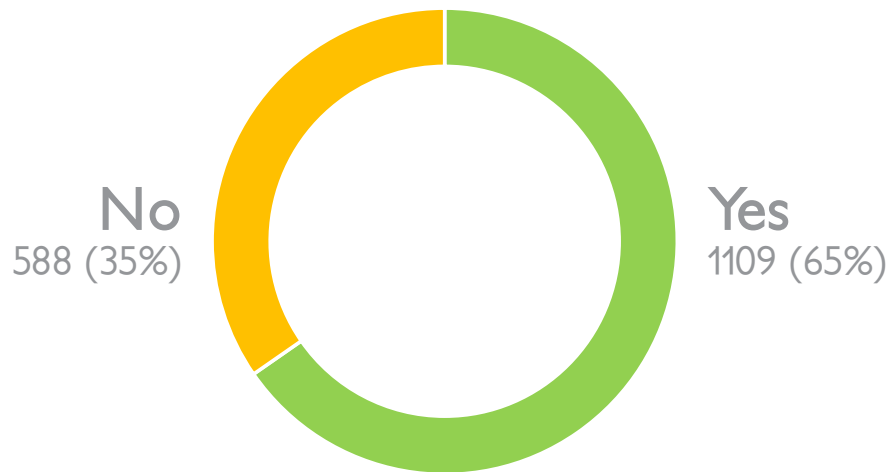
Question 3

What is your primary cause for concern?



Question 4

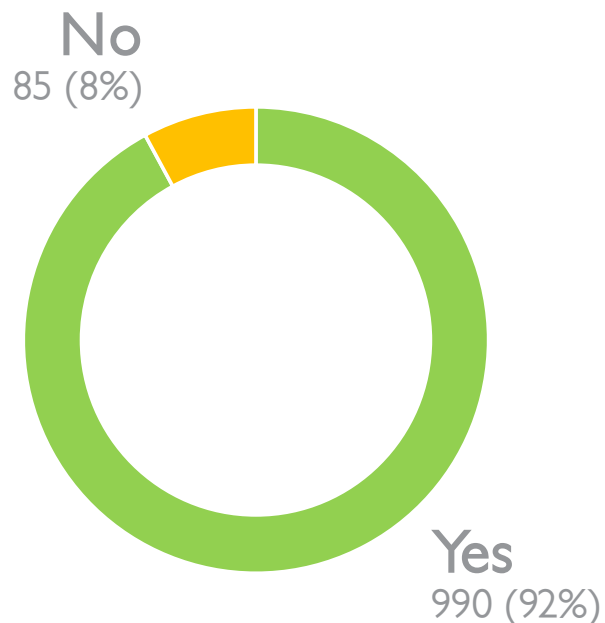
Do you own property or live in the Town of Truro?



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Have you seen deer on your property?

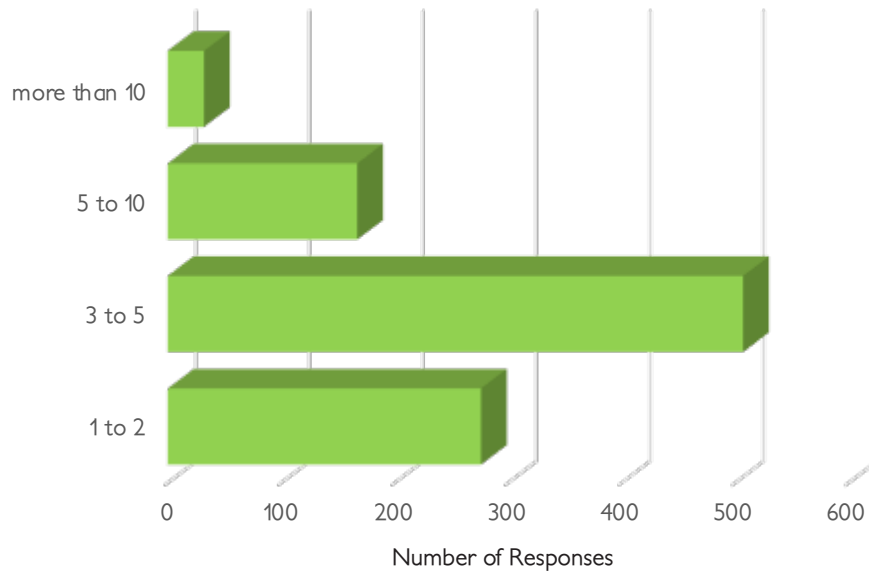
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Question 7

How many deer would you typically see on your property at a given time?

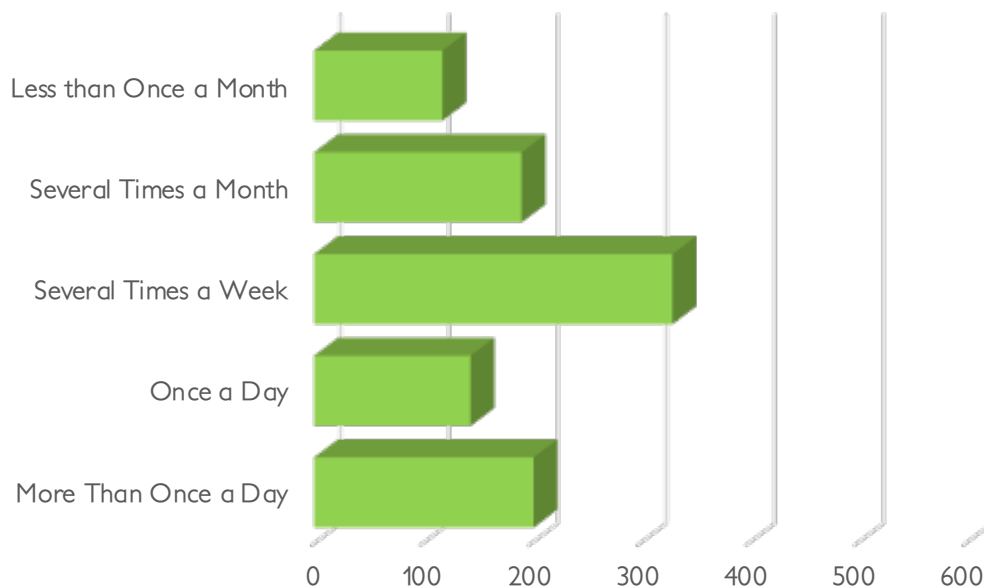
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Question 8

How often do you see deer on your property?

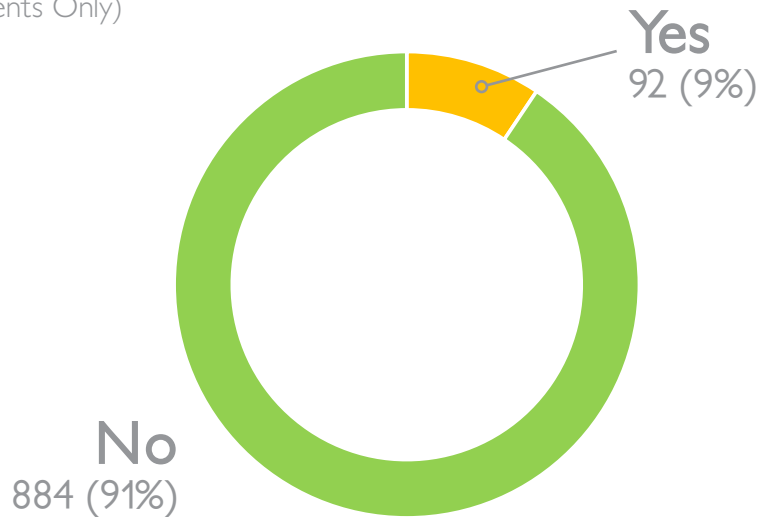
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Question 9

Have the deer been aggressive to you, pets or others?

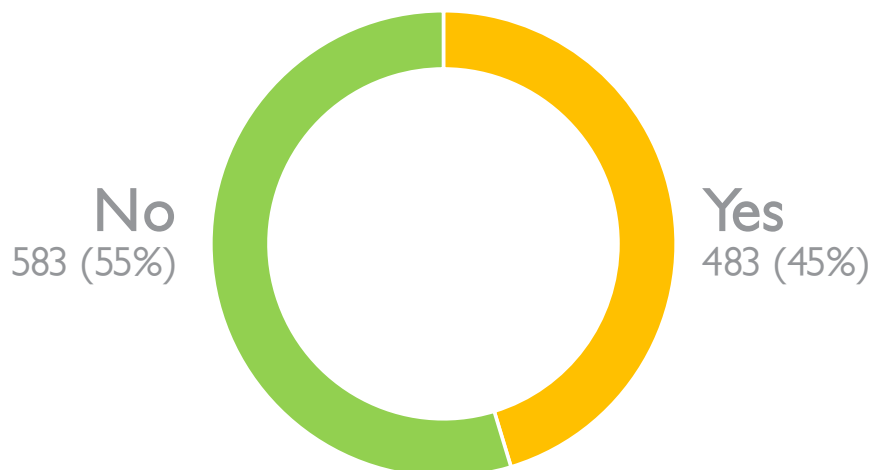
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Question 10

Have the deer caused damage to your property?

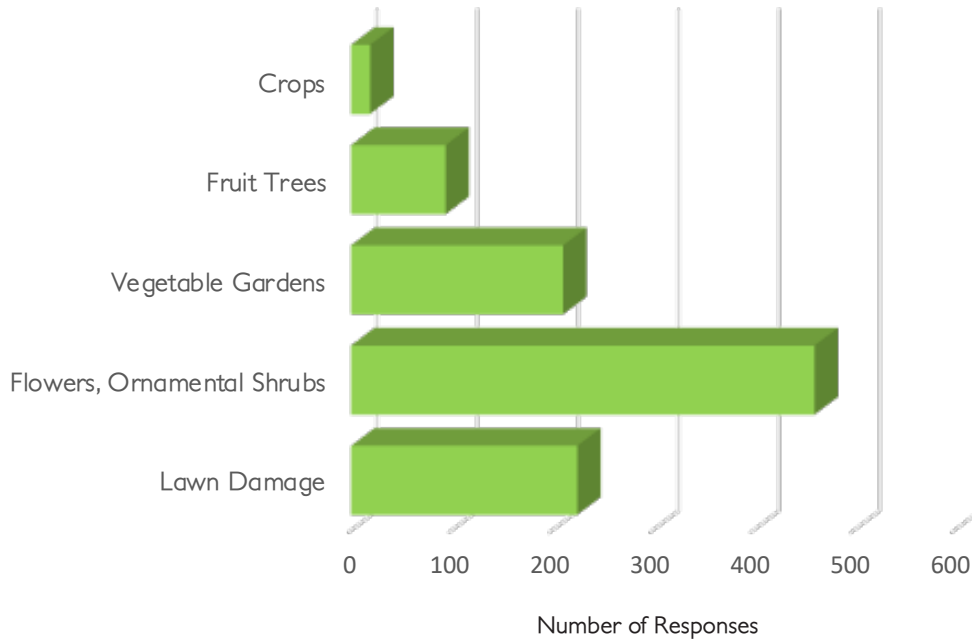
(Town Residents Only)



Question 11

How have the deer damaged your property?

(Town Residents Only)



Question 12

Please provide an estimated value of the damage to your property in the past year?

(Town Residents Only)

Total Estimated
Value of Damage

\$149,000

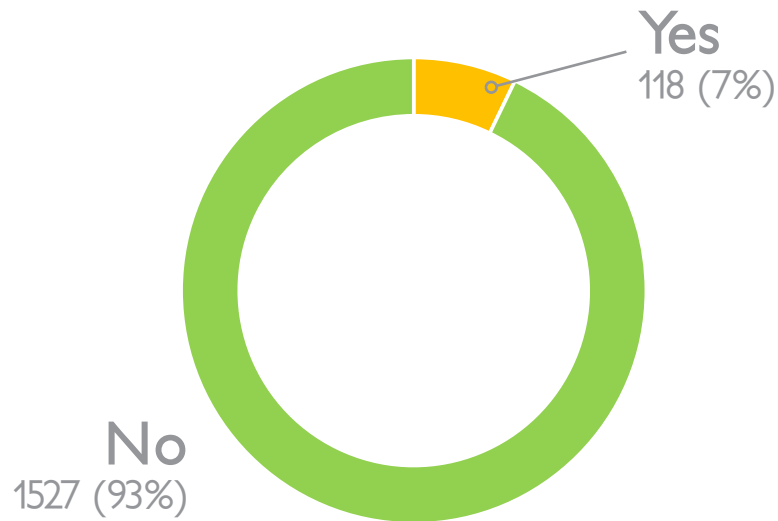
Average Estimated
Damage Per Property

\$500



Question 13

Have you been involved in a motor vehicle collision with a deer in the Town of Truro in the past 5 years?



Question 14

Please provide an estimated value of the vehicle repair/replacement cost?

Total Estimated
Value of Damage

\$123,500

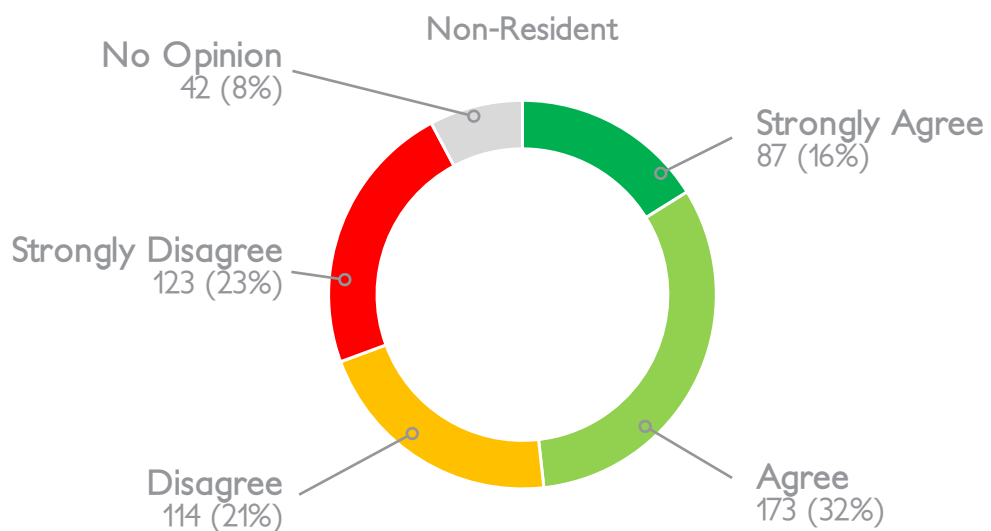
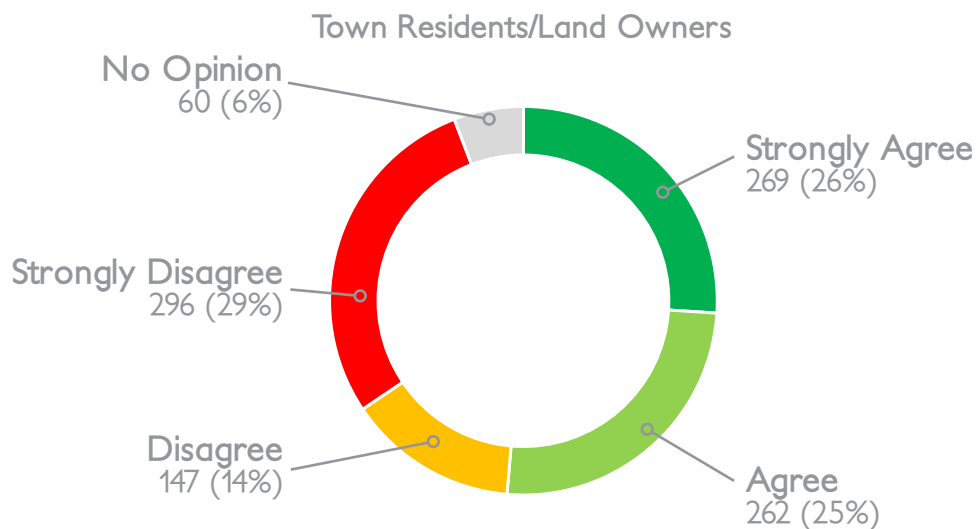
Average Estimated
Damage Per Property

\$2,375



Question 15

Do you agree that deer population management should be a priority for the Town of Truro when allocating budget funds and resources?



Question 16

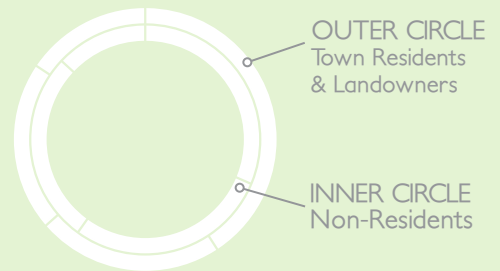
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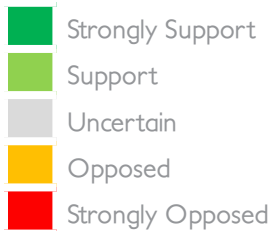
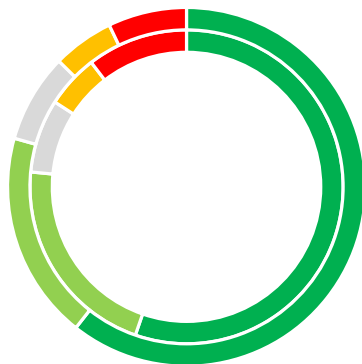
Below is a pie graph and table indicating the level of support for each of the 12 population management options given on the survey.

Each piece of the donut is a proportional representation of the amount of support there is for each option.

In general terms, the more green on a graph, the more support for a given option. The more red on a graph, the more opposition to that option.

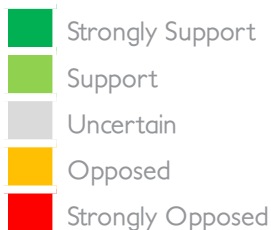
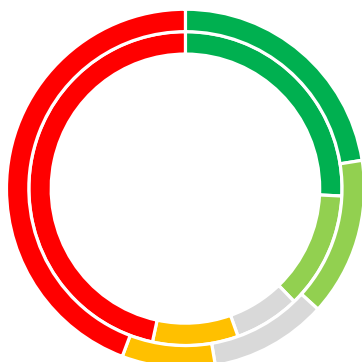


Feeding Ban



Town Residents	Non-Residents
614 (61%)	292 (55%)
190 (19%)	112 (21%)
81 (8%)	40 (8%)
56 (6%)	29 (5%)
72 (7%)	55 (10%)

Controlled Hunt



Town Residents	Non-Residents
227 (22%)	137 (26%)
144 (14%)	64 (12%)
107 (11%)	36 (7%)
85 (8%)	47 (9%)
447 (44%)	248 (47%)



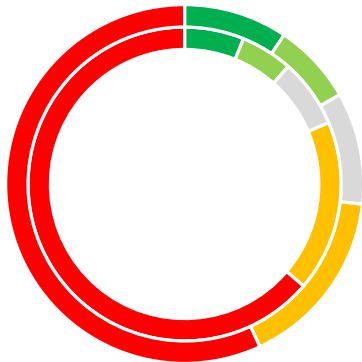
Sharpshooting



Strongly Support
Support
Uncertain
Opposed
Strongly Opposed

Town Residents	Non-Residents
134 (14%)	70 (13%)
78 (8%)	27 (5%)
131 (13%)	72 (14%)
95 (10%)	61 (12%)
546 (55%)	292 (56%)

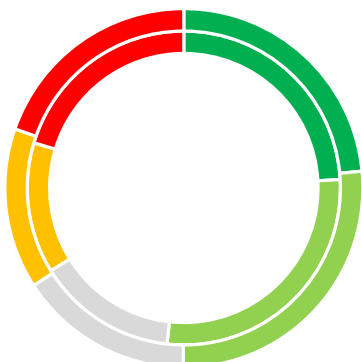
Trap & Euthanasia



Strongly Support
Support
Uncertain
Opposed
Strongly Opposed

Town Residents	Non-Residents
91 (9%)	32 (6%)
71 (7%)	28 (5%)
98 (10%)	37 (7%)
158 (16%)	92 (18%)
552 (57%)	332 (64%)

Trap & Translocate

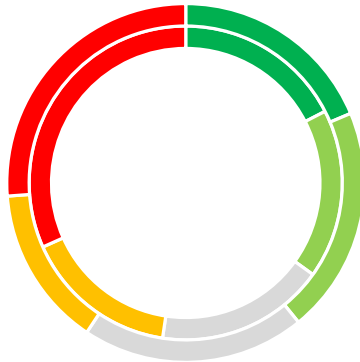


Strongly Support
Support
Uncertain
Opposed
Strongly Opposed

Town Residents	Non-Residents
232 (24%)	127 (24%)
262 (27%)	145 (28%)
156 (16%)	76 (14%)
143 (14%)	71 (13%)
194 (20%)	107 (20%)



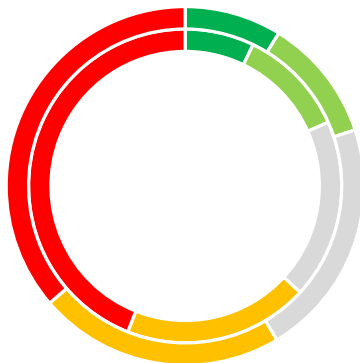
Fertility Control



Strongly Support
Support
Uncertain
Opposed
Strongly Opposed

Town Residents	Non-Residents
184 (19%)	92 (17%)
202 (20%)	92 (17%)
199 (20%)	92 (17%)
143 (15%)	40 (8%)
258 (26%)	58 (11%)

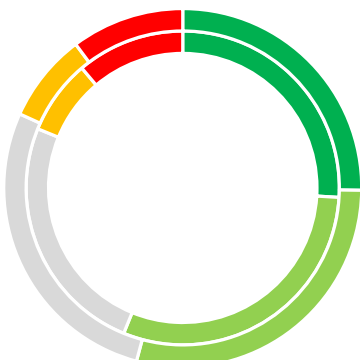
Surgical Sterilization



Strongly Support
Support
Uncertain
Opposed
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Town Residents	Non-Residents
84 (9%)	37 (7%)
107 (11%)	58 (11%)
206 (22%)	96 (19%)
213 (22%)	99 (19%)
348 (36%)	228 (44%)

Gardening Techniques

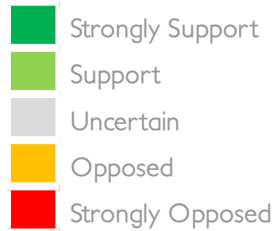
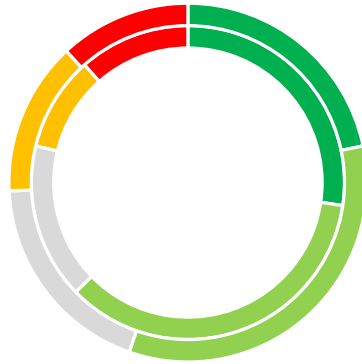


Strongly Support
Support
Uncertain
Opposed
Strongly Opposed

Town Residents	Non-Residents
242 (25%)	135 (26%)
278 (29%)	157 (30%)
265 (28%)	130 (25%)
77 (8%)	40 (8%)
98 (10%)	58 (11%)

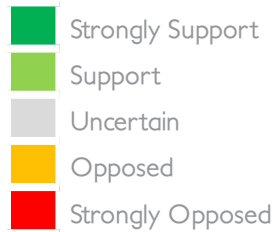
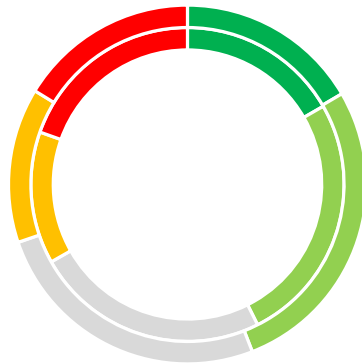


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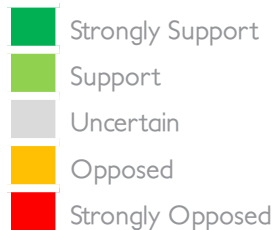
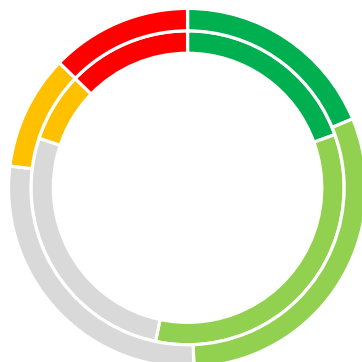
	Town Residents	Non-Residents
Strongly Support	210 (22%)	143 (27%)
Support	325 (34%)	185 (35%)
Uncertain	183 (19%)	84 (16%)
Opposed	134 (14%)	51 (10%)
Strongly Opposed	115 (12%)	60 (11%)

Repellents



	Town Residents	Non-Residents
Strongly Support	614 (61%)	87 (17%)
Support	190 (19%)	135 (26%)
Uncertain	81 (8%)	126 (24%)
Opposed	56 (6%)	71 (14%)
Strongly Opposed	72 (7%)	102 (20%)

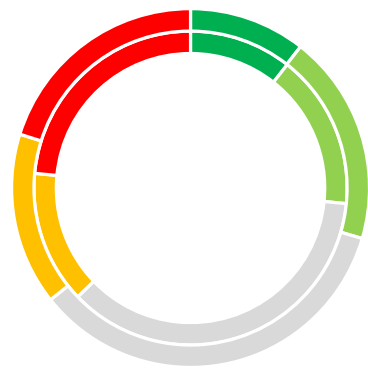
Deer Deterrence



	Town Residents	Non-Residents
Strongly Support	614 (61%)	101 (19%)
Support	190 (19%)	175 (34%)
Uncertain	81 (8%)	139 (27%)
Opposed	56 (6%)	37 (7%)
Strongly Opposed	72 (7%)	66 (13%)



Supplemental Feeding



- Strongly Support
- Support
- Uncertain
- Opposed
- Strongly Opposed

Town Residents	Non-Residents
614 (61%)	55 (11%)
190 (19%)	83 (16%)
81 (8%)	188 (36%)
56 (6%)	71 (14%)
72 (7%)	122 (24%)

Question 17

Please provide any other comments or concerns you feel that Town Council should take into consideration if the Town of Truro proceeds with a deer population management program:

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Question 17 was the final question on the survey and was set up as an open comment section. Of the 1714 total respondents to the survey 652 chose to leave a comment. The result is a large volume of qualitative data that is not readily summarized as a graphic or table. The raw data, consisting of individual responses, has been collected and included at the back of this report as an appendix. The following is a summary of some of the common themes that emerged during a review of the individual responses.

'More Important Issues'/Other

Some respondents used the opportunity to express that they did not feel that this issue was of concern and that deer herd management should not be a Town Council budget priority. Many of these respondents expressed that this should be a concern of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources more so than the Town of Truro. Some respondents provided suggestion over issues they felt should be of more concern to the town.

Those concerns included poverty, youth entertainment, seniors support, after school programs, crime prevention and reduction of drugs being sold, fixing roadways, removing slumlords and feral cats. One respondent was concerned about runoff from the town owned former CN property and two respondents expressed their concern at seeing a uniformed police officer hunting with a rifle on Empire Loop during the hunting season.

Immediate Concern

Many residents addressed that this issue is of immediate concern and a solution needs to be dealt with quick and efficiently. The most frequently mentioned reasons for concern were the introduction of deer ticks and other deer borne diseases to the area, the potential for increased deer caused vehicle collisions.

For Killing Deer

The majority of respondents who were in favour of a controlled hunt had a significantly more pragmatic approach to lethal methods of deer herd management than those opposed. These respondents recognized the multitude of dangers associated with a domesticated urban deer herd and the need for strong, on-going multiplatform education campaign targeting those who do not. Many of the



respondents who voiced support for a controlled hunt raised concerns of public safety and the regulations associated with such a hunt within town limits.

Many of those respondents felt that many of the deer herd management techniques outside of a controlled hunt would be difficult to implement and expensive to the town. The perception is that a controlled hunt would be the most inexpensive and effective method of solving the overpopulation of deer within the Town of Truro.

Use the Meat

Many of those who supported the culling of the deer herd in the Town of Truro suggested that if a cull was undertaken by the town that the venison produced by the controlled hunt should be put to good use, whether donated to a local foodbank or Feed Nova Scotia, or by selling it at the Farmer's Market and using the money to offset costs of the deer herd management strategy or by donating the money to local charities.

Concern was also raised regarding how the meat would be butchered and processed, as well as the health concerns and regulations that would surround that process.

Against Killing Deer

The overwhelming majority of respondents to the survey were strongly opposed to a cull of the deer herd, of the 652 respondents who chose to leave a comment 184 expressed their opposition to lethal methods of managing the deer herd. Most of these respondents cited an emotional connection to the deer, the enjoyment gained from watching the deer and their desire for the town to embrace the deer and brand them as a tourism draw to town.

It should be noted that many of those who expressed opposition to lethal methods of dealing with the deer herd simply stated their opposition and were unable to offer a viable alternate solution.

Many of these respondents felt that the onus of deer herd management should fall back on to the property owners themselves. Some of these respondents were able to recognize that although they did not personally support a controlled hunt of the deer that all of the non-lethal methods would be less effective and more costly.

The majority of the respondents to the survey felt very passionately and used emotional language and rationale when discussing their feelings on any type of violence brought against the deer. Many feel as this is not a problem that the deer have caused themselves, but rather a symptom of the larger problem of town residents continuing to feed the deer. These respondents as well felt strongly that the deer should not be losing their lives because residents of the town have disregarded the Feeding Ban By-law and all Public Education advising of the dangers of feeding deer to both residents as well as the deer themselves.

Concern was raised several times about the public perception and the negative attention that a controlled hunt would bring on the Town of Truro, as well as the concern surrounding animal rights protestors that would very likely come to town to protest any sort of lethal management technique.



Much of the opposition to lethal management techniques echoed safety concerns in relation to regulations surrounding an urban hunt as well as the possibility of legal action being brought against the town, should anything go wrong.

Removal of Habitat through Development

A large number of respondents to the survey expressed sympathy for the deer herd in the belief that development in the town, specifically in the areas surrounding Victoria Park, near the top of Young Street and around the industrial park is forcing the deer out of their natural habitats and into the town.

It would be prudent of the town to educate residents to know that while the removal of habitat may contribute to the increase in the visibility of the deer population, the feeding of deer is what is causing them to stay in town and not deer prefer to live in their natural habitat and, but rather the feeding of deer which is drawing them in from the county.

Use Deer As Tourism

Several of the respondents to the survey who opposed any type of controlled hunt on the deer suggested embracing the deer and coming up with a strategy to market the deer as a tourism draw.

Public Education

A strong public education campaign should be a major focus and perhaps the first step in the Town of Truro's management strategy of the deer herd. A large majority of respondents suggested that Town Council's budget priority should be a strong public education campaign undertaken by the town similar to the type of campaigns that residents of Canada's National Parks are provided.

This type of education campaign would need to include, but not limited to, population numbers of various species residing within town limits, the dangers of feeding the deer to both residents and the deer themselves, defensive driving techniques used when large population numbers of wild animals exist and more generally, how to share the land with our wildlife peacefully.

Public Education will be integral to the success of any strategy the Town of Truro decides to implement. It appears based on the analysis of this data that a large numbers of those opposed to a deer cull hold the misconception that the deer herd management strategy has already been decided upon and will go forward using lethal methods to control the population.

As such, it may also be well advised to make clear the Town's plan regarding the deer herd management strategy at each stage of the decision making process in order to alleviate concerns and dispel any inflammatory rumours surrounding this issue.



Public Opinion on Potential Strategies Presented

TRANSLOCATION

Both those who are in opposition to any type of cull or violence towards the deer and those who are in favour of a controlled hunt on the deer have shown support in translocating the deer elsewhere.

A common misconception surrounding this method is that it is in the best interest of the deer while removing the animals from within town boundaries. Translocation is a death sentence for the deer, and a less humane death than one administered through sharpshooting or a controlled bow hunt.

All research surrounding this method has shown that relocating the deer causes a significant amount of undue stress on the deer and more often than not puts the deer at a greater risk of fatality. When relocated the deer are stressed, and put into an unfamiliar habitat, and therefore at an increased risk of predator attack.

Whatever strategy the Town of Truro decides to implement to address the management of the deer herd public education on the issue will need to be an essential component of the strategy.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING

This method of managing the deer herd appears to be the most popular amongst both those in support of a controlled hunt and against. Many respondents feel that feeding stations strategically placed within the deer's natural habitat, outside of town limits, will draw the deer out of the urban setting. Deer will go where they can feed consistently.

Aggressive enforcement of the Feeding Ban By-Law to prevent deer feeding in town in combination with supplemental feeding to draw the deer back out of town limits, and fencing directing the deer pathways could be a viable non-lethal solution to the deer herd management issue.

FENCING

Several respondents to the survey advised that they have put up fences around their properties and this does keep the deer off of their property. Frustration surrounding fences being places, only to be destroyed or bypassed by the deer were expressed by several survey respondents, so this could potentially be rectified by educating residents on minimum heights and materials required to stop the deer from entering properties.

Concerns surrounding the high cost of fencing appropriate to prevent a deer from entering a property were mentioned, as well as a suggestion that the Town of Truro could implement a type of subsidy for fencing to residents who live in the areas with high deer population density.

FEEDING BAN ENFORCEMENT

The overwhelming majority of respondents to this survey feel very strongly that aggressively enforcing the Feeding Ban Bylaw is a crucial first step in the Town of Truro Deer Herd Management Strategy.



Many respondents provided additional suggestions in relation to how to enforce the by-law efficiently and effectively. There suggestions included setting up a tip line for residents to report those who feeding the deer, creating a separate complaint form specifically got, increase fine. Enforce aggressively.

DETERRENTS

Many respondents to the survey feel as if deterrents are ineffective, costly and simply do not work. Many feel that the deer have become so domesticated and expectant of being fed that they are not affected by many common deterrents. It was noted that many of these deterrents are laborious and expensive to maintain. The following deterrents have been identified as being effective in repelling the deer;

- Coffee Grounds
- 'Irish Spring' Brand Soap
- Motion Sensor Sprinkler Deer Deterrent Device

STERILIZATION

Few respondents felt that sterilization was a viable option. The survey respondents who did support sterilization of the deer felt strongly that this would be the most effective non-lethal deer herd management technique. Once respondent suggested that the Town of Truro consult with the Cobequid Rehab Centre and Hope for Wildlife to gain some insight on how best to peacefully proceed with this issue.

Respondents who opposed sterilization of the deer cited cost as the primary reason for opposition.

BOW HUNTING

Those in support of bow hunting the deer felt that a bow hunt was the most effective and safe method of population control, so long as certain stipulations surrounded the implementation of a bow hunt. Suggestions surrounding this were that highly skilled hunters would be permitted to bow hunt, whether those were trained sharpshooters or facilitated by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, it was clear that respondents to the survey did not support this hunt being undertaken by amateurs.

Suggestions were made regarding how a bow hunt could be best orchestrated, including heavy regulations surrounding the hunt and who would be allowed to participate, as well as which areas, times of day and suggestions that this type of hunt would be conducted in the fall. It was also suggested that Victoria Park be closed to public during the specified times of this hunt.

Those respondents who were in opposition to a bow hunt felt that the method was archaic and inhumane, and discussed safety concerns of town residents while the hunt was taking place.

If this method was undertaken by the town it would require clearly defined regulations which would be communicated to town residents through some form of public education outlining exactly how such a hunt would operate within town limits and the regulations being set upon it. It seems clear given the nature of the survey respondent's comments that this would in fact be required to lessen the concern surrounding public safety of town residents.



Resident Concerns

The majority of resident concerns are in regards to the deer population are ticks and other deer borne diseases, vehicle collisions and the difficulties surrounding attempts to garden and property. Many other concerns were brought up mentioning sightings of predators following the deer into town and reports of aggressive deer.

Resident concerns surrounding the herd management techniques are primarily focused around resident safety during any type of an urban hunt, sharpshooting, or bow hunting. Many expressed that it is essential to ensure and educate residents that the health, safety and well-being of residents of the town will be first priority.

Vehicle Collisions

This section should be of particular interest because when looking at the quantitative data extracted from the survey results one would not immediately assume that vehicle collisions caused by the deer would be a significant concern given the numbers. Of the 1648 respondents who answered this question, 118 (7.16% of respondents) had reported being in a deer caused motor vehicle accident. An analysis of the qualitative data, however, shows that many residents have had near misses with the deer, giving a more accurate representation of the prevalence of deer on the roadways in the Town of Truro.

The survey provided an opportunity to disclose whether or not the respondent had been in a vehicular accident caused by a deer and the cost of the damage incurred (this number ranged from two-hundred dollars up to \$10,000), but did not leave opportunity for residents to discuss whether or not they have had any near misses or close calls with the deer. Upon analyzing the qualitative data it appears that at least thirty (30) respondents to the survey noted that they have almost hit a deer.

Street Signage

Several respondents suggested the street signage in areas of high deer population density to bring awareness to local and visiting drivers of the presence of deer in high population density areas. Other suggestions included the potential of lowering speed limits through these sections of town.

Gardens & Property Damage

Destruction of gardens and property damage in general has been by far the biggest concern outlined by respondents to the survey.

Many survey respondents advised that tulips, hostas and tomato plants are especially susceptible to damage caused by deer. Information package distributed throughout of the town depicting which plants the deer are prone to eat and which they typically avoid may be able to alleviate this concern.



Ticks/Deer Bourne Disease

Perhaps the most prevalent of concerns expressed by respondents of the survey was the carrying of ticks and other deer borne disease being brought into residential areas. Many residents expressed concern that they have children or neighbours whom have already been diagnosed with having Lyme disease.

Coyotes/Predators

A significant concern brought up by several respondents to the survey identified coyotes and other predators following the deer into town limits. It was advised that on several occasions' coyotes travelling in groups of two and three trailing groups of up to fifteen deer were identified within town limits. In addition to predators beginning to be appear within town limits, additionally this behaviour should be of concern to Town Officials as travelling and hunting in packs is atypical for coyotes. There were also three separate mentions of black bears and a nursing fox in town.

Deer Aggression

The majority of respondents feel that the deer are harmless animals and as such have not yet exhibited any signs of aggression. There is a number of survey respondents who did cite instances of charging deer however.

Respondents to the survey expressed concerns of the domestication of the deer herd, deer approaching people looking for food, large bucks amongst the town, mother deer protecting their offspring in the Spring, and rutting bucks in the Fall.

An aggressive campaign of public education would likely alleviate some of the concern surrounding aggression in deer. Although many respondents feel that the deer are gentle beings, it's integral to the health and safety of both residents of the Town of Truro and the deer themselves that people are educated and aware that these are wild animals, should not be fed or treated as pets, and the sever risk associated with an deer herd residing in an urban setting. Education should be given similar to that presented to residents of Canada's National Parks. Residents should be aware of the number of deer that can be supported in the local ecosystem, and how large the herd is, as well as behaviours and potential aggression of deer during the Spring and Autumn.

Suggestions

Many residents contributed suggestions in how to manage the deer herd population in the Town of Truro. The following is a brief summary of these suggestions:

- Look to other local municipalities that have successfully dealt with a similar deer herd management issue such as Lunenburg and Quispamsis, New Brunswick
- Setting up a specific complaint form or a tip line to allow residents to report those who are feeding the deer, combined with aggressive enforcement of the Feeding Ban By-law



- Survey of Deer Population either through motion sensor cameras, or a fly over the town in Winter to achieve the most accurate population estimate
- If a controlled hunt is put forth it has been suggested several times that the Town of Truro Connect with Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunts as well as the Hunter Landowner Partnership in finding skilled hunters
- Skilled Hunters to be interviewed by Department of Natural Resources
- Increase the number of Deer Tags awarded in the upcoming hunting season
- Implement a second hunting season
- Restructuring of hunting zones, create a bow hunting only
- Subsidize the cost of deer deterrents such as Bobex Deer repellent and motion sensor sprinkler deer repellent systems
- Coordinated effort between Bible Hill, Valley, Salmon River, Truro
- Controlled Hunt in Fall and Winter Season in designated areas such as Victoria Park, Industrial Park and in low density residential areas
- Increased Signage in town- Large billboard style paintings created to advise motorists to drive slow and be mindful of deer in town limits

Mentions of Sighting Locations

The follow locations in the Town of Truro were mentioned by respondents to the survey as common sighting locations for large groups of deer:

- Willow Street
- Deerview Crescent
- McClure's Mills Road
- Truro Industrial Park
- McLean Street
- Wade Street
- Lyman Street
- Marshland Drives
- William Barnhill Drive
- Glenwood Street
- Curtis Street
- Crowell Street
- Fundy Street
- East Prince Street



Survey Specific Comments

Finally, a number of respondents to the survey made comments about the administration of the survey itself and its contents.

Comments on the survey itself focused primarily on more information being required for respondents to properly evaluate their support of different methods and the option to select more than one concern surrounding the increasing deer population.



Q17 Please provide any other comments or concerns you feel that Town Council should take into consideration if the Town of Truro proceeds with a deer population management program.

Answered: 652 Skipped: 1,062

#	Responses	Date
1	This is an immediate problem not one that politicians and civil servants can delay decisions on. Jobs and elected positions should depend on the success of a control program, A continuing strategic program is required.	6/25/2017 2:07 PM
2	Concerned there are many more important issues we as citizens of Truro should be actively exploring - poverty, youth entertainment , seniors support, etc	6/25/2017 7:31 AM
3	We have a whole family by our house. Baby was just born in our backyard. Very concerned for grandchildren in our yard. Ticks. Also they destroy everything we plant.	6/24/2017 10:54 PM
4	I have not had any collisions with deer but almost everyone I know has either hit a deer or have come close. I have seen groups of over 20 deer walking in town together in Salmon River and Willow Street.	6/24/2017 11:25 AM
5	Thank you for providing an opportunity to voice an opinion.	6/24/2017 9:03 AM
6	No additional cost to taxpayers. The problem will only become worse with time as history shows us. The action needs to be immediate and not delayed any longer.	6/23/2017 6:31 PM
7	Educate people to scare the deer off don't just stare at the deer and let them have their way.	6/23/2017 6:12 PM
8	There isn't necessarily a large amount of deer. We have the same few deer that visit our yard and see those same deer in and around our area. Most people, including us, especially the seniors enjoy watching the deer. We have a dog and the deer don't bother her. She is used to seeing them. I don't think it is a high risk factor for cars hitting deer, the rate of speed through town is low enough that shouldn't happen a lot. As for gardens and flower beds you can put inexpensive netting that is barely noticeable. Is removing bird feeders next? They attract deer and also rats. What about the crows? Crows are far more a nuisance then deer. I'm sure there are complaints about them as well. Where do you stop? I think money and time could be spent in a more useful manner. Fix some of the streets in town, use the money for programs that need funding. Rather than spending all this money on the deer population, spend it on the youth population in Truro. I'm sure any schools in the area wouldn't turn down extra money for programs. Spend it on reducing the amount of drugs being sold in the town. There are endless places where the money could make more of a difference in Truro then spent on the deer population.	6/23/2017 4:50 PM
9	Please do not kill the deer. It would be cruel and would give the town a bad name nationally and internationally. Also, there should be greater effort to avert habitat destruction in the surrounding hills through clear cutting if translocation is considered.	6/23/2017 4:45 PM
10	I think the deer remind us that we are surrounded by nature. I support not feeding the deer, but they are one thing that I love about living where I live. I do love my gardens too, and there are lots of plants and flowers that the deer to not like to eat. I am strongly opposed to a hunt or euthanasia.	6/23/2017 11:30 AM
11	I think it's worth considering that this is an overfeeding issue, but also a lack of natural predators. If you truly want to restore balance, you have to at least consider the option of reintroducing wolves and coyotes to the area.	6/23/2017 9:42 AM
12	Don't touch the damn deer. Less than 2% of the earth's bio mass is free roaming like these beautiful gracefull creatures I have the pleasure to admire everyday. Don't harm or remove what is most dear to the human spirit - the warm and fuzzy feeling animals give us.	6/23/2017 4:14 AM
13	Why would you become involved in a non-problem? Stop feeding them and they will go else where. I travel the woods/forest a great deal in the Winter and the last thing we need is a "thinning" of the deer population. What you decide in this so called "problem" will have a serious consequence in the future. Leave they ALONE. Nature will take care of it.	6/22/2017 11:40 PM



14	As the town has already instituted a no feeding bylaw you have already started a management program The question is how far to go. Increased incursion was inevitable once we had to tie up our dogs. However... 1/ feeding has exacerbated the problem creating learned behavior in a once wild population that cannot be reversed. The natural fear and caution is gone. I was dismayed to hear there has only been one fine levied. Most people I talk to know one or more people feeding deer in their neighborhood. I get the small town politics and no one wants to be the bad guy, including council members. Might council find the will to post a dedicated phone number people could use to report and employ the strategy of starting with an investigative visit /first time warning. This would at least give the impression that council / town was serious. 2/ As the feeding of ducks at Kiwana's Pond has created a population of non migrators, the feeding of deer has behaviorally altered a once wild population. These individuals cannot be reverted to a wild mentality and culling is the only solution. I can think of a few locations where bow hunters could be effective yet relatively discreet. 3/ You may find that the taking of a few deer may re instill some fear and caution in the remaining herd members. 4/ The average resident has little knowledge of the dynamics of wild populations and can't see past cute. It is for this reason Council must take an aggressive lead. Property damage is one thing... health and safety issues quite another. 5/ A good place to start would be to not use a caricature of Bambi in your notices. Shame on whoever did that! Mike 895-8504	6/22/2017 10:43 PM
15	I think killing these animals because we due to over development have taken their homes away is not only wrong but barbaric.And i dont want to live in a town that would be so cruel and heartless.Perhaps allow hunters to have two deers a season instead of one.But when we take away all the woods to build up subdivisions who is to blame when suddenly we have to share our living spaces.Shame on you councilors for coming up with such a cruel barbaric idea.Im embarrassed to say Im from Truro right now!	6/22/2017 9:59 PM
16	i think the deer should b traquilized and relocated it's not the deers fault it's the people who feeding them. There should be more fines given out	6/22/2017 9:30 PM
17	this problem will not improve on its own also i'm sure they will spread ticks.I see more deer running around town loose then dogs, aggression will become more common as deer become more accustomed to living around people. deer are dangerous wild animals, and fatalities to people and their pets can result from confrontations with deer.	6/22/2017 8:43 PM
18	LEAVE THE DEER ALONE.	6/22/2017 8:22 PM
19	Live and let live..	6/22/2017 8:05 PM
20	I jus, t want to say that as a civilized society God's two legged creatures should be able to co-exist with God's four legged creatures, add anyone who puts the cost of their flowers over the life of an animal is barbaric. I would be ashamed to live in a county that adopts this policy.	6/22/2017 8:01 PM
21	The reason for the deer in Truro is from clear cutting over years from young street and power center,etc. And I have seen the deer actually wait at crosswalks for the light to turn and look both ways before crossing on numerous occasions, and if people are hitting deer in the town they could easily hit a person maybe people speeding and texting driving should be our concern in town,thanks	6/22/2017 8:00 PM
22	I believe humans need to leave nature alone and allow it to regulate itself. The problem has arisen because people have been interfering with the natural way already.	6/22/2017 7:48 PM
23	I am in favour of the Town taking aggressive action, particularly using any form of deterrent that might cause the deer to begin retreating of their own accord. I believe a cull is necessary.	6/22/2017 7:46 PM
24	Coyotes have been see in the industrial park area and our vet told us that her son came across the remains of a fawn carcass on Glennwood Dr. I'm concerned for small children and pets.	6/22/2017 7:27 PM
25	People are the reason for the current problem. They are luring them in by feeding/baiting. We need to divert the population by baiting them to more rural areas away from people and roads. Irish spring soap is a tried and true deterrent for the deer. Killing the deer is not going to prevent the offendersame from continuing to feed them so neighborhood deer watch and steeper penalties for feeding would help with cutting down on this aspect.	6/22/2017 5:54 PM
26	While acknowledging the deer are just being deer, the enhancements property owners do to make our area more eye appealing to ourselves, neighbors and visitors must be taken into account. Also, as they continue to multiply, more chances of car accidents and possible injuries when hitting or trying to avoid them. And what other animal will follow them into town looking for THEIR NEXT MEAL !!	6/22/2017 4:12 PM
27	Dear have been part of the Truro experience since I've lived here.	6/22/2017 3:53 PM
28	There should be no more tree clear cutting so deer will have a home an also be able to forage for food in bush. Food should be provided up in bush so deer will return to bush Citizens would stop feeding deer an probaly donate food for deer if park workers would deliver it to feeding stations up in bush Have the Feed Mills clean up feed of ground after delivers an clean up spillage This problem is being created by government with there stupid clear cutting practice for greed an taking away the food of animals an homes for them to live in.. This is also creating a lot more problems which is not in this survey . Thank you .	6/22/2017 3:48 PM



29	The survey question regarding priority of concerns should have been a ranking, not a choose selection. Public health is at risk from ticks, car accidents and coyotes. Humans before deer! I EXPECT that the following considerations are made in the decision about how to handle this problem: cost effectiveness and rate of return. Feeding bans are useless. The species is adapting to new plant foods as it grows. The tax base of Truro could depart from the town limits. Personally, if I am going to accept the risks of deer, then I'll pay less annual property tax.	6/22/2017 1:54 PM
30	if there is a controlled hunt, there should be truro brand deer sausage made at the very least.	6/22/2017 12:58 PM
31	Part of the problem is we are taking away the deer's habitat when we continue to clear-cut forested areas for housing/business development - some of which are unnecessary. We need to be asking ourselves how we can live with respect in Creation.	6/22/2017 12:19 PM
32	Killing the deer is completely unacceptable. This is a human-caused issue and we should take responsibility and find an appropriate solution. If they are in town to find food, I believe supplemental feeding stations in rural areas away from town is an excellent idea to at least try before anything more extreme.	6/22/2017 11:18 AM
33	Instead of getting rid of the deer like we took all there homes already I think that having the deer in town should be looked at as a great opportunity for the town of truros tourist attractions and invite people to come and see the deer. The deer are getting more and more tame each generation that is born and I think the people of the town nd anyone who comes think that they are a nice addition to the town	6/22/2017 10:43 AM
34	These are wild animals and should be treated as such. Yes they are pretty to look at, but that doesn't mean they belong in urban areas. Deer in neighborhoods will eventually lead to someone being seriously injured during the fall rutting period, as I have witnessed bucks squaring off in my backyard, luckily I noticed before I let my dogs out. Bambi is dangerous when it has ten points on it's rack and is weighing in at close to 200 lbs!	6/22/2017 9:49 AM
35	Stop all further development until the problem is resolved. It was humans that took their habitat, they shouldn't be killed for our lack of foresight! We have the same problem in Bible Hill.	6/22/2017 9:33 AM
36	I have tried all the deer detergents and gardening techniques! They still come and eat plants they supposedly don't even like. Removed so many plants they like. They eat everything. Now I have to cover my plants everyday with netting to keep them from eating them. Not everyone can afford a fence. When you go into the country everyone's plants look so nice and full. Seems crazy. We do have a deer problem and ticks are a HUGE health issue and it should not be ignored! If people want to see Deer they should go to a wildlife park!! They don't belong in town...period.	6/22/2017 9:30 AM
37	deer more of problem in winter and late summer in our yard	6/22/2017 8:55 AM
38	We regularly have 5 deer that we have seen on a nightly basis, and have found them stuck in the yard in the morning. While I have not been involved in a collision there have been 2 in front of my house in the past 6 months, and my husband encountered a third deer on Young St. that had been hit and had to be euthanized. I have also given up on vegetable gardening as they ate our entire small garden two years ago, chewing everything right down to the ground. We are putting a gate across the last 10 feet of our yard that isn't already enclosed, and are hoping that slows them down.	6/22/2017 8:08 AM
39	Leave the deer alone, did you watch the news last night, a gentleman from Truro said they are a tourist attraction and I agree, what else do we have??? Please leave the deer alone, they are beautiful and a gift to enjoy from God.	6/22/2017 7:33 AM
40	I think a number of methods should be used to quickly reduce the population. Trap and translocate, a hunt/cull by various methods. Fertility control needs to be further researched and, ultimately, is the solution. A town in BC has a similar problem with their deer (different species) and has partnered with a company to develop a drug...at a forecasted cost of \$20,000/year. If hundreds of thousands of dollars can be given to the RECC, then the cost of deer management is little. Regardless of what is decided on, something needs to be done...before someone dies from a collision.	6/22/2017 7:26 AM
41	Cull them. Donate meat to foodbanks. They are dangerous on highways as the city does next to nothing for highway grass management. They are destructive to lawns. Give hunters a free pass on this. Please.	6/22/2017 6:48 AM
42	We came into their land. We are spreading into their home. It is us who are the problem. We should be celebrating wildlife not getting rid of it. Use it as a tourist thing.	6/22/2017 6:01 AM
43	I personally look forward to seeing the deer, the town is destroying their homes to build further into wooded area so they move through town to find food. There are some beautiful deer around town.	6/22/2017 12:57 AM
44	The deer have been allowed to be here for so long and populate (no one cared about previously) so it would be unfair to harm them as they are so used to people and will come right up to you. When I first moved here almost 20 years ago you would only see them at night which was surprising but now I am used to having them around. I do not want to see them harmed.	6/22/2017 12:50 AM



45	I am concerned for myself and others when deer run out into the roads and sidewalks. I've had many near misses where I've had to lock the brakes to avoid hitting one or more deer. I am also concerned that some deer are so used to people that all I have to do is walk out my front door, hold out my hand and they approach. This is very disturbing behaviour for a wild animal. Clearly they are being hand fed.	6/21/2017 11:59 PM
46	I believe they add a sense of beauty and nature to this town. I enjoy seeing them as does my family. They do not deserve to die because some feel they are a nuisance.	6/21/2017 11:48 PM
47	Do not kill deer.	6/21/2017 11:46 PM
48	Shooting within town limits, near homes, and anywhere there are people.	6/21/2017 10:57 PM
49	Not certain what methods or products are used as repellents or as deterrents. Do not support a hunt.	6/21/2017 10:53 PM
50	Serious consideration needs to be given to management of the deer population. We have lived in Truro almost 50 years. It was common knowledge that there were some deer in Victoria park but now it is over populated and out of control. Besides the fear of ticks there is a fear of a collision between deer and vehicles.	6/21/2017 10:40 PM
51	I own a house in Bible Hill and there are plenty of deer here. I do not find them to be a nuisance, I just had to put plants in my garden that they would not eat and put a fence around my vegetable garden. It is not difficult to learn to live in harmony with the deer. It is crazy that people think their flowers are more important than the deers lives	6/21/2017 10:30 PM
52	I live in Bible Hill and the deer used to eat our garden so we put a fence up. No big deal. I love having the deer around. We are the ones destroying their homes, I say we suck it up and let them eat a few tomato plants or hostas and carry on with our lives.	6/21/2017 10:24 PM
53	Are there examples of towns that have successfully dealt with deer? Whatever action is taken, I trust it will be humane, and if the current deer herds are killed, a effective deterrent is then put in place so the town isn't repopulated.	6/21/2017 10:17 PM
54	Please don't kill the deer. Use them to attract people to Truro like they do out west.	6/21/2017 10:15 PM
55	on 2 different occasions in the past year i have personally witnessed a group of 5-7 deer walking down king street being followed 10-15 ft back by 2-3 coyotes - had kids been outside playing at that time it could become a very dangerous - both species have become not afraid of humans.	6/21/2017 9:55 PM
56	Although I live just outside of town limits, I work in and otherwise frequent town on a daily basis. It's essential that we consider ways to coexist peacefully with the local wildlife and keep in mind that by virtue of town expansion and development, we are making a much larger impact on their habitat/quality of life than they ever have on ours. I regularly hike in Victoria Park and have enjoyed close encounters with the deer. They are not malicious or dangerous toward us, and some of the measures being considered by the town could be seen as the very definition of humans acting maliciously and dangerously toward them. Indeed there are problems inherent with respect to property damage and presence in high traffic areas, and it is worthwhile to contemplate how to address this--but without resorting to unethical measures such as euthanizing healthy animals for our own convenience. I appreciate the town's openness to input from concerned citizens as this process unfolds.	6/21/2017 9:38 PM
57	I also have concerns with deer ticks as well as lyme disease as I have had as many as 21 deer on my property during the winter months. A female deer has twins every year for the last 43 years and they are around most every day during the summer and in the fall more deer show up on the property.	6/21/2017 9:27 PM
58	Needs to be a heavy fine of at least \$2500.00 for first offense if caught feeding deer. Makes no sense to get rid of the deer this year only to have them return in the next few years after that. Deer are going to go where the food is.	6/21/2017 9:15 PM
59	Deer cull would also assist the food bank in supplying meat to the hungry	6/21/2017 9:15 PM
60	In reality the only option for the town may have without creating a firestorm may be to catch and release somewhere else. This will not be a one time event as any remaining deer will still be tame and fed by bamby lovers, and double their population every year. One deer who spends a night eating my flowers and shrubs can have the same result as 10 deer! If I knew someone considering moving to the Town of Truro I would ask them if they liked to garden and have an attractive property. If they said yes I would tell them to buy a house in the county where the deer population is controlled by hunting. If I knew the problem was this bad I would not buy a home in Truro. Please do something. Another consideration is you will eventually have no trees left other than spruce and pine. The deer eat every other seedling off at ground level.	6/21/2017 8:53 PM
61	Because I live in an apartment and there's little vegetation other than grass within a deer's reach, there has been no damage, but when I'm out walking I see deer decimating homeowners' vegetation. One day a woman in my building was tossing apples to a huge buck. That deer didn't look underfed! I've had a number of near-misses while driving as well, and I often hear of others' experiencing the same problem. The fact that they carry the ticks that cause Lyme disease is also very worrisome.	6/21/2017 8:36 PM



62	Must be an aggressive campaign on several fronts to rid deer from town ... in past couple of years I have been startled by Police shooting car struck deer too close to my home ... deer at this point are worse than rat infestation, thanks for your time	6/21/2017 8:12 PM
63	I don't think they should waste peoples tax money on deer who really are not hurting anyone and focus the funds on more important issues	6/21/2017 7:43 PM
64	I think the deer population has far exceeded their normal habitat around Truro and are becoming more than just an annoyance They are increasing the likelihood of vehicle collisions and are becoming more and more aggressive.	6/21/2017 7:37 PM
65	The concern of predators is a legitimate one; we're already seeing bears following the deer into town - one has been spotted in Bible Hill, and one (possibly two) have been sighted in Salmon River. I also have serious concerns about deer aggression, while I have not personally encountered any aggression with deer, given their lack of fear for humans, I fear it is only a matter of time before a serious incident occurs.	6/21/2017 7:32 PM
66	The accompanying documentation did not provide sufficient detail about what constitutes "very expensive" or how long some of the strategies would need to be implemented for. Eg sterilization may be expensive initially ultimately yield a reasonable long term benefit. The literature also seems biased toward lethal methods. Recent, relevant, references and links were not provided. A comparative cost benefit analysis of different solutions - as well as innovative, creative solutions is required. It's unethical to habituate an animal to humans by feeding it and then kill it. However in some northern areas, meat from wild game killed by conflict is donated to need residents who can butcher and preserve it. Please proceed thoughtfully.	6/21/2017 7:21 PM
67	If you hunt them, you better eat them. Native Americans were taught to use every part of an animal giving up it's life. It may be annoying or a problem but there are other ways to deal with the deer population than just killing them. I will never visit Truro again if you kill them and not at least use their meat.	6/21/2017 7:16 PM
68	I am concerned about other tick co-infections besides Borrelia burgdorferi. aka lyme disease that are dispersed by deer dropping these ticks, that will be a threat to our health, besides lyme disease. There are over 100 types of ticks in NS, and deer will certainly carry the ticks and deposit them in our backyards, especially the deer that bed down on our backyard lawns. There are many other very nasty bacteria that other ticks, besides the blacklegged deer tick will carry, like Babesia, Ehrlichiosis. and Bartonella. Currently with no vaccine for humans, no one should be exposed to a potential threat from ticks, despite what the town is saying to Joe Public. Deer belong in the wild and not in our towns backyards, I hope the town will strongly consider a cull of the deer herd in our town very soon. Regards, Alan	6/21/2017 7:12 PM
69	I understand that the deer population is an issue for citizens with gardens and that deer on the road is also a concern. I had to stop my car on Robie Street while a family crossed the street. And then, there is the concern that deer attract coyotes. However, I could never condone killing animals who destroy gardens if other measures to control them could be found. Is there any way we can co-exist?	6/21/2017 7:05 PM
70	It's only a temporary fix. The population of Truro keeps getting bigger and moving into the woods and pushing the deer out of the woods and into town. The deer need a place to live, just like we do.	6/21/2017 7:02 PM
71	I feel deer and other wildlife were here first and it is us that have encroached on their territory. I would like to see non-invasive methods if a plan needs to be implemented otherwise live and let live.	6/21/2017 6:56 PM
72	If you decide on hunting the deer only a small number of hunters should be allowed to hunt by entering into a draw. No more than 50 deer from the town limits.	6/21/2017 6:53 PM
73	It's probably just a matter of time before someone is injured or worse. The deer population in North America is estimated to be seven times larger than it's natural size precisely because of people feeding them. And it's not just deer; we now have a nursing fox in the neighbourhood that has residents anxious for their cats and smaller dogs.	6/21/2017 6:42 PM
74	I think a controlled hunt would be better than a sharpshooter. Then the folks who hunt will eat what they shoot. I have not been in a car accident yet - but at night they are always around and you have certain areas that you have to slow down so you don't hit them. The time of day does not matter as they have been seen in the same area at all times of the day. We had a fawn sitting in my back flower bed last year for about an hour until its mother came back and got him. You have to check the yard before you go out to make sure there are no droppings around so we can enjoy the yard as a family. I also always worry about ticks in the grass as well. Something has to be done and soon.	6/21/2017 6:37 PM
75	We tear down where the deer live and build our houses and expect them to just go away? How would you feel if someone tore down your house and then built themselves one and expected no reaction from you? At least the deer aren't aggressive (unless you are terrorizing them) As well, if hitting deer is an issue, maybe people shouldn't be speeding in town?	6/21/2017 6:31 PM
76	I think it would be a good idea if hunting is an option that perhaps the meat collected could be made into hamburger and donated to the food bank. This is what was done in Michigan when they had an issue with their deer. This option might make people against killing the deer a bit more open if the meat will not be wasted.	6/21/2017 6:24 PM
77	I agree that that deer are a problem to some but believe there should be a solution that doesn't cause harm to the animals.	6/21/2017 6:15 PM



78	Try not to take six years to make a relatively simple decision. Don't waste money on consultants.	6/21/2017 5:59 PM
79	Number 1 Enforce No-Feeding. I support Trap and Relocate	6/21/2017 5:47 PM
80	I back onto the Town of Truro property line (Deerview Cres) and I am experiencing the same issues that the town has with regard to the deer population. You need to be working closing with the county to aid you in solving this problem.	6/21/2017 5:42 PM
81	LYME - have a good friend of the family with this nasty disease - she'll be on meds probably her entire life - nothing to fool around about. Even though the deer aren't in my yard daily, they are visible in my area quite frequently- neighbour had a 10 point buck in his yard for two days - came right in via the gate. Does a person in Truro need to contract Lyme and suffer from it just because people think it's good to feed these animals?!?	6/21/2017 5:40 PM
82	Get rid of them, over populated and dangerous.	6/21/2017 5:23 PM
83	Those last 7 options are too expensive for taxpayers to be wasting their money on	6/21/2017 5:14 PM
84	Anything that will control them it is way to much something has to be done	6/21/2017 5:02 PM
85	Think long term not short term, think of tourism and not being the known as the town of death.	6/21/2017 4:32 PM
86	Keep the police from hunting on the 4km loop up at the park, top of Young St. Where old dump is.	6/21/2017 4:21 PM
87	I feel there should be a cull and use bow and arrows to kill the deer and they are FOOD SOURCE....fill some freezers....they are out of control there are herds of them here in my yard....know they are a beautiful animal but they need to be controlled.	6/21/2017 4:17 PM
88	The deer within the town limits are a nuisance. It is impossible to have any decent shrubs, trees and lawn with there being so many of them. I fully support trapping and relocating to more rural areas or a potential cull. Stiffer and more diligent feeding fines are going to be useless. I don't feed them and they are in my back yard every night.	6/21/2017 4:17 PM
89	Additional street signage informing drivers of the potential hazard to beware of.	6/21/2017 4:06 PM
90	No killing please ...	6/21/2017 4:03 PM
91	This has been problem for over 10 years in our area let's not wait until someone is seriously hurt before addressing this problem	6/21/2017 3:55 PM
92	They have often prevented me from moving my car in or out of my driveway--big issue in winter during parking ban. I have nearly hit one with my car many times, even yesterday on Willow Street near Ultramar in daylight. I was nearly rear-ended when I hit the brakes to avoid that. I've often encountered several in the street, all over town, at night. I feel it is a serious problem.	6/21/2017 3:44 PM
93	Having darted hundreds of deer during my time with Natural Resources, I speak from experience when I state that this is not a viable option. Trapping causes undue stress to the animals. Relocation, hunt and any other means of reducing the population will cause a void which will be filled by other deer as long as people feed them or make other food sources available to them. I needs to start with education and fines which are enforced. The law prohibiting feeding is mentioned in almost any article yet only 1 person has ever been charged so that should tell you that this law is ineffective, start using it to discourage feeding!	6/21/2017 3:43 PM
94	Deer population will vary from year to year and nature will thin herds as required. As the town and county continues to allow more clearcutting and building, of course the deer will move. It is a great moment to sit with a cup of coffee or tea and watch these beautiful animals just "do their thing". to kill them for just surviving is wrong. there are far great issues that the town and county should be dealing with than this. People need to lighten up. Saving my tulips and hostas is not an adequate reason to end an animal's life.	6/21/2017 3:09 PM
95	When you take and clear cut the land where animals live, and then they become a problem in town, it is your responsibility to relocate these animals to another place so they can live on Earth, as we do. These are not man eating animals. I live just on the outskirts of Truro for more than 33 years I have only seen an incident of 4 deer. I have deer all the time on my property, and have had a huge vegetable garden for most of these years and not 1 deer has eaten from my garden, as there are an abundance of bushes and trees that nature has provided for their food here. I have never fed deer, nor should anyone. You have taken the place where they have lived, and you have taken away their food source. I do not recall any community, or town that dealt with a deer issue by killing them, they have been caught, and relocated to the woods. It is the humane thing to do. What are you teaching all of our children, if you start killing deer in town? It is OK to kill an animal if it's bothering you. What trama will you cause young children seeing an innocent animal be killed, and also myself and other people with hearts that love. How many accidents will you cause drivers in town that turn their heads to see what is going on when you are out there killing. Are you any different than the man who is going to trial for killing cats? One is a pet, and one is not, and both are innocent animals, and some think both are pests. You took their food source. Please do the mature and most responsible thing, as we are living in the year of 2017.	6/21/2017 3:03 PM
96	I have no problem with the deer and I actually like to sit on my back deck and watch them.	6/21/2017 3:00 PM



97	The deer where there first, man infringed on the land the deer roamed on. Leave them alone and don't feed them. The deer will adapt or leave.	6/21/2017 2:54 PM
98	Allow bow hunting in designated areas. Any extra meat could be donated to food bank. Town should not need to spend taxpayers \$\$ to take care of the problem, when there are bow hunters would like to be able to help and provide meat for theirs and others families..	6/21/2017 2:25 PM
99	3 skidding close call encounters with small children in car.	6/21/2017 1:41 PM
100	We took away their homes so what do you expect to happen?	6/21/2017 1:35 PM
101	The deer are not aggressive in any way, and are not causing harm. Any measures taken should involve safety precautions, such as slower driving, and road signs. Increased hunting, trapping, etc. are completely unnecessary and inhumane.	6/21/2017 1:31 PM
102	My support or opposition to initiatives is based on a limited knowledge and understanding of associated costs for the various strategies. I support any initiative that is cost effective and reduces the number of deer. I have no issue with a controlled hunt.	6/21/2017 1:10 PM
103	The deer should not be killed or drugged at all due to their numbers, they don't deserve that. Nor should they be taken from their homes and relocated.	6/21/2017 1:06 PM
104	I live in Salmon River and there are many deer there. I wanted to take part in the survey because deer affect us just as much. But I'm opposed to anything harsh or any hunting in the Town of Truro. People need to be educated on deer. It's too bad people place more value on their hostas than a sentient being.	6/21/2017 1:04 PM
105	There are many places outside of Truro that you never see a deer. Transport them to some of those areas away from the town.	6/21/2017 12:53 PM
106	Take action with what the town feels is the best solution, not what the vocal minority says. Take into account actual sources like studies and previous solutions that worked for other towns that faced this issue and successfully resolved it	6/21/2017 12:50 PM
107	No feeding ban in the winter. We have run them out of their areas with building, etc. Supplemental feeding would encourage them perhaps to stay in certain areas. I do not have a problem with the deer at all. They do not eat my garden/flowers. They sleep on my hill on occasion and I am quite happy for them to be there. What I do have a problem with is when I am walking on the 4 km loop where the old dump is and I see people (female town police officer and her partner) going around the loop during hunting season with their rifles on their laps etc. Disgusting and in town limits.	6/21/2017 12:25 PM
108	Would like to see the animals stay with minimal or no interference to them that would cause any stress or hardship. Would like to see all parties collectively come together for a solution that is sensitive to humans and animals, Our beautiful town benefits from this blessing of nature and a sensitive,sensible solution can be obtained. Thank you for your time. Trust that you all will come to a decision that supports all parties.	6/21/2017 12:21 PM
109	Please consider that it is human activity that is driving and attracting deer into the towns. We may have to learn to live with these animals on our territory if we continue to destroy theirs. Or is the answer for us to destroy anything and everything that gets in our way? I understand that they pose a small safety risk to us, but I'm pretty sure we pose a much bigger risk to them. So get over yourselves, and learn to live with the other creatures who have just as much of a right to roam this earth as we do. Or stop farming and live off the land as natural predators not psychotic controllers of the natural world.	6/21/2017 12:20 PM
110	If the feeding of the deer is stopped, the problem will fix itself.	6/21/2017 12:15 PM
111	What brought the deer into town in the first place is people feeding them. If food is not supplied many will leave on their own.	6/21/2017 12:09 PM
112	Much like the duck population at Kiwanis park (who, by the way, are not supposed to remain for the winter) the deer situation is a direct result of locals feeding them and as a result, these animals are becoming far to comfortable coexisting with us. These people are the problem. Heavier fines need to be strongly enforced and all involved in feeding these animals should be immediately reported! That's what we need!!	6/21/2017 12:09 PM
113	Truro is always trying to find something to be known for...other communities have game feasts which are received very well ...this town needs to get real and stop knuckling under to a few people that don't get the big picture regarding nature. There are many many people who would like to eat venison...who else in our community could benefit from or even need some very good meat ? We aren't thinking about this right. The add in the paper ...with a FAWN is proof that someone in charge of creating that add already has there mind made up....why didn't they choose a picture of an ADULT deer eating someones VEGETABLE garden.Ridiculous.	6/21/2017 11:53 AM
114	Fencing - what would some options be?	6/21/2017 11:46 AM
115	Are we really going to kill deer because they eat a few hostas? Learn to share our space please	6/21/2017 11:39 AM



116	Deer seem to adapt their "tastes". We have planted and lost many shrubs and plants even with the services of a very good local professional.	6/21/2017 11:34 AM
117	Whatever method or methods are used to reduce the population, it should be done in concert with techniques that ensure that other deer don't simply move in to repopulate the town.	6/21/2017 11:33 AM
118	No I don't not think they should be managed or controlled they're beautiful they were here before us we took over their home it almost sounds like the movie purge but I'm dear not cool	6/21/2017 11:26 AM
119	This is definitely an issue that must have immediate attention . Deer destruction on residential property as well as danger of deer ticks on humans and family pets requires severe measures. Thanking you for this opportunity to express our concerns. Robert & Patricia Murray	6/21/2017 11:18 AM
120	Please make a science based decision. This is an emotional issue for many, but it is getting out of hand. Some of the options are very expensive and ineffective.	6/21/2017 11:17 AM
121	We as property owners in Truro are dealing with a problem that only grows worse and worse. They are all over the roads. They have ruined gardens that we've spent hundreds of dollars and hours to bring beauty to our homes or food to our table. Two years ago I had 84 tomato plants eaten in my backyard. Some of us incur the cost of fencing to try to keep them out, but that only does so much. There are ticks in our yard and feces they leave. We have pets and we have children that we don't want exposed to that. We have one near our house that regularly rears up at my dogs and snorts. I think he would hurt her if he had a chance. We have tried deterrents, repellants, soap, hair, pee, blood, noise - only helps for a few days and then they are back. I think a cull and then with a controlled sterilization might control the problem, but at this point it is out of control. Please help.	6/21/2017 11:07 AM
122	Dont kill the deer!!	6/21/2017 11:03 AM
123	NO to the killing of the deer and NO to birth control options. How ridiculous! There are countless other cruelty free solutions- let them be, enforce the feeding bylaws, gardening techniques, etc. DONT KILL THE DEER.	6/21/2017 10:55 AM
124	Take lessons from Lunenburg counties attempt to use bonus tags to lessen the deer population. They did this and the number of problem deer did not change much (because they are in areas where people can't easily hunt). But it really diminished the population in surrounding areas. If this were a source-sink issue, then this would work, but your biologists will tell you what good colonizers deer are - as long as they're living the good and safe life with silly people feeding them and growing succulent gardens, they'll keep producing fawns. IF you do a hunt method, then you should do whatever you can to concentrate it only in the problem areas and not outside of the town limits. And don't let people use on-line registration of their deer. Many of them will kill deer elsewhere and then register them on their phones before heading home. If the problem deer are in areas where hunting is not possible then I would suggest you look at sharpshooting (the Australian model?) or trapping and release/euthenize. Give thought to trap and release though - I'm not sure how resident deer take to new invaders just dumped in their territories. It would be a pity to just move the problem elsewhere, or otherwise disrupt a healthy deer population/ecosystem, or move the damned deer ticks around. Perhaps best to kill them and donate to Feed Nova Scotia similar to hunters helping the hungry. I don't think you can do that if you dart them, at least not right away, so trapping might be the only way. Good luck! I'm a deer hunter and Halifax resident (what the rural hunters like to call a "citiot"! LOL), so I have no skin in the game either way. I would not intend to partake in an urban "hunt" in Truro, although I already do a similar thing on Second Peninsula in Lunenburg with my bow. I have killed many deer there, but the proximity to houses and people is stressful. Not from a safety perspective, but it's stressful because bow-shot deer don't just fall over and die. They run up to a few hundred meters even with a good shot, and even further if you don't get both lungs. Tracking your deer through backyards of million dollar cottages can be stressful... Anyhow, I'm rambling. I should have quit with "Good Luck!". Cheers, -Dave Hardie (dreamwaters@hotmail.com).	6/21/2017 10:45 AM
125	It will be a matter of time before there is an accident or someone hurt, legal issues will ensue. Not to mention predators moving in and endangering people and pets.	6/21/2017 10:44 AM
126	I feel that in question number three that you should have been allowed to pick more than one answer as more than one applies or should have been able to list them in priority as to your own opinion.	6/21/2017 10:41 AM
127	No shooting of any sort in town. This will only encourage the 'crazies' out there to take matters into their own hands. People could get injured.	6/21/2017 10:09 AM
128	Embrace it. The notion of humans thinking they take priority over an animal (which lost its home b/c of development) is embarrassing on the town. It's not the end of the world if your flowers are eaten...annoying perhaps. The elk in Banff aren't being shot on the street. The cows in Costa Rica aren't being shot in the street. The sheep in Scotland aren't being shot in the street. It's accepted. Truro, take a breather- relax - deer are ok.	6/21/2017 9:42 AM
129	One runs out in front of me once a week, and I have to slam on the brakes. They're terrible over toward Walmart. Someone is going to be killed. I don't know what the best option is, but I would vote for whatever the cheapest way is to make sure they aren't on the roads anymore.	6/21/2017 9:26 AM



130	Do you think the deer should have a Human Population Management control meeting? The people are the issue, not wildlife. They were here long before us and will remain long after. Have you hit a deer? If yes it is probably your fault for not observing your surroundings in deer territory. Euthanasia and sterilization surgery? How about you start off with the welfare population rising and over breeding and taking advantage of the systems resources. As an avid animal welfare activist, I must say the deer did not choose co exist with us. We keep expanding our pavement and cutting down trees, over time this is what will happen. All wild animals will be seen in more abundance. You should take into consideration the tick problem this year will probably eliminate a fair number over average of deer lost to diseases. I think fencing and repellent is the most effective way to control where the deer are with no harm. They don't want to be around us, so why not help instead of eliminate the problem..? P.s Stop worrying about harmless animals running around and take notice to Truro's real problems, the people.	6/21/2017 9:24 AM
131	The problem gets worse each and every year. It seems it isn't a problem until it happens in downtown Truro. The people who live outside the downtown pay taxes too.	6/21/2017 9:20 AM
132	I just want my garden back to enjoy however that can be achieved . Several have approached me in my yard seeming to expect food . Ticks are a concern as I kneel or sit to do my gardening giving them more chance to attach .	6/21/2017 9:18 AM
133	Many people buy "horse apples" with the intention of feeding deer.	6/21/2017 9:15 AM
134	Concrete action must be taken, as the situation now is neither fair to the residents / tax payers, nor the deer. The issue of costs related to damage, liability, health care, etc. surpass taking no action.	6/21/2017 9:12 AM
135	If you cull these deer, what's next dogs, cats, that roam the streets. We live near a large park that has animals in it . what do people expect	6/21/2017 9:09 AM
136	I think people should remember how important nature really is and if the deer were not wanted in town then man shouldn't have taken their homes.	6/21/2017 9:08 AM
137	The answer is not to just kill every animal that gets in humans way. Remember we are invading their territory. If you want to control population , get land owners to agree to allow more hunters on their land during "Legal Hunt" season. Do not destroy our "outdoor lifestyle of legal hunting" for the minority of people who are selfish and only care about themselves and not the natural beauty that GOD gave us.	6/21/2017 9:06 AM
138	a controlled hunt would have to be well watched such as in the states you need to shoot a doe before you can shoot a buck so people don't just go after antlers	6/21/2017 9:01 AM
139	Saw a 12 point buck a few houses down, that one could have done some damage as it was big.	6/21/2017 8:55 AM
140	When the Town continues to build and grow its taking away their homes, giving them nowhere to go they are only trying to survive. If people paid more attention and slowed down and weren't always in a rush here may be less accidents. The deer were here first. The people need to adapt. I may not live directly in the town but my days are spent there. There are more natural ways of dealing with the deer.	6/21/2017 8:51 AM
141	The policy and actions need to be a coordinated effort of Bible Hill, Valley and other surrounding communities. Truro cannot and should not solve this serious problem by itself.	6/21/2017 8:46 AM
142	Slaughter of these animals would be horrific; particularly by bow-and-arrow, which is a sickening thought for most people. Stress (possibly causing death) to the deer caused by other interventions is almost as bad. We have to learn to live with these animals since humans taking over their habitat is the cause of the problem. Yes, they can be destructive to your garden; but can the loss of some plants justify the killing of animals that are just trying to survive? Ticks will spread regardless of deer. If people are vigilant on town streets, deer won't be a problem to drivers. Public education is needed rather than mass slaughter. Populations will level out over time without human interference.	6/21/2017 8:31 AM
143	Deer are there because their natural habitat has been taken away by us. I like the idea of setting up feeding stations for them in the park or sedating and relocating. You need to look for humane options. This isn't the deer's fault.	6/21/2017 8:26 AM
144	If they are worried about hitting deer then they need to slow down...school zone here and they still fly through it here on Young St at 50 and 60 km an hour....The deer are a beautiful sight and I believe fertility control is the best option. I know people who come to Truro just to see the deer...bringing money into our town!!!	6/21/2017 8:01 AM
145	the town should be promoting the deer in Truro so visitors are aware they are here and may want to come and see them. The Town should do large paintings advertising for motorists to drive slowly and be aware there are deer within the town limits. We keep encroaching on their habitat (Victoria Park)	6/21/2017 7:27 AM
146	Because of the deer our backyard is can not be used by our grandchildren. This is not acceptable!!!	6/21/2017 7:23 AM
147	The comment I have is "When all the wooded area around the town and county is being demolished for housing, did one ever consider what lived in the woods being cut." The deer have to eat and by taking their food and shelter they are being pushed out into residential areas. Post signs advising drivers that deer are in the area and to watch out for them. Homeowners could place put fencing around the plants their flowers. Deer are a big part of nature and we have taken over their domain.	6/21/2017 7:09 AM



148	I STRONGLY oppose hurting them in ANY way. This is wrong, and not something I take lightly. I will fight to the bitter end to make sure this DOES NOT happen. I support birth control or any way to curb future herd growth but in NO way sale or form do I condone cull or any idea that harms them. DO NOT DO IT!!!!!!!	6/21/2017 6:43 AM
149	What's to happen if they don't? Increase the number of deer allotted per hunter! How much would this cost the town? I would say, not much.	6/21/2017 4:05 AM
150	It is incredibly wrong to just kill the deer for being here like they are nothing, every other option should be tried before stopping to this level.	6/20/2017 11:40 PM
151	Don't kill all the deer. It's their home too. Choose a safer and more effiecent and peaceful way of taking care of the problem.	6/20/2017 11:25 PM
152	I personally do Moynihan condone the hunting and killing of deer. However, if the deer meat was to be used (to feed animals, for example) and not just thrown out, I would be more supportive of a controlled killing of the animals.	6/20/2017 11:22 PM
153	Make a decision to act asap!	6/20/2017 11:18 PM
154	There are lots of clearcuts in the county, and few deer, perhaps you should consider clearcutting Victoria Park.	6/20/2017 11:07 PM
155	It's irritating that the deer eat plants we've planted that they are not supposed to like, after we had to learn the hard way, but it's not the end of the world. I'm bothered by their carrying of ticks, and that the "save the deer, they're such gentle creatures" people have no idea that one of these animals could kill someone, be it in a collision or from aggression during mating season or protecting their young. Something needs to be done.	6/20/2017 10:18 PM
156	My grandson has Lyme disease and my daughter has had a collision with deer. I have had a few close calls. It is time to do something! People's lives are at stake for what????	6/20/2017 10:09 PM
157	Deer are wonderful animals. Other towns like Jasper. live with the elk wondering the street and it is amazing. I have had to wait for them to cross the street and it was a close call but fencing would help.	6/20/2017 10:07 PM
158	They should take the deer and relocate them somewhere else!! The more you cut down the trees to build, take over the hills and woods you are taking away their homes, what would you expect to happen when you do that, of course they are going to have no where else to go except into the town where their home use to be. Use your heads and find a place to relocate the deer, especially the doe's and babies. The over population of the deer taking over the town is your own doing by taking their homes to build yours!! Should of been common sense years ago and taken care of properly by relocation of fencing in a wooded area for them all they really have left is the park and few woods around the town.!!!	6/20/2017 9:47 PM
159	If the deer population continues to rise unchecked they will eat themselves out of house and home. Then there will be starvation and the spread of disease which is far crueller to the animals than a cull. They are already eating plants they would not have touched a few years ago. From what I have read in the literature handed out tonight and the options for control most of the methods other than a cull are only minimally effective.	6/20/2017 9:41 PM
160	Lyme disease is serious had child in our area due to deer tick	6/20/2017 9:39 PM
161	Fine the people that are feeding them. Spruce Street, Fir street and Evergreen street residents are openly feeding them and even posting pictures on Facebook, burns my ass	6/20/2017 9:37 PM
162	Deer are beautiful and just as nice as the plants they eat. Only real issue is accident but that can happen most anywhere.	6/20/2017 9:33 PM
163	It's funny how we call ourselves a parks town but get all up in arms when the deer come to say hi. Maybe when we built that road to the top of young street, we destroyed all their homes. (Not to mention that road was a complete waste of money; built ten years too early and incorrectly, lol)	6/20/2017 9:14 PM
164	I feel one of the largest issues is feeding of the deer. I hear countless people who feed the deer, despite knowing there is a feeding ban. Very frustrating!	6/20/2017 9:08 PM
165	Deer belong in natural environment not roaming the town streets in herds of 20 ieating any vegetation available. Endangering motorists leaving urine and feces as they go. If you are unlucky enough to have a neighbour that feeds them unless you fence your property they will eat anything you have planted as they wait for their handout everyday. I owned my property for 30 years and in recent years have had thousands of dollars.of plants shrubs etc destroyed. They are so domesticated they are unafraid of our dogs who by the way have gotten l'll numerous times from eating feces and rolling in urine in our back yard. We are backed by a wooded area so I have been expecting to see a coyote anytime. If the prey is not in the woods they will find them in someone's yard eventually please do something about this problem that has been here for years. People need to be fined if they ignore the bylaw. Feeding deer out a bedroom window or throwing your compost out at the back of your yard is still feeding the deer. Thank you	6/20/2017 9:01 PM
166	i feel that the deer have gotten completely out of control and something has to be done quickly	6/20/2017 9:00 PM



167	I live on the edge of town line. I have a fence for a pool and the dog so I keep my flowers inside that area. I am against any killing of the deer. Heard someone mention bow and arrow...if that's true, I think it is barbaric and definitely against it.	6/20/2017 8:57 PM
168	Regardless of current action, I believe that going forward stronger bylaws to stop residence from encouraging deer to travel streets/property in town is required.	6/20/2017 8:53 PM
169	Open to Controlled hunt and certainly supportive of trap and translocation option as there are low numbers of deer in other parts of our province.	6/20/2017 8:46 PM
170	a cull is the only way....they will only find their way back relocated.....or perhaps they will not survive after being fed for so long	6/20/2017 8:36 PM
171	Not as bad as some make it out to be but it needs to be dealt with or it will get out of control	6/20/2017 8:08 PM
172	please do not kill the deer we need to find another ways. We are taking the forest away from them we need to help them find a better place to go which is safe. Killing is not the way to go	6/20/2017 7:53 PM
173	There are 20+ deer travelling through our property on a given day. They have charged my husband, come way too close to my children looking for food and have jumped and destroyed 2 full vegetable gardens (with 5+ft fencing) the last 2 summers. They are now eating the shrubs my neighbour planted 40+ yrs ago.	6/20/2017 7:47 PM
174	When new subdivisions take over the forest habitat you have to expect the deer to be there - it was their home first! Living just outside town we never see deer, there's plenty of forest for them. It's a people problem not a deer problem.	6/20/2017 7:37 PM
175	Mother Nature will work its way out. Leave them alone and let them be. Stop taking their homes. And if they are a problem to your gardens then put a fence around them. And as for deer and car collisions watch for them as I do every day living in the country.	6/20/2017 7:22 PM
176	Deer are beautiful creatures. Please don't kill them. Relocation would be great.	6/20/2017 7:13 PM
177	Relocate the deer. More fines for people that feed deer. Put deer where they belong and don't kill them.	6/20/2017 7:05 PM
178	A ban on feeding followed by enforcement of the ban should solve a lot of the problems. The deer should NOT be killed!	6/20/2017 7:03 PM
179	The deer are a great deterrent to gardening which is a very important activity for many people and so many are just giving up on this. And Lyme disease is a serious threat as well as other problems as the numbers increase--car accidents, and the possibility of a doe protecting her fawn if threatened	6/20/2017 6:58 PM
180	Cull and provision food banks with the venison.	6/20/2017 6:52 PM
181	I think Truro has more to worry about then deer this is nova scotia not new york city. I would way sooner see a Deer in town than a crackhead	6/20/2017 6:43 PM
182	People are a huge part of the problem by feeding them. There are ways you can deter deer from going in your gardens.	6/20/2017 6:40 PM
183	We do not want to be known as the town that murdered deer while the children slept.	6/20/2017 6:34 PM
184	I purchased a deer deterrent device for my garden last year. It is a motion sensor with a sprinkler that deters deer. Works excellent.	6/20/2017 6:30 PM
185	The deer population is a major problem. The town needs to do a cull. I am fed up with the deer in town!!!!	6/20/2017 6:21 PM
186	In Ontario they use expert first Nation hunters who then can use the entire deer for everything from food to clothing etc etc.	6/20/2017 6:16 PM
187	Signage for visitors/tourists. Welcome to Truro. Be aware of deer. Also, deer crossing signs: Young street, lower Prince, Queen St., etc.	6/20/2017 5:43 PM
188	We encroached into their habitat to build new homes and now we want to kill them for the mess we created, SHAME! Worry more about the drugs, slum lords and illegal goings on in the town of truro	6/20/2017 5:11 PM
189	Killing or harming the deer is inhumane. It's us that have caused this. Not the deer.	6/20/2017 4:50 PM



190	For myself I can only answer with what I have experienced. My homestead is Bible Hill where my parents still reside. Certainly over the years they have become use to people and come out to eat more. The land where they lived was cut away and houses now dwell. I have had a business in the Industrial Park for 30 years. The same has happened in this area. But the certainly don't want any part of humans and each day they all take the journey down the tracks. I drove to the whole park the other day and it is cleared so grown up. I lived in Truro Heights for at least 15 years. They same has happened in this location but I will tell you I had tons of gardens and they never bothered me personally. One year when they asked to feed the birds fruit. They did come up on the porch but being wise to know I didn't want them to learn to be domestic I stopped for a few days and changed up how I fed. I think having an understanding that they should not be treated as pets. Being respectful and understanding.... we are all in a hurry to go where.... to work unhappy, shopping to be unhappy, complaining and rushing our life away. Appreciate nature, adopt as they are and have. You watch any animal they have more respect and compassion for each other. But we miss the life lesson that is right in front of us.	6/20/2017 4:27 PM
191	The reason I marked "opposed" to some of the above, is I do not think they would work....unless one wants to grow only rhubarb in a garden, as they will eat anything else. Population is as tame as pigeons, you can't scare them off during daylight -- they just stare at you, then walk away. I have 6-8 does coming 8 feet from the front door in the winter. They are gone now, but will be back to eat any exposed vegetables come September. Last 2 years a big buck has ran by the house during daytime (9:30 am and 6:30 pm). I have lived in Truro 15 years, and the urban deer here have multiplied rapidly in the last 5 to 8 years. I am in total favour of a controlled bow hunt within town limits. it's most humane way to reduce herd of this semi-tame herd.	6/20/2017 4:15 PM
192	Ticks and lyme disease can only become more of a problem as more ticks carry the disease, and there are more deer to carry the ticks. Vehicle collisions and resulting personal and property damage are of concern. Property damage continues to be of concern. Even shrubs that are deer resistant seem to be tasty to young deer.	6/20/2017 4:09 PM
193	Please just leave them let them live, We have taken all their land and space where are they supposed to go ?And what about bears you re-locate them .I really think this is so silly that you are more concerned about deer then drugs in this town.	6/20/2017 4:08 PM
194	Please remember we are living in their back yard not the reverse. I live in rural NS. Deer are ever present, and not a problem. A cull of any type is inhumane. Bow and Arrow suggestion a travesty. Please consider the suffering of this slow and painful death. Deterrence, fencing supplemental feeding have not yet been tried. Trap and relocate if necessary. I respectfully request all these options be tried. The idea of a cull should be removed from the discussion.	6/20/2017 4:04 PM
195	Deer are beautiful creatures why do people always resort to killing. We have over 7 billion humans on earth.	6/20/2017 4:02 PM
196	Development in Truro should be looked at - a lot of deer on Young St and that area. I have grandchildren in that area of town. I worry about the deer hitting their car - my daughter and son-in-law have had many close calls with the kids in the car too.	6/20/2017 3:57 PM
197	With the expansion of newly created subdivision the deer population that once lived in these areas, now have lost their habitat. We must make every effort to relocate these animals to a more normal environment where they can thrive. They mean no harm to no one. A cull would be completely irresponsible, endangering the public, as well as a wounded deer running into an automobile.	6/20/2017 3:56 PM
198	I think the deer should be donated to the truro food bank.	6/20/2017 3:31 PM
199	None	6/20/2017 3:31 PM
200	Killing innocent animals isn't going to solve the problem. Find another way.	6/20/2017 3:18 PM
201	deer are so used to people they take no notice - moving them would be harmful as they are so urbanized and wouldn't know how to be wild - surgery would be very expensive and isn't going to stop them eating my lawn and plants or getting in the way of cars	6/20/2017 3:12 PM
202	I feel that the town of truro as far more problems are manage then the deer problem. I have many deer in my back yard and this is not a problem to me. I enjoy seeing the deer in the morning. We are taking their homes not the other way around!	6/20/2017 3:00 PM
203	I live right next to Victoria Park and see deer in my neighbourhood almost daily. I like seeing them and am not afraid of them, but likewise they are not afraid of me. My dog is sometimes leashed in my yard and they have learned that he is no threat either. They have eaten our plants over the years and so we have mostly stopped gardening. I think the deer are a problem but one I am prepared to live with. They need a place to live too. That said, I think there should be significant penalties for feeding the deer. Feeding is not in the best interests of pets or people. I am reminded of a poster I saw at a US Campground, "A fed raccoon is a dead raccoon." People who feed are not doing the deer any favours. I would also like to see more education around what can be planted. We need to replace our shrubbery (due to foundation work, not deer damage) and it is difficult to know what to plant. To be clear, I DO NOT support any kind of cull, and the last thing I want is hunters (cullers?) in town with guns or crossbows.	6/20/2017 1:26 PM
204	In the most humane way possible	6/20/2017 1:01 PM



205	I do not live in Truro , but I do frequently, go there to shop, bye groceries,etc..I have seen at least 8 deer in one group, and many other groups of 3 or four , and many lonE deer as well .Prob5	6/20/2017 12:57 PM
206	Just leave the deer alone! It is beyond silly how the Town of Truro is even thinking about killing all the deer. It is an absolute shame, as the deer are not doing anything wrong. You should be ashamed of yourselves.	6/20/2017 12:51 PM
207	There is no reason to destroy the deer. Fence your garden if they are a problem.	6/20/2017 12:46 PM
208	Although we do not live within town limits, my fiancée and I are in Truro constantly, I have seen first hand the abundance of deer. I come from a small town where the deer were plentiful, so I completely understand the cause for concern. Property damage, disease, accidents etc. With a combined effort of interventions such as supplemental feeding stations outside of town, relocation, a feeding ban within town limits, fencing in highly problematic areas, as well as keeping the already existing hunting season it is possible to significantly decrease the "problem" deer population within town limits. We are constantly destroying their habitat and they have no where to go. We owe it to them to give it an honest and valiant effort to be humane. "Nature is cruel, but we don't have to be" - Temple Grandin	6/20/2017 12:46 PM
209	Nature takes care of itself. There are things that can be done that do not harm animals. We are merely stewards of this earth, not Gods. Please do not resort to killing animals as if they are pests. We need respect them, educate ourselves by living with them, not by subduing or killing them.	6/20/2017 11:56 AM
210	There's more people in truro then there is deer. It is us taking away their space.	6/20/2017 11:46 AM
211	Concerned that the generations of deer being born in town will no longer look to leave town and the problem will only escalate. I have not been in a car accident but myself and my husband have both had close calls.	6/20/2017 11:44 AM
212	I was born in Truro, and spent most of my life living in or around the Truro area. I feel the town council is smart enough to find solutions to the deer population problem without resorting to violence. Truro has the finest agricultural college in the country and no one can find a humane way to control the deer numbers? Please, consider what this says to the world about Truro and its residents.	6/20/2017 11:31 AM
213	Use the deer as a tourist attraction, become the deer capital of nova scotia. Advertise it	6/20/2017 11:21 AM
214	learn to live with your environment, I did, and now 20 years too late this town is getting off it's butt to do something.	6/20/2017 11:10 AM
215	People want to live a rural life. They like small town Truro and they like a community that is surrounded by woods. You cannot want a Victoria Park for example, and not want wildlife. Deer belong here. You cannot relocate deer. Just look at every deer relocated to Newfoundland. If you want to relocate them, you might as well just shoot them. Humans created the deer problem in Truro. Don't take it out on the deer. What's next? Might as well kill all the raccoons and ducks too.	6/20/2017 11:08 AM
216	The deer are only here cause people feed them if they stop the deer will go back to the woods and running dogs bring them out have people keep there dogs on leashes they don't need to be killed	6/20/2017 11:02 AM
217	We see the deer around the houses mostly in the winter and early spring when they are hungry. In the good weather we hardly see them other then the fields.They are unique to the area, and I have heard visitors comment on how nice it is just to be able see these animals other then hanging dead in some hunters yard.I strongly oppose the cruel method of bow hunting.I hope people will protest this.	6/20/2017 10:50 AM
218	We took their homes away. They have every right to live. It is nice to see them around. Any method to kill them is just horrible. I believe we can all live peacefully together. Please spend your time as a council worrying about something else. Any money put into deer would be much better spent in fixing our roads or adding playgrounds around town.	6/20/2017 10:45 AM
219	We live on this earth with other animals so we need to learn how to share the space we are given. The deer are harmless and haven't proven to have harmed anyone. As far as hitting one in your car I say pay attention. How many people driving 50 kmph Can't see a deer in the road? The kind with a phone in their hand that's who. I lived in Truro for 29 years and not once had an issue with the deer.	6/20/2017 10:43 AM
220	The town has developed in the deer natural space so just suck it up and leave them alone. I live on the out skirts of Truro with a herd of deer living across the street from me and they continue to eat my plants etc in my yard but this is their turf and I just let them be.	6/20/2017 10:33 AM
221	I have friends, and family in the turo area and as well have visited many many times and they all agree that Killing the deer shouldn't be the first option, theirs plenty of other ways to go about fixing the issue at hand. Relocation, population control. But not killing.	6/20/2017 10:23 AM
222	I feel strongly that the deers should be killed and the meat processed and donated. I think people should be able to sign up and receive a processed deer if they live in Truro. Why waste all that food? Make their lives count for something and for once it would be nice if it benefitted everyone not just the poor.	6/20/2017 10:23 AM
223	Feed Nova Scotia don't waste anything	6/20/2017 10:18 AM



224	people need to stop cutting the woods down as this is why there are so many deer around as they have no place to go.the government needs to allow people to get a couple of deer in hunting season and this would also cut down on them as well	6/20/2017 10:18 AM
225	If the town stopped clear cutting what woods is left in town deer wouldn't be displaced. Secondly we have a huge natural wooded park in tje heart of town so of course we are going to have deer. Thirdly stop killing the deers natural predators & population will be naturally controlled. Thirdly for all those complaining slow down when driving & drive mindfully that way you'll avoid hitting said deer or any other animals	6/20/2017 10:18 AM
226	On two different occasions (once family and once friends) visit the town knowing the deer were here, and were looking forward to seeing them. They are a bit of a tourist attraction.	6/20/2017 10:07 AM
227	deer have eaten my gardens in the past but i put up deer fencing and it works.It's our fault they are in town so it's up to us to adapt. I think feral cats are a bigger problem.	6/20/2017 9:52 AM
228	I'm not from Truro but I visit often. I love seeing the deer once in a while. Culling should only be a LAST RESORT. People should be educated about repellants (store bought and homemade versions), etc and products should be made readily available to anyone and everyone concerned about deer.	6/20/2017 9:51 AM
229	I strongly disagree of the deer cull if people are that worried about the deer coming on the land put up a damn fence, if the are getting into gardens put a fence up made of chicken wire,leave the deer alone they were here way before any of you. If the deer cull goes through, I will not think of the town a nice place to visit, I will let anyone I know if they want to come here to visit, I will tell them Truro is not as beautiful and nice as I once thought.and if I have to I will move out of Truro	6/20/2017 9:50 AM
230	One must remember that it is us, the residents who are encroaching on their habitat. The town is growing outwards at a rate the the wild population can no longer avoid. If our urban planning is taking away their living space, where would one expect them to live. we are pushing them out of their homes into our homes, so I believe that we must learn to co-exist unless one is heartless enough to believe that killing all the deer in town is a sound idea. There will always be deer in urban areas and we need to start accepting this as a part of living in what is considered a rural area. Yes the deer are going to get into your garden, and yes they might knock down a fence or two, the deer population was here long before us and it is we who need to adapt to them to a certain degree, not them to us, that is the joy and the curse of living in this beautiful rural area. If people want to live in a wild life free area I suggest they move to the city, rural Nova Scotia has many fantastic charms and it's curses, one of which is the deer population in town. It's something most townies have become accustomed too and look on as a minor annoyance, it's a part of who we are and to change that is an overly drastic way should not be who we are.	6/20/2017 9:34 AM
231	Against a cull. Other measures which will cost money will have to happen. No happy medium here.	6/20/2017 9:32 AM
232	You need to see the larger picture. Deer are only as much of a problem as you make them out to be. All the "inconveniences" they may cause are deserved because they came here first. Truro is a town so stop trying to expand like a city, and stop expecting the deer to not get confused. They don't know where else to go when you clear cut their homes and build apartment/retirement buildings. And as far as controlling fertility? Consider what it would be like if it was you in that situation. Would you like someone sneaking behind your back and putting anti-fertility drugs in your food supply or even straight gave them to you without your permission? I find it sad when a community that claims to be so nice and "brought together" can even discussed something like this. Just because deer don't have the ability to talk or communicate with us doesn't mean they aren't living mammals like you and I. It doesn't mean they can't feel things. I say you relocate them at the very most, as far as everything else goes, leave them be. They were here first, we are invasive towards their species, NOT the other way around.	6/20/2017 9:32 AM
233	If you identify an animal in traffic areas such as East Prince, Willow St or within the Industrial Park, by all means remove these animal but those that have only ventured from Victoria Park (their habitat) into a residential yard should be left alone ... residents living next to green spaces should expect encounters with wildlife as should residents living next to playgrounds and baseball fields should expect noise from children's laughter and the occasional foul ball.	6/20/2017 9:07 AM
234	A strong, ongoing, multi-platform, plain language public education campaign is a must, no matter what approaches are taken. Any public education campaign must include communication with retailers to stop marketing/selling "deer apples" or other deer food. Look to the various energy efficiency programs for how they got buy-in from consumers - reward citizens for compliance, assistance or participation. Look to "free tree" programs and consider a "replace your garden's deer food" type of program - hand over a hosta, get a deer-resistant perennial. Help citizens to clearly see the benefits of reducing and removing the deer population from this urban area, and how feeding deer is dangerous to both deer and humans. Fines for feeding deer need to be significant right from the start - zero tolerance, no excuses.	6/20/2017 8:40 AM
235	I think its horrible to kill them relocate if anything they are no harm, we took their homes an now the result is hurting them, i love seeing them around	6/20/2017 8:30 AM
236	Numerous occasions of deer running into traffic.They have no fear and this brazen attitude has safety implications (sudden stops,swerving to avoid) Fortunate that no Lyme reported yet however not aware if a parasite load study has been done to determine if deer are tick free. TKS	6/20/2017 8:26 AM



237	When I moved here six years ago, there was a buck, mother and two fawns. Today there are eight deer, morning and evening still using the same trails on a daily basis. I use sprays, fencing and deterrents. They do work however forgetting to be diligent, on my part, is not wise.	6/20/2017 8:13 AM
238	It's not only a tic and car/deer collision problem but will eventually be a coyote problem.	6/20/2017 7:36 AM
239	All life is precious. Every measure should be taken to relocate rather than kill.	6/20/2017 7:18 AM
240	Up the amount of deer that can be bagged in hunting season, or open two hunting seasons.	6/20/2017 6:02 AM
241	Seems unfair to kill the deer when feeding them seems to be a big part of the problem. There would not be so many deer here if people were not feeding them OR they were not foraging on our gardens, trees, shrubs and lawns.	6/19/2017 11:34 PM
242	Humanely relocate these animals please	6/19/2017 10:25 PM
243	Let the bow hunters hunt. Safest way since it has to be done in close proximity.	6/19/2017 10:17 PM
244	please try to come up with a plan so that the deer do not have to be killed - we recently had a cull in our Park here in Leamington - because of this I will never go to the Park ever again - in 2017 there surely are ways that you can work with wildlife ensuring that they can live in peace - thank you	6/19/2017 9:32 PM
245	It's a bigger problem than a lot of people realize.	6/19/2017 9:29 PM
246	The deer have had their land stripped and developed so obviously they have to go somewhere. Feeding the deer should be properly fined, but the complaint that they are eating people's flowers does not rise to the need for a cull. Should there be a cull, what would the growing coyote population feed on? I would prefer to have to watch for deer than worry about putting my dog outside at night. Everyone knows that there are deer everywhere when you're driving around Truro - I would rather see funds allocated to traffic cameras to deal with the dangerous driving caused by an obscene amount of people who speed and drive through red lights. The amount of people who run the lights surely causes more accidents or near accidents than the deer. I've probably seen 25 + deer this week, but the car who sped through the red light on Robie Street was what almost caused a serious accident. Flowers are not important enough to kill any animal; an imminent threat to life should be the only reason to take drastic measures such as a cull or sterilization into consideration. The deer have been around in droves for years now; there is no threat. There is, however, a serious threat to human life by an increasing number of reckless drivers refusing to obey basic traffic laws.	6/19/2017 9:16 PM
247	I feel that people know where the deer can be seen in town and take the necessary precautions. I'm also concerned that a drop in the deer population might result in an issue with Coyotes who are also getting very close to town and are a larger threat to people's safety.	6/19/2017 9:09 PM
248	If the humans stop cutting out the woods we would never have this problem with deer coming in the yards as humans are so dumb I love to see deer in around my yard they are so beautiful special with their babies they are more important things for town council do than try to deal with deer population I say we need to be more careful around town and learn to live with the deer	6/19/2017 9:09 PM
249	Go Humane. This is a political losing idea, to kill deer in town.	6/19/2017 8:00 PM
250	Something that was remiss in this survey was the fact that we can no longer go barefoot on our properties or allow our children or grandchildren to run freely through the grass as there are mounds of deer droppings all over the yards. These droppings are covered with flies. Another fact is that the soccer field at the top of Wood St. is used by people coming from out of town who are not aware of the fact you have to be wary of herds of deer running out in front of you. This poses a risk of an accident. Many times people go to the top of the Wood St to turn around and come down at a speed where stopping for deer would be impossible.	6/19/2017 7:08 PM
251	Please realize they are living creatures with blood and nerves. They can feel pain. Do not let them suffer for something they don't know they are truly doing. Please think wisely.	6/19/2017 6:51 PM
252	In addition to annual damage to gardens on our property (vegetable and ornamental) we constructed a six foot high fence to deter the deer from entering the yard - \$4000.00 cost approximately. The removal of deer faeces in the yard is also a major irritant and concern.	6/19/2017 6:27 PM
253	Heavy fines for those feeding the deer. Warning signs to alert drivers that deer may be present.	6/19/2017 6:22 PM
254	gps them, put a reflective collar on them, track them on a website, give them personalities, have kids at school name them, do daily deer reports like the old farm report, promote them for world tourism to small-town truro. come on use yer heads! at least hire a wildlife officer to deal with the problem animals just to move them along. remember ... " you heard it here first".	6/19/2017 5:59 PM
255	Although I don't live within Town of Truro limits, I am still affected by what happens. I live in the Princeton Heights area and certainly see my share of deer. We have infringed on their lands and we need to just accept they are part of our neighborhoods.	6/19/2017 4:20 PM



256	I am opposed to any killing of deer in the town. There are other strategies that the town can implement that do not involve a deer cull to satisfy people who want an excuse to hunt. This is dangerous for the community and our children and I for one am disgusted the town would even consider this.	6/19/2017 4:08 PM
257	I may not have had any collisions with a deer recently but I have had too many close calls.	6/19/2017 4:04 PM
258	Please do not kill them.	6/19/2017 3:44 PM
259	Many other ways to keep the deer in the woods, no need to kill them!	6/19/2017 3:30 PM
260	Bow hunting would be a great way to get rid of these newsent dear.	6/19/2017 2:58 PM
261	just because I don't live in truro, most non-truro residents drive through here everyday for work, shopping and other, so seeing and witnessing deer is an everyday thing, using town residents only as a measure to go by with these questions shouldn't be, we all are part of the town of truro whether or not we reside here, and in the county the deer population is just as numbered, but the properties are larger and wooded more, and I would answer the following questions the same as I did here, thanks	6/19/2017 2:40 PM
262	Keltie Jones feeds deer.	6/19/2017 2:12 PM
263	As someone who has been driving in Truro for over 10 years, I have never even been close to a motor vehicle accident with a deer. Not that I haven't seen them, but it's more about learning to drive responsibly than about killing a potential obstacle. If that's the case, let's just ban children from playing outdoors, remove housing on all corners, etc. People have to be more cautious with the technology they've created, not further disrupt the ecosystem because of it. As far as gardening, we have many means of food. Gardening is a privilege, and if we need to buy fencing or chicken wire to do so, so what. A minor monitory / visual disrupt is much better than killing off one thing that I love about this town, one thing that actually keeps me here -our nature.	6/19/2017 1:29 PM
264	Please do not kill the deer. They are just deer. People should be fined for feeding them or other wildlife. The deer will move along when there is not a food source. The deer are not responsible for the stupidity of people.	6/19/2017 12:23 PM
265	None yet.	6/19/2017 12:01 PM
266	I live 10 minutes outside of Truro in Valley. Killing the deer isn't the answer. Clear cutting needs to stop. People need to stop feeding them so they will look for their own food. If they eat my plants on my property, which they did eat my tulips this year, so what they are hungry and I am happy they feed. These first world problems are just that! Let's learn to be kind and compassionate to all life. We have a fence around our vegetable garden and it is high and they can't get in to it. I think the town of Truro needs to spend their money of the serous issues. Drug issues, slum lords, making Truro more safe. We have the methodone clinic on Willow Street and we really need to address the drug problems.	6/19/2017 11:42 AM
267	I support any method that doesn't harm or kill the deer. This isn't their fault	6/19/2017 11:41 AM
268	My son had lyme disease last year from a tick. My daughter and next door neighbour have had ticks on them.	6/19/2017 11:41 AM
269	Get with the program and rectify this problem A.S.A.P. before adults and children contract lime disease and ticks. Also, there is a high risk of motor vehicle accidents that could cause serious injuries or fatalities.	6/19/2017 11:37 AM
270	The problem isn't the deer, it's the people who have continued to feed the deer despite warnings and information not to do so. The deer have become used to using the town as a food supply and this is the result. I think there are humane and natural ways to help the population without involving killing the deer. That is cruel and unnecessary. Not acceptable. At all.	6/19/2017 11:18 AM
271	It would be nice to have a tulip festival again.	6/19/2017 10:52 AM
272	I have not been in any accidents as a result of deer in town, but I have come very close, both on my bike and in my car.	6/19/2017 10:52 AM
273	I am very opposed to the idea of having people hunting in parks residential areas and out of town in any ways. It makes the Town of Truro look like very inefficient and clueless about hot to manage this situation. The bows and arrows are from the past. This give a very precarious look on the people who propose this idea. If this is the only solution they can come up withwe should check who is getting paid for such a lame job in the Town of Truro. Very upsetting.	6/19/2017 10:02 AM
274	I feel that if the town were overrun with another type of pest than efforts would have been made earlier. I have a son who will be driving soon, the deer are a hazard to drivers in this town. Lyme disease is becoming more common. The deer will not improve this situation.	6/19/2017 9:57 AM
275	Please do not consider a cull - especially with bows and arrows. I have seen so many cases of deer wandering around with an arrow sticking out of their faces. I read that people are feeding them (which will of course bring them close to town) and that there is a fine for doing so but it's not being enforced. Please do not make the deer suffer but instead enforce or even raise the fine for anyone caught leaving food out for /or feeding deer. I believe that if they are not fed (and this is strictly enforced) they will move on. Thank you for inviting input!!	6/19/2017 9:44 AM



276	We are taking away the deer habitat and bulldozing the natural areas where they live. Deforestation is on the rise as well. Deer are not the only animals that have ticks; actually, ticks have come from birds migrating to the areas as well as other animals. I have seen some of these so-called 'hunters' in town and it is ridiculous that we would consider sharpshooting and a "controlled" hunt of deer to control them. And let people with guns around in Town? This is absurd and reckless. This is not controlling the issue; if the issue is there are too many in the Town, then we need to control this by other means such as imposing a feeding ban to deter those that want to feed wild animals, introduce fencing, gardening techniques, repellents and any other deer deterrence that is effective.	6/19/2017 9:37 AM
277	Relocation with help from the Dept of Wildlife would be ideal.	6/19/2017 9:30 AM
278	Killing an animal because it's overpopulated a human populated area is ridiculous. We are the ones who came in and destroyed their forest and home to build our town. They have survival instincts to tell them to go where they feel safe. We are not superior and if you honestly think that killing innocent animals because they are bothering our society is crazy. This is insane. The deer are equally important as a human or any other species. Educate yourself and understand we are the ones in the wrong that destroy the homes of all these animals. There is no need of this.	6/19/2017 8:57 AM
279	Try the humane approach first	6/19/2017 8:43 AM
280	This has been a growing problem for years and the Town Council has not had the leadership to take action. Of course you need a no feeding by-law these are not domestic animals. The issue now is very serious. I am concerned for my aging parents who live in town. I have never seen anything like it. The question is, does the leadership have the ability to take action, just not do what is politically convenient for them. I would need to learn more about the control measures above before commenting further. The situation is so bad now that you need more measures than a feeding ban.	6/19/2017 8:29 AM
281	I love hunting, but to go kill all the deer because of HUMANS feeding and imprinting on them is wrong. Unsafe to have people hunting around the city.	6/19/2017 6:38 AM
282	Let's not wait until someone is killed or some young person ends up with rabies.	6/19/2017 4:06 AM



283	First just say NO to any type of Cull! This is a saddening and sickening prospect. We have had visitors from across Canada and US who are always in awe that our community shares its space with wildlife. In the past we had two young boys from Toronto as billets and I think they spent their entire time looking out the window in hopes of catching a glimpse of a deer, squirrels, hares, pheasants, or other birds. We love our window into the world of nature! Our property borders on Woodland and green space - as does a lot of Truro, especially the upper sections. Your survey does not really provide an accurate look at the deer and their numbers. The number of deer seen in the winter time exceeds the number of deer seen in the spring/summer and fall. The number of times the deer are seen is different as well. While I might see 2-6 deer daily during the winter or several times a week, in the summer I might see 1-3 deer several times a week, sometimes every few weeks and in the midst of summer rarely at all. The deer are seldom directly in our yard, since we have learned what they like to munch on and have replaced those plants with deer resistant vegetation, and have fenced those other plants we know they like and we like too. They have caused no damage, other than a few chewed plants and we learned quickly they really like hosta, strawberries and such (we get around that by putting them in pots on the deck during summer). While not physically on our property most of the time, they do pass through the woods directly behind, in the green space beside and across the street from our property. During the summer months they are seen less, and there are less of them roaming about. As spring hits more of them stay in the woods. In the bad winter (2015) there were upwards of 8-14 in and around our neighbourhood. During the past winter there were usually 4-6. These are pretty well the same deer, with a different odd one every now and then. In the summer months they can be sometimes be seen grazing in the field and sometimes if someone has tempting shrubs they will graze there as well but normally only one or two at a time. Never once have I seen any aggression. Even last fall (Remembrance day to be exact) when a doe and two young wandered into our yard. I noticed something and on closer look this doe had an arrow protruding from her side. Imagine that imagine as you contemplate killing the deer - many of the children in the neighbourhood saw this poor creature. She was not aggressive but just did what deer do, graze, despite her injury! I am strongly opposed to anyone patrolling our communities with weapons, organized or not and killing wildlife. I wonder how it could be deemed a possibility - when we were looking for "help" for the arrow deer, it was stated that it could be dangerous to try to help her within an urban setting, she might run in panic and further injure herself or someone else.... would this not be an issue tenfold in some of the options laid out. I understand her case was because of deer jacking - several other deer were also hit and suffered injury. Deer also do not become dependent on food from humans from supplemental winter feedings, with that said humans need to be educated on when it might be appropriate and when it is not and what to feed. Certainly the winter of 2015 was an exception and I believe wildlife officials across the province even urged people to help..... in our position as supposedly superior beings (this is questionable in a lot of instances) should we not help in dire times. During that year my father, who lives in NB, grew up in the country, been an avid hunter all his life, scared deer away from his crops etc., banned with several neighbours to feed the deer - it was an extra ordinary time - they fed the deer daily and like clockwork the deer would show up (usually 20+ in the herd), never aggressive, never causing injury or damage - there were no accidents in their community caused by deer during that time. When the weather conditions improved they stopped, deer went back to their normal patterns, and other than the few who normally grazed in the hay fields and had their young there, it was life as normal. Deer will check out bird feeders in the winter, but once their natural food sources return, you don't see them looking... I have however seen them munching out on the dandelions on the lawns in the spring time. The deer in our area do cross streets - if you live here you know frequent crossing areas, and that where there is one there is usually more, slow down in those areas, deer crossing signage might help in areas known for travel. Unfortunately there are always going to be accidents but I would say there are likely more accidents caused by humans than the deer. In the past week I have had two near misses from people failing to stop at stop signs, none from deer! If removing the deer comes into play either through a cull, or relocation, how are future forest inhabitants going to be kept from coming in to take their place? Will Truro become a giant gated community? Doesn't seem practical. Are the complaints coming from hundreds of residents or by less numbers? Dealing with wildlife within an urban setting can be challenging, or through education we can learn to respect wildlife and live in harmony with our furry neighbours. As a society that continuously moves into forested areas for our own use these animals have to go somewhere. Maybe a little more common sense from some people and this wouldn't be an issue. There are plenty more pressing issues than deer where our tax dollars could be better spent! SAVE THE DEER!	6/19/2017 1:04 AM
284	DO NOT KILL THESE INNOCENT HARMLESS ANIMALS.	6/19/2017 12:35 AM
285	Living in a big city 8/12 months for school and only visiting a few times per month. The deer roaming free are my favourite part about being home. The deer make Truro home.	6/18/2017 11:37 PM
286	This is messed up. Your making a decision to murder countless deer because of what? They're in your backyard and ate your plants??? We are supposed to be sharing this earth with animals not killing all the animals so that we will have it easier. Relocating would be an option but I'm scared the relocation will result in young being separated from their mothers. Murdering is NOT an option. I would be ashamed to live in Truro if we decided to hunt, or sterilize these helpless animals. I'm not sure how any of you would sleep at night knowing you could be the reason that plenty daughters, sons, mothers and fathers would be murdered.	6/18/2017 11:19 PM
287	I do not believe that the deer should be harmed while trying to control the population. Their land is slowly being taken away by new development, which therefore is forcing them into the town limits. They are only trying to survive and I believe we should help them, not harm them.	6/18/2017 11:15 PM



288	While I feel that there is a problem with the deer population, I also feel the the town and it's residents have to assume some responsibility for it. When residents are hand feeding the deer, they lose what fear they may have had towards humans. Feeding in the winter also throws away one of the population controls that nature has always used. That being said, there has also been an increase in the amount of development taking place in the south of the town near Victoria Park and at the top of Young which directly impacts their habitat. If we are going to cause chaos in their world, we need to figure out how to co-exist with them. Not just kill them. On a side note...I believe very strongly that trapping is inhumane.	6/18/2017 10:04 PM
289	I am not in favor of harming deer or other wild animals for the sake of nervous locals. Many places in Canada and the rest of NA and the world humans co exist with deer and other species.	6/18/2017 9:43 PM
290	A highly controlled hunt with top priority of safety, with designated hunters, in exact approved tree stands, at designated times, and with public fully educated of conditions of hunt has been proven to be effective in many urban areas across North America. Key is educate public, and highly controlled hunt.	6/18/2017 8:18 PM
291	Don't harm the deer, they're just trying to live their lives like any one else here.	6/18/2017 7:00 PM
292	Does sharpshooting mean you're going to start sniping deer?	6/18/2017 6:24 PM
293	These animals are hunted enough during hunting season. They are not the problem. People are the problem. Deer only came into the towns because they were pushed out of the woods by the hunters	6/18/2017 6:13 PM
294	Hello Town, I am against hunting in any manner. I believe all animals should be free to live. The deer in town are always a treat to see. We are taking away their homes. I would fully support the sterilizing of deer and on a lower scale the feeding stations. There are many abandoned buildings and lots around town why could they not be used for the feeding stations. I know we can all find a solution to this problem without the killing of these gently creatures. Thank You.	6/18/2017 5:41 PM
295	I think at this stage of the game it is extremely inhumane to purge the deer. If we could hold ourselves accountable for feeding the deer and otherwise attracting them in to town and take the steps necessary to fine those going against the feeding ban, we will have no reason to go to extreme drastic measures. I will not continue to live in or be a homeowner in the Truro location if we can not make the simplest level headed decisions that effect our town.	6/18/2017 5:17 PM
296	Leave them alone! Stop clear cutting their home. When you took the coyote population away it created more deer so what will happen if you take the deer away. Let nature take its course. Truro has more problems then deer to worry about!	6/18/2017 5:14 PM
297	Deer populations are higher in urban areas because of more attractive habitat and snow free travel corridors not supplemental feeding. A controlled bow cull is a revenue generating proposition as opposed to the other taxpayer funded options.	6/18/2017 5:01 PM
298	I think it is ridiculous to even consider hunting these deer or euthanizing them. They are animals.. Friendly animals at that. They are not threatening or vicious. People need to us caution and be smart about it. Use fencing or other forms of deterrence if you don't want them on your lawn or eating your gardens. They were here first, when you cut down all the trees they have no where to go. It breaks my heart they the consideration of hunting them is here. Its sickening.	6/18/2017 4:56 PM
299	People have to stop feeding them. Deer are beautiful creatures and they need to be able to fend for them selves. When people feed them in their back yards etc then the animals get tame and use to people. These people who feed them need to be "trapped and relocated". I have seen about 5 or more car accidents because deer are trying to get to the apples that people leave out for them. I know in my area where I USUALLY see deer and I slow down and keep my eyes open for them. The problem is NOT the deer, it's people!!! Thank you and have a wonderful day!!	6/18/2017 4:19 PM
300	hard to answer above question without additional information on effectiveness. I am not an expert. Thus, I can really agree / disagree with above options.	6/18/2017 3:35 PM
301	Separate the males from females and make smaller breeds, and make them smaller and smaller until there the size of dogs or cats..	6/18/2017 2:44 PM
302	I live alongside of Victoria park we are in invading on their homes, they are never a issue they respect our space and always leave our pets alone. I enjoy seeing the deer and I am willing to sacrifice my flowers. If you feel the need to do deal with the "deer problem" please look at alternative options like safely trapping them and relocate. I do NOT agree with hunting or killing them!	6/18/2017 1:49 PM
303	The deer are only trying to survive in a world where humans are destroying their habitat, they are not the problem humans are!	6/18/2017 1:43 PM
304	Do not touch the deer. If Newfoundland can live in harmony with the moose, surely Truro can handle sharing their space with us. I will take this further if Truro decides to "CULL" our wildlife. If you're not eating it, don't KILL the deer	6/18/2017 1:43 PM



305	Having just moved to Truro, we are amazed at the sheer number of deer in the town. We feel, that if something is not done to remove them from the town, deaths will occur both to the people and the deer as they are very brazen and jump out in front of your vehicles. The penalty for feeding the deer should be raised to deter people from feeding them. Killing them would be the extreme measure and could bring negative feedback for the tourists who visit our town.	6/18/2017 1:30 PM
306	Yes deer can be somewhat of an issue, but if i were to cut down your homes to build things what would you do? You allow expansion without consideration for any animals that live in the area then get mad when they don't just move on.	6/18/2017 12:22 PM
307	Please do not treat these animals as a nuisance that must be exterminated. They have a right to life. They may be a pest to humans, but consider what a pest humans are to this Planet! There are almost 8 BILLION of us. WE are invading animal homes, NOT the other way around. We are causing the Sixth Mass Extinction. Please show compassion towards all animals. I hope your town finds a kind and caring solution to living peacefully with the deer ??	6/18/2017 12:14 PM
308	Don't hurt the deers ! Just don't feed them !	6/18/2017 12:07 PM
309	Leave the deer alone. They aren't hurting anyone. Who cares if someone has one of their precious garden flowers eaten. Put up chicken wire and that won't happen. A miniscule problem like that is not worth an animals life. If someone hits a deer with their car, most of the time it's down to by paying enough attention or driving too fast at night. The town needs to stop making problems out of nothing and focus on issues that do matter. Leave nature alone and let it take its course.	6/18/2017 11:00 AM
310	A limited bow hunt conducted by experts could reduce numbers drastically. Give the deer to the needy and conduct in September	6/18/2017 10:34 AM
311	Feeding is the first problem that needs to be addressed but people's gardens are not deer food as much as it turns out being just that. Management is required. It should be an equal selection for hunters that will get to harvest. They should be interviewed and any qualified hunter with no special considerations given to individuals or groups can apply having DNR choose the hunters and tags based on ability to minimize public awareness hunters are harvesting animals. If more then any hunter can eat is harvested and their services are desired for more deer harvesting and no other qualified hunter is available then food bank donation should be considered.	6/18/2017 9:42 AM
312	My side of town is not bad but I have come too close to hitting them in other areas with my car several times, a cull should be put in place and bring them under control. Quispamsis NB has the same problem and I believe they put in a controlled bow hunt to curb the numbers after several car collisions.	6/18/2017 9:30 AM
313	I feel that a hunt in town will lead to the unnecessary pain and suffering of the deer which will likely result in a traumatic scene for the people in town as well. I am not opposed to hunting in general, it is not a matter of my feelings toward hunting. My partner is a hunter and he hunts ethically during the appropriate hunting season. However, the majority of the people who would be involved in this type of a hunt likely lack the skill or patience to execute it properly which would end very badly. Correct the behaviour of the people in town who feed the deer and provide other places for the deer to graze/feed outside of town; these are more appropriate measures and do not result in any unnecessary pain, suffering, or death. And people need to learn that there are repercussions for feeding deer.	6/18/2017 9:18 AM
314	think they should consult with other jurisdictions that have put deer population action plans in place. Consider, if you relocate - there is potential for spreading ticks, disease, etc to another area. Consult with Feed NS re available venison for distribution.	6/18/2017 8:32 AM
315	Euthanasia and/or surgical sterilization sounds both costly and difficult. Hunting seems less wasteful, though potentially dangerous in town. The idea of controlling the deer population doesn't seem to be popular but running around the streets in fairly significant groups can't be any safer for the deer than it is for the drivers. It's unfortunately easy to forget to be extra careful in the evenings/early mornings when they're most active.	6/18/2017 7:37 AM
316	They enhance the experience of being in Truro. Post road signs to watch for deer. Encourage residents to fence shrubs.	6/18/2017 7:29 AM
317	I have lived in the area for 7+yrs now and have only had problems with the deer eating plants in the garden and have also only witnessed one vehicle collision(on east prince) but i strongly feel its the landowners responsibility to provide a means of deterrence or property protection. As an avid hunter i would far rather see the deer around than removed. i feel a controlled hunt its extremely unfair to the animals as many are so accustomed to people thru feeding or just proximity that they would not stand a chance.Also as an experienced bowhunter, theres alot of us that really are not as accurate as they should be and i feel the potential for property damage along with wounded animals escaping amongst the public may draw a lot of negative attention,if done participants should have stringent testing to prove their skills to minimize room for error. I would far rather see the feeding ban enforced stronger and property owners applying deterrents.	6/18/2017 7:12 AM
318	Thought I do not live in Truro do all my business in the Town A good deer population could also be a big tourist attraction	6/18/2017 7:07 AM



319	I worry about. People getting hurt during hunting them. I am a daycare teacher and we take the children for a walk in Victoria park weekly and I worry about safety if we are walking or playing in the woods where the deer live.	6/18/2017 6:45 AM
320	I am opposed to killing or harm of the deer whose homes we took. I support relocating if the families will be relocated together and I support fertility control. Other than that people can fence their gardens and drive cautiously as they should be driving anyways.	6/18/2017 5:49 AM
321	I don't want the deers hurt in any way, but I am at the point that I gave up on flowers and shrubs. Waste of money!	6/18/2017 5:06 AM
322	the problem is well known, the question is what is council going to do to address it.	6/18/2017 12:24 AM
323	The population has grown considerably in five years. It is going to get progressively worse each year. Something has to be done to reduce or slow down the population.	6/17/2017 11:28 PM
324	I don't think the deer are really a problem for most people. The bigger problem are the people who arrogantly believe we have a right to kill animals when they become "inconvenient ". There are civilized ways of dealing with this issue that don't involve harm. I really hope that the Town will choose to do the right thing.	6/17/2017 11:24 PM
325	For once the town and county need to work together, I have had 3 near misses on the road this spring.	6/17/2017 11:18 PM
326	Is there not already a feeding ban ? I have never seen it enforced although there are many people who openly admit to feeding the deer in town	6/17/2017 11:13 PM
327	Cull by natives	6/17/2017 11:07 PM
328	Spending money to control the animals seems unnecessary. That money should be allocated to many other things. This is a simple overpopulation issue that can be solved with culling. It requires little money, and they are becoming a huge nuisance.	6/17/2017 10:55 PM
329	This is ridiculous. Their are many more important things that the town of Truro should be focused on. The deer are not harming anyone. We are taking their land. Where are they supposed to go? Do something more important with the money. Like fix the roads	6/17/2017 10:29 PM
330	They are innocent animals. It is wrong to just kill them off, we are the invasive species. Leave them be.	6/17/2017 10:22 PM
331	People need to stop feeding the deer in town. They become dependent on this as a primary source of food. There is a house below mine that feed the deer regularly. They are at the bottom of a blind crest. There have been numerous close calls with herds of deer crossing the street to feed at the residence noted. Very frustrating	6/17/2017 10:14 PM
332	We don't kill off people in Truro and there's too many of them and the food bank feeds them so why hurt the deer leave them alone don't kill them	6/17/2017 10:11 PM
333	People need to stop feeding them. We r Constantly talking away their habitat! I do not want to see Any animal who means no harm to be hurt	6/17/2017 10:03 PM
334	LEAVE THE DEER ALONE	6/17/2017 10:02 PM
335	I am disappointed in the bias displayed in the Deer Management document (ie giving certain measures a price range when involving lethal methods and only high end of range for non lethal methods, use of persuasive language). With the amount of resources available why only suggest other communities' methods? Truro could take an innovative approach to partner with Dalhousie Faculty of Ag to identify new solutions as a leader. Most of these suggested methods have been found to provide limited long term benefit and, in the case of culls, become cyclical necessities that create short term reduced numbers but does nothing to solve the long term issue of deer populations habituated to living in close proximity to humans and habitat loss/degradation. Rarely is it possible to identify and target specific nuisance deer in order to meet targets and deadlines of a controlled cull.	6/17/2017 10:00 PM
336	If you do decide to go with a cull or hunt I think it would be best to choose experienced hunters. Quick, ethical kills would be very important in this scenario in my opinion.	6/17/2017 9:43 PM
337	I have lived in my home for 6 years now and have watched many baby deer turn into adults. My two children and myself love seeing them pass through or yard morning and night. They have never once caused any issues in our area. Please don't kill the deer! There are so many baby's right now too, it's not right. There has to be another way!!	6/17/2017 9:33 PM
338	You have to come up with something to control the deer population.Stif fines for those who feed them.	6/17/2017 9:17 PM
339	There are other jurisdictions that are doing wonderful things with deer birth control methods. There should some study done of effective management without killing.	6/17/2017 9:10 PM



340	This is a wildlife issue. Invite Nova Scotia federation of anglers and hunters to be involved and get bow hunters and cross bow hunters involved to control population. Deer populations have increased due to farming practices around Truro. Better feed like soybean and corn around outside town. This program should cost Truro and tax payers \$0.00 to manage. Use the women and youth hunters and get them involved and manage the herd by hunting. Deer travel 10 to 20 km to migrate and find food. Remember we the people are living in the deer woods. Use the professionals and volunteer groups that are available to help you. This is a \$0 cost to tax payers.	6/17/2017 9:10 PM
341	Expansion of the town and subdivisions is what's driving the deer into town as we are taking over their homes. They're not dangerous. They're simply hungry. Deer are highly intelligent and I've seen many that's are adoptive to out traffic - as I've seen them look across the street before crossing, walking alongside the side of the road until safe, etc. Those residents of Truro in accidents are simply being poor drivers and not paying the road proper attention. Deer in the middle of the woods are exponentially more dangerous to the roads as they are more wild and not used to traffic. Shooting the number of deer in town would be inhumane and a huge detriment to our natural wildlife population. #savethedeer	6/17/2017 9:08 PM
342	Controlled hunt with the venison being donated to the feed nova scotia program	6/17/2017 8:57 PM
343	This would be a helluva opportunity to have a controlled bow hunt, perhaps even get some of the mobility challenged hunting people involved. This Can be done in a 100% safe manner, even donate some of the harvested game to Feed Nova Scotia. Lots of clubs and volunteers province wide would be likely willing to donate or lend a hand in planning the logistics of a controlled hunt !!	6/17/2017 8:55 PM
344	I feel like a reduction in the species is best for the town but I also wonder if it's better for the health of the species. Concentrating on this problem may bring back balance to the ecosystem. Lots of stuff like this happening in Cape Breton with regards to the moose in Cape Breton National Highland Park. There Parks Canada partnered as per treaty obligations with hunters from the Mi'kmaq nation to harvest moose and protect the ecology of the park. Good model for the town to follow.	6/17/2017 8:50 PM
345	The people of Truro need to stop feeding the deer	6/17/2017 8:34 PM
346	A regulated archery hunt has proven effective in other populated areas. Strict no wildlife feeding by-laws similar to those in Southern Ontario would help. Although not deer related the use of wildlife proof compost and garbage bins would reduce over all wildlife conflict	6/17/2017 8:34 PM
347	Urban hunts do seem to be gaining popularity in other urban settings with over abundant deer populations.	6/17/2017 8:33 PM
348	if any numbers need controlled/reduced, it should be by bowhunters where possible, and given to feed nova scotia	6/17/2017 8:31 PM
349	there are still a lot of people taht are feeding the deer- they have no fear and I have seen my neighbors before they moved feeding them and haveing them come right up and feeding them out of their hands- I had company standing on my steps one day and the deer came right up to him - no fear but he had no food. Yhe deer are coming out becaouse of the people takeing their land - their homes by building houses where they have lived. If you have a cull and decide to give the meat to the food bank where are you going to hang the deer to bleed out, who is going to butcher it, then you have the dept of health involved. I do noty like deer meat and never have and would be a foggy day in heck when if I had gone to food bank would I take deer meat no matter how hungry I was. I luv to see the deer I sit on my deck or used to and watch them before the fire across from my place and I used to take my camera and take pictures when the oppturiny arose I am opposed to this kill if this is what you choose	6/17/2017 8:30 PM
350	I LOVE the wildlife I see in my backyard from deer, raccoons, pheasants, and birds. No need to control populations and restrict their natural habitat because humans are "afraid" of deer or concerned for motor vehicle damage. Shame on the town for considering this a concern.	6/17/2017 8:26 PM
351	Archery deer hunting is a very safe and effective management tool that should be looked at very seriously. The general public does have concerns with guns in town, but archery is a safe close range option, target identification is easy, arrows have a very limited range but yet offer an effective ethical kill option.	6/17/2017 8:20 PM
352	They are a danger as to running out in front of ya when driving. Have a bad feeling that a child is going to get hurt by running deer. They stop for nothing once they start running as an elderly told me she was walking with her walker on sidewalk in Bible Hill and a heard of 5 deer ran just up ahead of where she was. She said it scared her	6/17/2017 8:08 PM
353	Many towns and cities across Canada and the US have the same concerns as Truro regarding deer management. I am not sure the Town of Truro has a problem at this time. Very little information has been collected and/or shared with the public. eg. how many deer -vehicle accidents, population of deer per sq. mile, doe to buck ratio, cull areas, possible tick problems with deer, management costs, cull numbers, length of management program, committee to oversee cull, where does the deer meat go,etc. Many, many questions. There will be many protesters against culling deer in Truro, how is this to be addressed? Are all areas to be managed in Truro or just some? Professional hunters or volunteer hunters, bows vs. rifle. The most important will be public safety during cull. This will be extremely difficult to regulate in some areas of Truro. There will be no perfect solution for a proposed deer management program as there are too many unknowns at this time. Most if not all deer management programs have culls and most information indicate it does not solve the problem. In the short term it appears to have merit. Good luck.	6/17/2017 7:54 PM



354	With roughly 36,000 active deer hunters across Nova Scotia, pretty sure several could be located to assist in a controlled hunt through the Fall & Winter. The Town should contact the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters for assistance in arranging for qualified hunters. The Federation organizes hunters from time to time to assist the farming community through the Hunter Landowner Partnership or as its often called -- HeLP. Good luck!	6/17/2017 7:43 PM
355	Budget money will be best spent on public education campaigns. If the residents of Truro do not get on board learn and implement (non-lethal) deer deterrent techniques as well as stop feeding deer, a cull of the animals that are currently causing issues will only be a temporary solution. Once the current problem animals are gone, new ones will come to take their place. Spend time and money and effort on education.	6/17/2017 7:35 PM
356	teach the environment minister about the ramifications of killing off the food that the deer eat and removing the habitat they live in . same as humans take away their home and they will move to another place	6/17/2017 7:31 PM
357	I live on Ice Pond Dr, so just on the outskirts of the town. That is why I did your survey.	6/17/2017 7:27 PM
358	There are far greater problems to focus time, energy & financial resources on in our town. Deer are not dangerous only annoying to some. I find it reprehensible to consider killing deer for eating plants to survive. There are options people can take to protect plants and ticks will spread on wildlife, that cannot be stopped.	6/17/2017 7:19 PM
359	This is a disgusting approach. What comes next, hunting dogs and cats if they pee on your flowers. Take the deer to wildlife parks or somewhere safe, do not kill with bow and arrow. Where do you think these animals can go if we continue to take away the forests.	6/17/2017 7:07 PM
360	Enforcing a feeding ban would go a very long way to managing this issue. Giving resources of information for folks to deter deer would also be advantageous. There is excessive evidence on population culls on wildlife which shows that culls routinely fail. The cull is doomed to be ineffective and dangerous. Please invest in education and enforcement.	6/17/2017 6:27 PM
361	Re introduce natural predators such as wolves.	6/17/2017 6:24 PM
362	Perhaps provide funding assistance for people to fence off property in high traffic deer areas. I like the idea of feeding stations away from residential areas the best.	6/17/2017 6:02 PM
363	Is the population staying the same or increasing? I don't mind seeing 1 deer a week. I am seeing more and more deer every year to the point I see 30 to 40 deer a week. My fear is the population will only increase.	6/17/2017 6:00 PM
364	I think a bow hunt may be a good idea. Bow hunting is quite non invasive and if the hunter gets to keep the meat then the cost should be almost zero. I know there are very few bow hunters. But a time could be set for the hunt to take place.	6/17/2017 5:51 PM
365	Allow hunting in regions within town limits such as above Victoria park, south of industrial park and areas with limited or no residential units.	6/17/2017 5:43 PM
366	Because of deer fence we are finally seeing growth in our backyard and no worries of having any come close to house. They would lean against our home and eat all the foundation plantings. We spent hundreds into thousands on our gardens only to have everything from plants, shrubs to trees eaten. The front yard is now hit or miss to make look attractive and enjoyable.	6/17/2017 5:23 PM
367	Other places use birth control which I think is a great idea. Please do not kill the deer especially with cruel methods such as bow and arrows. People should be encouraged o fence their property and possibly be given financial help to do so	6/17/2017 5:21 PM
368	Deer habitat has been taken away from the deer as developments move further from the town, so they go where there is food ,and people feeding the deer only encourages them to keep coming to town. The fawns born within town limits are then urban deer, it is what they know and so the cycle keeps going on...thus a careful removal, quietly done , could be the answer....	6/17/2017 5:15 PM
369	Although I support the "softer" techniques of gardening, deterrence, repellants, feeding bans, and relocation, I view this methods as bandaid solutions to a problem comparable to a bullet hole. I have attempted several means, including 10 foot tall fencing, planting plants that deer will not eat (they ate them anyway), soap shavings around the garden, noise makers, and so on. All have proven ineffective time and time again. These deer are too comfortable around people and pets. I think a method such as surgical sterilization would be a poor allocation of town funds, and a controlled hunt and stricter guidelines (with harsh penalties for those who do not adhere to the legislation) would be wiser.	6/17/2017 5:14 PM
370	This survey was poorly done. Many of these options are vague and under described - for instance, the difference between 'fertility control' and 'surgical sterilization' is unknown. As is the difference between 'repellents'/'deer deterrence' or 'controlled hunt'/'sharpshooting' - these terms seem synonymous to the lay person. In general I am in favour of a co-existence between wild animals and humans, however, if they cross the line from nuisance to danger I would think it was time to take action at the level of the town, which would, I think, need to take the form of a cull. If individual property owners are concerned about the impact of deer on their land, I do not think that the onus should be on the town to keep them off.	6/17/2017 5:13 PM



371	At no point should humans be allowed to kill deer for being. We have razed their home area and consequently the onus is on us to find them new space or locations to exist.	6/17/2017 4:49 PM
372	I think killing off animals because they pose a nuisance is having a complete disregard for life. There are many stray animals that carry ticks and pose risks. I've yet to see an aggressive deer try to attack.	6/17/2017 4:44 PM
373	Please take into consideration the fact that these animals are not just population densities or pests. See it from their point of view. Humans have encroached on their habitat until almost nothing is left and then we persecute them for trying to survive. Please remember they are not just pests and numbers. Each is an individual. They have likes and dislikes, families and emotions. They experience the world. There is always an alternative to killing them. What message would we be sending? That animals are just there for humans to do as they see fit? That animals can only live until it becomes inconvenient for us? As for surgical sterilization it may not be feasible as deer panic too much in captivity. They injure themselves in their panic, so keeping them long enough would be an issue.	6/17/2017 4:15 PM
374	1) Charge & heavily fine, deer feeders. 2) Allow professional bow hunters in Town limits. 3) Track Deer with well placed motion cameras. 4) Survey the herd.....need a base count	6/17/2017 3:54 PM
375	If we remove their population from truro what will stop other deer from moving in?	6/17/2017 3:51 PM
376	It should be a professional hunt to help reduce the population without as strong a cost to the town or taxpayers	6/17/2017 3:44 PM
377	Make the fines for feeding wildlife bigger and actually enforce them. With out people feeding them, they won't have a reason to come around.	6/17/2017 3:29 PM
378	It was difficult to choose just one reason for being concerned about the deer population. Today,it's property damage. Tomorrow it may be ticks and Lyme Disease.	6/17/2017 3:26 PM
379	I now keep plants on my property that deer do not eat. We have created a desirable location for deer so why should they suffer for that? It is not their fault!	6/17/2017 3:15 PM
380	My preference is deer that travel close to the downtown core should perhaps be relocated but it is my understanding this stresses the animal and it has a high mortality rate. It may also be necessary to incorporate fertility control methods on certain target animals, again in the downtown core, in specific areas, such as East Prince, the Industrial Park (commercial areas), and only in residential areas where we don't border their habitat such as Victoria Park.	6/17/2017 3:14 PM
381	Distance limits set by DNR for rifle/bow	6/17/2017 3:13 PM
382	As a senior I enjoy watching animals , including the obnoxious (squirrels, raccoons & foxes) in my neighborhood & the deer that are enjoyable to watch	6/17/2017 3:09 PM
383	Hunting is never the answer; it only creates greedy citizens with thirst for blood that will continue killing even after the deer population decrease.	6/17/2017 2:54 PM
384	Deer control is a waste of tax payer dollars	6/17/2017 2:49 PM
385	Mass killing does not solve population problems. The results of humanely traquilizing, performing quick spays on does and transporting them back to the same location has shown fantastic results at controlling deer population. Please consider preserving the lives of these innocent beings.	6/17/2017 2:44 PM
386	The fact that your talking about a deer population indicates u definitely have one. I live in a small village in Lunenburg county over the last 3 yrs have been treated for lymes disease 3 times.No fun. Don't feed the bastards, food and protection is why they are there. Don't bother to relocate unless u move them to nfld, they will be back with brothers sisters and 3 fawns each. Residential deer are not easily deterred or repelled if there is food they will come.The only way I see to get rid of them from the town is cull them. Give them to the less fortunate for food. Yes cull whats there and heavily fine anyone stupid enough to feed them	6/17/2017 2:38 PM
387	I know it seems that the population is increasing but it seems like the human population is also increasing. We are infringing on their natural feeding ground and if we are going to plant food for them to eat then we must accept that. If we controlled the population by sterilization than after a couple years the population would be reduced. As you could see I live on a busy street both by deer and by vehicles (some who do not abide by the speed limit) and I have never heard of anyone having an accident here, caused by deer. If we were talking of a child jumping out in front of a car would the council wish to limit the number of children allowed in the town??	6/17/2017 2:33 PM
388	It is a collection of errors that has resulted in this issue. The Town's Bylaws as well as those that are feeding these Deer. You need to deal with both issues to correct this problem. It is a no win situation, perhaps allow the Authorities, DNR, to cull the Deer. Otherwise it will end up be a negative towards Hunters, should they be the ones Shooting these Deer. The Town created the problem, the Town needs to correct it.	6/17/2017 2:18 PM
389	Bow hunting	6/17/2017 2:10 PM
390	Increasing the bag limit during hunting season to maybe 3 or 4 deer per season but not in town limits.	6/17/2017 2:05 PM
391	They aren't hurting anyone, leave them be!!!!	6/17/2017 1:54 PM



392	Many close calls with hitting deer with car in our neighborhoods. Flower/shrub gardening damage has been extensive- we cannot enjoy our property fully as the deer restrict our plant selection. Our lawn has serious damage.	6/17/2017 1:50 PM
393	Should have a archery only cull possibly shotgun in certain areas. Should coincide with hunting season let the hunters keep the meat. Please don't let the antis win this battle let the responsible hunting community Nova Scotia had take care of this.	6/17/2017 1:31 PM
394	It would be ideal to not kill the deer for control purposes. Translocation would be great but only if it in fact corrected the problem. If it didn't I would be in favour of a controlled hunt	6/17/2017 1:21 PM
395	Shooting wildlife only because they are in town is an absurd idea. And I am quite disturbed that anyone would think that executing an animal because it's a minor inconvenience is ok.	6/17/2017 1:20 PM
396	I almost hit a deer or two on willow at least twice a week. They are no longer afraid of people or cars. Because the town of Truro knows this is a problem and have so far done nothing, should I hit a deer I will be persuing legal damages.	6/17/2017 1:12 PM
397	There is obviously an over population of deer in Truro. I didn't read how a controlled hunt would work but deer = food and there are certainly people in Truro who could use food, especially meat. However the deer are eliminated if they don't go to food its a waste. Dead deer on the side of the road helps no one. Thank you.	6/17/2017 1:09 PM
398	I think it's horrible that our town wants to kill them off. If we keep taking away woodlands to build complexes and sub divisions they need to go somewhere !!!	6/17/2017 12:57 PM
399	Im against the killing of these deer and would be for relocating them. I enjoy seeing the deer. Our patients in the hospital... when they see deer on the hill it brings a smile to there faces.	6/17/2017 12:50 PM
400	You have a unique opportunity with Truro's deer. Show some compassion. Lower speed limits in "deer" areas. Let's show people that we can live in harmony with nature, not by killing.	6/17/2017 12:44 PM
401	We have to consider rapid residential expansion has forced deer from their remaining habitat. The Jasper, Ab model recognizes caribou to be part of the community. Friday night, June 15, I saw a red fox skirting across my lawn! The deer are in the urban core. They only avenue is public education, particularly motorists driving at night.	6/17/2017 12:38 PM
402	I work in Truro. The deer are often in small groups on the lawns in the industrial park. The deer have been driven out of their habitat by human "progress". I believe that feed should be provided in areas so that the deer do not starve	6/17/2017 12:35 PM
403	I strongly disagree with the bow hunting in town limits , i would be very upset with wounded animals running around town. I am an avid hunter and spend a lot of time hunting deer . i think if you were to offer permits for tranquilize and relocate to hunters like myself would be a much more humane way to deal with the situation.	6/17/2017 12:35 PM
404	Please continue to consider ways to let the deer and the people live in harmony. Thank you.	6/17/2017 12:33 PM
405	Wildlife should not be encouraged to reside in an urban setting, for all the reasons you have listed. There is then, no control over their population and they will become a greater nuisance as well as a health and safety risk to the people of Truro. Thank you for looking at and responding to this problem. I used to live in Truro and still visit with family.	6/17/2017 12:25 PM
406	Good luck can't wait for them to be gone	6/17/2017 12:24 PM
407	The way i look at it is i have seen so many deer get hit in front of my house because people speed. If u were to slow down it wouldn't be a problem. It could easily be one of my kids try putting money into people driving not the deer. We r the ones that are taking there place of living so they r loving closer to town	6/17/2017 12:12 PM
408	If there is a deer cull in this town I will take my family and relocate. I am appalled along with many of my friends and family that this is being considered. We are not in risk of loosing lives due to disease!!!!!! Let the wild be wild and find another way. The dear add beauty to our lives	6/17/2017 12:07 PM
409	Part of the appeal of Truro is the wildlife. I dont understand why killing deer is even an option.	6/17/2017 11:58 AM
410	You don't have to kill the deer, so please fix the problem another way.	6/17/2017 11:57 AM
411	We encroach on their land, we deal with the consequences.	6/17/2017 11:56 AM
412	Focus should be on not feeding deer in town, making deer afraid of humans again & creating a habitat for them to live (we've got to stop encroaching on woodlands in town); controlled hunt would probably only work for a couple of years; if controlled hunt goes ahead, something useful should be done with meat & skins ..	6/17/2017 11:49 AM



413	Please do not kill these deer. We are the ones who tear down there home to make our living better and that not fair to them and they deserve to live as much as we do. Killing them will only be a short term solution anyways, not to mention cruel. If we take different actions suck as fertility control along with trap and relocate ect, this will prevent it from being a further problem. One more thing to add, This should definitely NOT BE a priority when it comes to budget, you should really be think more about education and community, there is no where's near the resources we need to have this town to be functions properly and give people the education and resources they deserve. Thanks you for take the time to read this I hope you really take the time to take this into consideration and I am hope actions will follow shortly on both the matter that is mentioned.	6/17/2017 11:33 AM
414	There are better ways then a cull to control the deer population. If I acull happens I'll move out of the town. Completely unacceptable! Wish I could be at this meeting to voice my concerns but I have no babysitter for my children!	6/17/2017 11:31 AM
415	Leave the deer alone !!	6/17/2017 11:31 AM
416	A deer cull makes me sick to my stomach!! We have taken their habitat, we need to be respectful and humane to these beautiful, gentle animals.	6/17/2017 11:31 AM
417	The deers were here first, who are we to decided their faith? Let them be, enjoy them. We are fortunate enough to be able to enjoy a beautiful nature park with wonderful wildlife, it's a privelege. They eat our plants, if it would bother me I would put fencing around my garden, they come in my backyard, if it was a problem I'd built a bigger fence. Let's stop being a menace to our wildlife and learn to live with them. Its an embarrassment for the town of Truro to even consider a hunt.	6/17/2017 11:31 AM
418	If killing the deer is determined as the best option, I think it is important to use the carcasses rather than dispose of them.	6/17/2017 11:26 AM
419	Stop cutting into land and building where it's not needed. The new road at the top of Young St is a prime example of clearcutting and building that was completely unnecessary. A complete and utter waste of money (Just like a roundabout by Lawton's, or the new library) This deer problem really start once that road was built.	6/17/2017 11:24 AM
420	I am sure some residents are concerned about the deer population and that pressures Council to consider action. Personally I love seeing them in Truro when visiting. However, if you decide to act Truro has the opportunity to stand out as the town that uses innovation rather than violence. ...a leader. Maybe the very threat of cruel action will stop people from feeding them. Bow hunting is extremely cruel and should never even be mentioned.	6/17/2017 11:13 AM
421	We lived in Harmony Rd and always had deer in our backyard. Please do NOT allow bow hunting!! A good friend (who is a hunter) told us horrific stories about people who think they can handle a bow - but are just causing injuries and agony. He is old school and can take a lot... but he said, witnessing a deer, badly injured by a bow hunter, taught him to NEVER do or support this. "It was crying like a baby", he said. "The deer was crying like a human baby. I will never forget that." Please. No more unnecessary pain. There are alternatives.	6/17/2017 11:12 AM
422	Bow hunting would seem to be the most effective and safe method for population control.	6/17/2017 11:10 AM
423	bow hunting, really? back to the stone age? get rid of guns, hobby hunters, politicians, tv, cars, take away your houses and move back into your tipi. publish names who's idea has this been ... voters will make sure they're done with politics	6/17/2017 11:09 AM
424	The thing people need to realize is when the powers that be put a hunt it doesn't help anything. The they put on a coyotes hunt. they were hunted until almost none are left. So now we have an abundance of deer . Maybe if the people who think they knows what is best for people stop messing with the natural food chain and natural selection. They will relize that everything will all balance out.it wasn't a problem years ago,but then again we didn't have greedy government officials taking away land at an alarming rate to build more and more infrastructure. I say leave the animals alone it's your fault they have no where to go now.so your solution is kill them off and try to fix your mistakes .	6/17/2017 10:58 AM
425	People have created the problem with developing areas where the deer reside. Now when they are coming out people are upset. If you are bothered by them that much move or build a fence. To start killing them simply because a few people don't like them is wrong on all levels.	6/17/2017 10:54 AM
426	I live just outside Town of Truro so this issue also affects our family. Ticks and Lyme disease a also a concern to my family but I am adamantly opposed to sharpshooting or hunting in our communities!!! The dear have just as much of a right to be here as we do, it is HUMAN behaviour that needs to change not killing the animals that are only responding to being fed!!!!	6/17/2017 10:50 AM
427	We are in their space. Constantly clear cutting more of their habitat. What do people expect? As far as I can tell the main concern is with peoples gardens. A pretty petty reason to kill an innocent animal.	6/17/2017 10:50 AM
428	The best wildlife population management programs minimize costs to the taxpayer by simply allowing the public to cull the deer. There is enough profit motive that the public sector need not be in involved. Let the market handle it.	6/17/2017 10:49 AM
429	Sterilization is the best option	6/17/2017 10:46 AM



430	Try doing some human population control instead. This is absolutely fucked, you're basically planning a mass murder. Not gonna happen	6/17/2017 10:35 AM
431	The deer are not a huge issue, people feel that the deer have become a nuisance because they are ruining people's gardens but we are ruining their homes by building all of these subdivisions. We are the problem, not the deer	6/17/2017 10:34 AM
432	Take away the friendly food and we will just be predators again	6/17/2017 10:31 AM
433	I live in Princeton Heights. Deer a big problem. I hope measures adopted for here as well as town.	6/17/2017 10:19 AM
434	Animals should not be killed because it's the most convenient option. Humans have disrupted ecosystems and created a lot of problems. Canada is significantly behind in animal welfare compared to other countries and this is an opportunity to be civilized and treat living creatures the way they deserve to be treated.	6/17/2017 10:18 AM
435	Deer management should be the responsibility of the Province not the town. Stop the clear cutting of our forest change the hunting seasons. Shut down hunting of bucks for 2 years give these deer time to grow increase the number of deer to two per person to thin out the herd. After 2 years alternate hunt bucks only for 1 year bag limit of 1 deer per hunter. Repeat this process and your deer will lower to an acceptable number. Plant food such as clover etc in the areas that have been clear cut and the deer will become manageable. If the deer have no forest to live in and no food due to spraying and clear cutting what else can they do but move into urban areas looking for food and a place to live there are very simple solutions to this problem use them protect our wild life.	6/17/2017 10:16 AM
436	please be smart and reasonable, citizens need to use maturity and logic not emotions	6/17/2017 10:10 AM
437	There are more humane methods of controlling deer population than those currently being considered.	6/17/2017 10:10 AM
438	If people don't like deer in their backyard, don't have Victoria Park as your backyard.	6/17/2017 10:08 AM
439	There are so many better, more humane, more effective and longer term solutions than just killing them. Please consider those first.	6/17/2017 10:05 AM
440	I would be concerned that allowing a hunt in the town could be a danger to residents, livestock, pets, etc. There have been incidents over the years where hunters have claimed they were aiming for a deer and hit another living target instead either because of poor aim or misidentification.	6/17/2017 9:59 AM
441	Learn to live with them. Nature will probably control the numbers. I see less than 5 years ago.	6/17/2017 9:54 AM
442	As well as being a nuisance for flowers and plants and a danger on the roads, with so many dogs in our town the threat of Lyme disease carrying ticks is of great concern to me.	6/17/2017 9:46 AM
443	I do not live within Town limits but live in Princeton Heights. I have up to 12 deer that I have in my yard almost daily. I have yet to see an accident on my street or in my area. We know the deer are around. Use caution while driving	6/17/2017 9:44 AM
444	We have taken away the deer's living areas with our development and must now learn to live side-by-side with them. To allow a cull with bow and arrow is both cruel and inhumane. They are sentient beings. It would also reflect badly on NS and all of Canada.	6/17/2017 9:41 AM
445	I would strongly oppose any form of kill. I have lived on Coburg Crescent on the edge of the park for 15 years. I don't consider a few eaten hostas and plants as property damage. Very few seem pregnant this year. Yet to see a fawn this year. Very unusual.	6/17/2017 9:35 AM
446	If you start fining people that are feeding the deer that might help. Maybe bird feeders should be asked to be removed for a few months or so because that attracts them. If there is no food source they will leave. People have to support the effort to get back the control. Homes are taking over their natural habitats so where else do they have to go?	6/17/2017 9:34 AM
447	If the deer were a different sort of pest such as rats, for example, people would have no problem getting rid of them. I am not for cruelty to animals, but this has gotten out of hand and they're beyond "cute" - they're a downright nuisance. I had to slam on my brakes two days ago so I didn't crash into another vehicle, which had to slam on its brakes to avoid a deer. Too close for comfort! It's far surpassed time to do something about it. Please act now. If the deer are culled, the meat could be used to feed the needy. After all, the food bank's shelves are often bare. Let's be proactive about the deer problem AND the hunger problem.	6/17/2017 9:14 AM
448	Killing them? Really guys? I feel like you guys have watched "the purge" one too many times. Get a grip..this is outrageous	6/17/2017 9:09 AM
449	I'm concerned that people who don't live in town, and aren't directly affected by the deer's behaviour, will influence the decision because they have a romantic idea of having the deer in town. I indicated ticks/Lyme disease as my primary concern, but deer running through traffic midday is also a major concern of mine.	6/17/2017 9:09 AM
450	I think the deer could be a draw for tourists.	6/17/2017 9:05 AM
451	Even an animal lover such as myself knows that the only economical way to control the deer population would be harsh fines for feeding them, and there needs to be a deer cull.	6/17/2017 9:00 AM



452	We spend time with family in Truro and are familiar with the area. The deer deserve to live and thrive like any other species. Maybe restrictions on the human population and construction expanding should be considered too!?! We must share the world. Definitely do not agree with killing deer during off season. Let them be until hunting season. Instead of allowing 1 tag per hunter, allow 2 or 3 tags..	6/17/2017 8:54 AM
453	I think it's obseard that you even consider killing the deer. Plenty of places coexist with them and it's no problem. Shame on you for even thinking about it!	6/17/2017 8:45 AM
454	Any kind of harm to these harmless animals is completely barbaric. I think it is a very rash and immature decision to do anything outside of managing personal gardens better. I would be embarrassed to be a part of a community that because people are too lazy to take more strides towards better gardening technique management, are too quick to complain and have these animals killed off and have their families destroyed. After all, all the clear cutting and expansion of the town that takes place, puts us in areas where these deers homes used to be. It's us to blame for this reaction, not them. They do not deserve to suffer for our decisions...	6/17/2017 8:43 AM
455	We have caused this problem by taking away much of their habitat, we should not take away their lives.	6/17/2017 8:42 AM
456	It is past time something is done. Out property taxes are over 6 000\$ and we cannot enjoy our property because we are afraid of lyme disease. There is deer scat all over the lawn so we have to shovel it and don't walk in the grass without shoes. They are there all the time and are killing our garden which has cost us financially- it is a geat pleasure to garden but we can't because we only have a salad bar for the deer. They don't mive from the drive way - sometimes when we blow the horn. We can't have our dog outside because of the scat and because if he is tied and we aren't right there, he could get trampled. We have had to sit in the car because we didn't have a leash in the car and there were 10 on the property- garage was full so couldn't pull in. The babies came for the first time the other night- enough is enough. My 14 year old daughter is afraid of them. When we drive at dusk she puts herself on deer patrol when we come into the neighbourhood. Her good friend lives across the street and when it id dusk/ dark she will sometimes ask for us to walk her over because she is scared to encounter deer alone in the dark. We have a large tree on our property- last summer there were 5-6 lying around it for shade most afternoons. The deer enjoy our propety and we feel like prisioners because of them. Those who enjoy seeing them will provide strong opposition and yes, we took their land but, they carry ticks and they have lost their flight reflex. They stand there when you blow the car horn at them. I am surprised there have not been more accidents. Something must be done.	6/17/2017 8:39 AM
457	Surgical sterilization is not a viable option, we would have to expend resources to rehabilitate them. However, fences, repellents and remaining cautious are good ways to keep diseases and harmful effects at bay. As well, trying methods to encourage natural predators may also be worth considering	6/17/2017 8:36 AM
458	More important issues for the town to be concerned with	6/17/2017 8:31 AM
459	The only reason the deer are here is because of the development that has been taking place on the outskirts of Truro. More wooded area has been cleared for subdivisions and new homes to be built on resulting in the deer being forced to move into down. Once they got here people started feeding them which has since resulted in the deer population exploding directly in town. The developers of these new properties should be held accountable for our current issue as should the residents who are feeding the deer. Why should the deer be killed due to mistakes humans have made? We don't go out and shoot the homeless nor do we condone murdering stray cats and dogs as it is inhumane. Hunting season has very strict rules and it's designed to allow hunters to go out and obtain food for their family in a humane way, which doesn't include going out and jacking deer in the middle of the night and it also puts safety as a priority (not shooting close to homes and roads). How can we just ignore these rules in favour of a "quick fix". I really believe the residents who have an issue with the deer need to do more to project their gardens, people need to stop feeding the deer and alternative feeding stations need to be brought in to attract the deer back to the wooded areas. We also need to look into bringing in an expert of wildlife habitats and have them setup better guildlines developers of new properties need to follow to stop driving the deer into the town streets.	6/17/2017 8:30 AM
460	Interested to know what other towns have done is similar situations. What is their success rate?	6/17/2017 8:25 AM
461	I do know people who have had problems with the deer although they haven't hurt anything of mine. I hate to see them killed. Doing the other things will cost a lot of money and I know that is not really an option. Thing is what about volunteers from the community trying to take over the supplemental feeding. Something that would help combat the price maybe..	6/17/2017 8:19 AM
462	People in the urban areas shop in your town and trust that your streets are safe. The option to nothing being done about your deer issue is to shop elsewhere (New Glasgow or Amherst) .Some of your residents don't drive so also don't have concerns about insurance rates and liabilities that could follow a "no action" decision .Thank you for reading	6/17/2017 7:59 AM
463	As a town we are in debt, as a province we are in debt, as a country we are in debt. We need to draw the line somewhere. Any expensive measure for this problem would be a problem itself	6/17/2017 7:55 AM
464	Do NOT cull them. It's inhumane and I would be ashamed to live even near truro if that is the route the town takes. It's disgusting that it's even an option.	6/17/2017 7:53 AM



465	If a cull is required I suggest giving the opportunity to the elderly who love to hunt but can anymore or first time youth archery hunters under the supervision of DNR.	6/17/2017 6:42 AM
466	These deer are alive and thriving - they should not be penalized or killed because of this. Their lives matter!	6/17/2017 6:39 AM
467	How sad that this towns main idea is to "kill". Sounding very American! Is there not one creative mind that can think of a way to make this a positive? Like a deer park to attract tourist? No it's easier to just Kill everything that causes a problem.	6/17/2017 6:20 AM
468	The numbers have increased so much. I feel that if nothing is done we will be overrun and serious motor vehicle accidents may be the result.	6/17/2017 3:45 AM
469	The deer were here first, and by expanding town we are invading their home and habitat. Let's not repeat history and cull off a population like we did with the Mi'kmaw. We can learn to live together.	6/17/2017 3:10 AM
470	Stop them ruining our environment!	6/17/2017 2:54 AM
471	I do not support the proposed bow and arrow culling of deer within the Town of Truro. Very negligent of peoples safety.	6/17/2017 1:36 AM
472	Leave the deer, just leave them . It was their habitat first, I've never had a problem with them	6/17/2017 1:33 AM
473	I live in Valley.	6/17/2017 1:03 AM
474	Do not kill deer because YOU are infringing on their habitat.	6/17/2017 12:35 AM
475	I only support normal fencing, never electric or any other kind that could harm the deer or any other animals, and as long as the boundaries are not too strict, leaving enough space for the animals to feel free and fulfill their survival needs. Deer are harmless animals. Please protect them and respect their habitat. Human beings are the ones trespassing the wild life's habitats, not the opposite.	6/17/2017 12:29 AM
476	i really dont see the deer being that big a problem yet in the town	6/17/2017 12:24 AM
477	deer belong here, slow down on the roads and look out for deer, fence your gardens	6/17/2017 12:19 AM
478	Humans should not kill animals for convenience - we know more now and understand they are sentient beings. It's pretty shallow to value your garden more than the life of a deer. And there are lots of ways to get ticks - deer don't necessarily carry them. People must live in harmony with nature - after all, we've taken their habitat for our housing and industrial developments. To even consider killing them in thus dsy and she is shocking. And barbaric.	6/16/2017 11:19 PM
479	Here we are bringing them in to our small towns by feeding and clear cutting and now we call them the pests....ridiculous. We have no right to randomly kill these deer due to our own faults. People need Stop feeding them. It is not hard to tell who does... just check out the house across from the kids play park in salmon river close to Spruce dr. That house puts out apples weekly. The deer are in herds there, they use the sidewalks, sleep under trees and even lay by the dog house. Its sad.	6/16/2017 11:19 PM
480	It makes me sick to my stomach that the town is even considering killing innocent creatures that are more gentle than the groundhogs and raccoons that we see around town. In the four years I've lived here I see deer all the time and never once have I seen them on the side of the road dead within town limits. I'm proud that they are a part of our town and think that killing them is a ridiculous solution that isn't actually a solution at all! #savethetrurodeer	6/16/2017 11:14 PM
481	The complaints in large part are of the "nuisance" variety when it comes to the deer. Not of a serious safety threat to citizens. Eating shrubs or plants from gardens does not constitute extreme measures of a cull or euthanasia strategies of the deer. Car accidents I don't believe are a serious safety concern within town limits where typical speed zones are a max of 50km/hr. People need to be aware of driving hazards no different than that of watching for children or pets. There are many things people can do to protect gardens and we need to have a program to communicate and support those efforts. The deer encroaching town areas is more of a concern for the animals and habitat issues than a safety concern for us citizens. We need to find ways of bringing them back deeper in the woods and reducing there population does not address that issue and is a short term solution at best. Clear cutting there habitat and pushing them out with more devolpent needs to be better managed and carefully considered more than it has been in recent years.	6/16/2017 11:08 PM
482	The problem isn't with the deer. Developments are taking their homes and food. I agree with not feeding the deer but the thought of a controlled hunt is beyond belief. I agree with hunting when it provides families with food and that's it.	6/16/2017 11:03 PM
483	We must remember they were here long before us. We are in there space. This is what we get for taking their space away.	6/16/2017 10:55 PM
484	The cull is a terrible and cruel idea!	6/16/2017 10:50 PM
485	I am not familiar with many of these control techniques. I strongly disagree with killing the deer because there are "too many."	6/16/2017 10:35 PM



486	Do something	6/16/2017 10:35 PM
487	Humans are taking away their land and their food. We are destroying everything. Don't kill these beautiful animals. They are moms with gorgeous babies just trying to live life like us. They are not here for us to kill and eat and exploit. What a sin.	6/16/2017 10:33 PM
488	I feel this should also include the Bible Hill area as well. I would like to see a sign near my area, saying deer crossing, reduce the speed limit in front of my home, and have more street lights. Each year, we can guarantee 2 are killed, by being hit. I HAVE talked to both the Natural Resources and the village, and they know this is an issue, and they can only keep track of the numbers of calls they receive. This does not help, that my neighbor feeds them. Each winter, we can count up to 16 or more in my yard.	6/16/2017 10:32 PM
489	Create an archery only zone around the town for the next couple years. Allow bow hunting within certain areas of town limits(edge of town limit properties only).Allow extra tags for this area. Restructure the hunting zones in the province by county so numbers in certain areas can be better managed.	6/16/2017 10:29 PM
490	we have trespassed on their territories long before they have on ours. Killing animals does not help with overpopulation. Leave them be, educate on how to share the land.	6/16/2017 10:19 PM
491	Stop ruining their homes. Don't kill them we are taking their homes.	6/16/2017 10:18 PM
492	Killing is just NOT the right choice... It never solves any problems. Have we not learned that yet?? Think about the lesson that would teach your children & grandchildren! Birth control is your only GOOD option so please speak with our NS wildlife rehab experts at the Cobequid Rehab Centre & Hope For Wildlife & find out how BEST to PEACEFULLY resolve this conflict.	6/16/2017 10:16 PM
493	If development is to continue -at the marginal rate it is -but never the less inclease and continue to take from the natural resources animals have, it should be required by law that the developer create a safe environment and: or relocation plan for any animals put in harms way as a result of increased housing developments.	6/16/2017 10:15 PM
494	We need to work with nature, not against it. Killing isn't the answer.	6/16/2017 10:11 PM
495	Consider bridging options 1 (Feeding Ban) and 12 (Supplemental Feeding) together. As you noted, there are a large number of people who do enjoy feeding the deer. Perhaps, if, as the town we were to set up some deer feeding stations, a large part of the food supplied could be handled by donations from the public. If guidelines were put in place, as well as information on appropriate foods for the deer, I'm sure people would be happy to donate supplies to help the effort. There may be times that some of the money to keep the deer fed and away from the general public may have to be picked up by the town, but chances are most of the food would be covered year round. It could even help to improve tourism revenue, if people knew that Truro was a place where you could come and leave food for the deer, and potentially see them in a place that does not interfere with everyday life. This would also pose little impact to those who are strongly contrary to the deer population, and feel they must be eliminated, by being the most cost efficient way to deal with the deer. Deer are smart animals, and although many people argue that it is because others are feeding them, that the deer are migrating more and more into town. Another large issue, is that we continue to grow as a town, and expand our infrastructure, and, as a natural consequence to that, the deer are losing their normal feeding grounds and have been forced to seek new food supplies (which leads to them entering communities, and eating the gardens residents have planted). The deer have learned that outside of town limits, they will be hunted, and as such, they have learned to stay within the town borders. So, it is up to us to help save their population. Perhaps another option is to increase the proximity to town limits people can be in, before they are allowed to hunt. This will have the effect of making it safer for the deer to go outside of town limits, however, it will take a number of years before we see the true effect of this plan, as feeding routes become more available.	6/16/2017 10:08 PM
496	Place signs around streets reminding drivers to watch for deer. Encourage gardeners to grow things not popular as deer food. Encourage electric fences around gardens. Visitors love the deer, as do many residents.	6/16/2017 10:02 PM
497	As a visitor to your town I'd just like to say how much I love it. I do hope you can find a non lethal solution and be compassionate. Thank you.	6/16/2017 9:59 PM
498	High populations of deer in small areas have been shown to increase odds of disease among the deer population including Chronic Wasting Disease resulting in prolonged and painful deaths.The most practical and humane option is a tightly controlled hunt. Measures such as trap and relocate or sterilize have been shown to be very cost prohibitive and ineffective in the cases where it has taken place. Strict enforcement of a feeding ban and strategic fencing may also enhance efforts.	6/16/2017 9:56 PM
499	Do NOT have a controlled hunt that is absolutely ridiculous this is the 21st century... there are so many other options!!!!	6/16/2017 9:52 PM
500	I have seen coyotes in town for the first time this year. We have had 2 neighbors diagnosed with lyme disease. Our children play outside all the time. The deer approach people.	6/16/2017 9:52 PM



501	I have tried quite a few deer deterrents, took out plants the deer like to replace with ones they don't. They eat everything!! They are not meant to be in town. They need to be in a forest. They cause accidents and risk exposing everyone to Lyme disease.	6/16/2017 9:44 PM
502	Remember, we have trespassed on their territories long before they have on ours. Killing animals does not help with overpopulation. Leave animals be. Nature will keep its balance.	6/16/2017 9:43 PM
503	Killing them seems very extreme, considering other things haven't even been tried yet. There are more humane options that need to be tried first!!!	6/16/2017 9:42 PM
504	Please consider pet, and kid friendly methods of deer extraction. Also note, that continuous car collisions with deer are probably the least humane way to kill a deer.	6/16/2017 9:42 PM
505	The town has been building and expanding in areas where the deer inhabit . Where can they go ? We are invading their green space .	6/16/2017 9:35 PM
506	The town should have a stronger concern for the health and well-being of it's human residents. Occasional deer are not a bad thing, but once they stop fearing human interaction there are a lot of potential problem outcomes. Carriers of disease is a BIG ISSUE.	6/16/2017 9:34 PM
507	Leave them alone	6/16/2017 9:27 PM
508	Leave them alone and let nature take it's course	6/16/2017 9:23 PM
509	To put it simply; we should be able to enjoy deers in a wild/park setting. I should be worried about dealing with deer aggression in those settings not in downtown	6/16/2017 9:11 PM
510	meat given to food bank or sold at farmers market at a reasonable price to help the needy and off set some of the expense of any programs.	6/16/2017 9:09 PM
511	There are restrictions on firing a weapon too close to a house or road way...why should there be exceptions. There is NO exceptions in this case. Who will be responsible for the stray shot that either damages a property or worse a person... The shooter or the town? Shouldn't be the shooter if the town council proceeds with this plan.	6/16/2017 9:01 PM
512	Thank you for acting on this community concern. Although they are mostly a harmless animal, their ticks, feces, etc could be a health hazard and if you are not aware and cautious in driving up Pleasant street an accident will happen. If there is a great way to discourage them from leaving the park area or go towards the less populated areas that would be great.	6/16/2017 8:58 PM
513	Remember, we have trespassed on their territories long before they have on ours. Killing animals does not help with overpopulation. Leave animals be. Nature will keep it's balance.	6/16/2017 8:52 PM
514	I think it's ethically wrong to cull the deer population. They are innocent, harmless animals and uts in large part our fault they are in the town area, due to expanding into their habitat.	6/16/2017 8:45 PM
515	Don't you dare kill one fucking deer.	6/16/2017 8:43 PM
516	Would certainly affect how I vote next election. Will the pay to build a fence around my property? Deer are low concern to me , a bigger concern to me is the water runoff from the CN property that floods my property surrounding my garage. It has caused damage to my property and belongings. Bill Mills said he would work with CN to help but nothing has been done so our 3 votes at this household are of little importance to the cost associated to help the run off. Maybe it will take a major accident when the run off floods out onto the road that something will actually be done.	6/16/2017 8:38 PM
517	if there is no food that they desire...they will relocate.... fences and appropriate plantings seem to be best in my opinion	6/16/2017 8:34 PM
518	Killing them off is cruel. They deserve to live here just as much as us. Relocate them if it is a big concern so they at least can live. We don't need to kill off stuff just because they bug us. They were here first.	6/16/2017 8:32 PM
519	For the most part it seems that the deer seem to be just doing damage to lawns and gardens. I don't think it's our place as humans to kill another species because they are an inconvenience to us and are in our space. I think stricter feeding bans should be enforced so the deer don't see out civilization as a source of food. Hopefully that will keep them in their natural habitat.	6/16/2017 8:32 PM
520	Enforce feeding laws...	6/16/2017 8:30 PM
521	The problem has become a menace that needs to be controlled. They are now present in the downtown area.	6/16/2017 8:24 PM
522	It's not their fault. They don't deserve to be murdered.	6/16/2017 8:23 PM
523	It is inhumane to euthanise them or to hunt them.	6/16/2017 8:19 PM



524	I think that it's important for everyone to acknowledge that we as a town are taking over the wildlife's space as we continue to grow and need to respect that the deer have a right to be in this town just as much as we do. I don't think it's right to hunt or kill them just because they come onto our properties and roads. I think more humane measures should be looked into, for instance banning feeding, fencing, etc. But I don't think hunting them or killing them, or sterilizing them is the right way to go about decreasing the numbers of deers in town. People need to take responsibility for feeding them and need to be more cautious when driving. Maybe put more warning /caution signs up in areas where deer are known to frequent.	6/16/2017 8:19 PM
525	Concern about illegal poaching of deer and endangerment of deer	6/16/2017 8:14 PM
526	This is yet another blight on the reputation of this Town. We already have the dubious honour of one of the worst smelling places in NS thanks to the feed plant and rendering facility. Why not add the widespread slaughter of the deer population?	6/16/2017 8:14 PM
527	The deer are not the problem. Industry/People are. Killing the deer does not solve the problem. The deer are only a symptom of the problem. The solution is never to kill animals that come into town for food. They are hungry their homes and feeding grounds are getting smaller and smaller. There has to be a solution to fix the problem not the symptom. The protection of deer as a valuable natural resource needs to be Truro's deer protection and management goal.	6/16/2017 8:14 PM
528	A controlled hunt is absolutely not the way to go.I am very strongly opposed to this method. I think more research should be done on other methods such as fertility control and relocation of the animals. Humans are the ones causing the deer to be a problem by feeding them and destroying their habitat so it is inhumane to kill them for a problem people are creating.	6/16/2017 8:11 PM
529	If you had the feeding station outside of town and stop people from feeding them...they would stay out of town. Pretty simple.	6/16/2017 8:09 PM
530	Hunting could drive the deer onto roads and into different areas. It could also be hazardous for pets, children and others. Our safety must be number 1 and the deer issue secondary.	6/16/2017 8:08 PM
531	Deer management is the least of the town worries. People management...much stronger concern.	6/16/2017 7:58 PM
532	Feeding Bans don't do anything if people don't follow them; unfortunately so many of the deer in Truro have almost become reliant on people feeding them.	6/16/2017 7:53 PM
533	Im from Truro and have family there that adore the deer and enjoy seeing these beautiful animals on their property. They live in harmony with them. No need to kill them if you change your perspective on what is truly destructive:: humans-not deer!!	6/16/2017 7:52 PM
534	Hope that resident archery hunters are given an opportunity to participate.	6/16/2017 7:49 PM
535	It's our fault as humans that they have moved to towns. where do we expect them to go we have cut down the forests like crazy. They are starving and are going where there is food. There is no need to kill these poor innocent creatures who are doing what they need to do to survive. My husband and i are both hunters and strongly disagree with the idea of killing these beautiful animals for no reason. There are other options such as tranquilize and relocate it may cost more but we need to teach the younger generation. Use this as a teachable moment. If somehow this mass killing doesnt go as smoothly as planned and a child or person sees a deer who hasnt fully died, its not an easy thing to see and even harder to explain to a child why their hometown is doing this to these animals. Think hard about this one Truro.	6/16/2017 7:48 PM
536	We took the woods from and tempted them with food, don't kill them because of that, Truro will have a bad mark that it will have to live with, already it has been become a concern to the rest of Canada and now to the US	6/16/2017 7:46 PM
537	Survey answers should have a choice for "Dont know/don't understand the option"	6/16/2017 7:42 PM
538	Stop cutting down the forest. The deer lived there before the people did. Money isn't everything. And killing the deer is not a solution it's only creating a bigger problem. Please educate your selfs before harming any animal.	6/16/2017 7:40 PM
539	It would appear that the deer only eat town vegetation when they are very hungry. I think public deer feeding stations would be appropriate on town property near those areas where people feel the most aggrieved when their landscape material is eaten. One of the great pleasures of living in a semi-rural area is seeing wildlife. I think that most people living near the deer look after the issue themselves with fencing. There are always be people who complain about everything. Please don't let these people take away the great joy of seeing the deer from those of us who consider it a privilege to have them near.	6/16/2017 7:39 PM
540	I have to drive through the town to and from work. almost every second night I have to dodge deer running into the streets or down sidewalks. One of these days there is going to be an accident, I don't want it to be me or anybody else. The time for action is long past and the town council has been derelict in its duty to protect its citizens. Deer are cute but their continued growth and presence will eventually get them or humans killed.	6/16/2017 7:38 PM



541	I no longer plant a vegetable garden and have minimized the gardening and planting I do because of the futility. Joke...recind the dog lease laws and let them chase them back onto the woods.	6/16/2017 7:37 PM
542	I strongly believe that the deer should be relocated. Not killed. And if they are killed, then the meat should be donated to a homeless shelter or food bank.	6/16/2017 7:36 PM
543	I think the fact that the council is jumping straight to a cull is absolutely ridiculous.	6/16/2017 7:30 PM
544	Town has more important things to look after, what's happening with Jail site, been smoke and mirrors for four years now.	6/16/2017 7:30 PM
545	i feel that we as humans should be sharing with the deer. if we were to locate them to a different area somehow then fine... but to kill them is THE WORST thing you could do. and on top of that it will piss alot of people off.	6/16/2017 7:25 PM
546	We would recommend more warning signs of deer x-ing in residential areas as well drivers to slow down and drive more defensively. Be smart awareness is key, we fence our back yard, we plant " not so pleasing to deer" plants in the exposed area, we watch for the deer when driving, use fog lights at night when need be, we do not feed them, we know to be cautious and aware of protective doe's and their fawn(s), we know to be careful when walking the dog in November and if we run into a buck just walk away, our dog does not bark or chase the deer and will simply walk by them during our stroll. This is our life, we love the deer and accept them and is truly one of the greatest pleasures of living in Truro. We look for the deer every chance we can and wait each summer to see if it will bring a fawn or twins. It breaks our heart at the thought of destroying them or not to see them.	6/16/2017 7:19 PM
547	In this day and age, killing wild life is unacceptable. Truro needs to find ways to humanely solve the problem without killing and harming deer in any way.	6/16/2017 7:16 PM
548	I don't understand why you're only looking at short term solutions. You need to look at the big picture. This is exactly why we pay for the same things OVER AND OVER!	6/16/2017 7:15 PM
549	People who do not live in Truro and pay taxes in Truro should not be filling out this questionnaire.	6/16/2017 7:15 PM
550	Eating plants is not a good reason to destroy an animal. It's a ridiculous reason. Striking a deer in town limits is not possible if proper care is undertaken when driving. At 50km/h, while being aware and diligent (as we should always be), there is more than and equate time to avoid a crossing deer, even at the last moment. The problem is drivers who don't slow in the presence of deer. The deer are one of the things that makes our town special. Deer will return to the town if removed - if plants are so precious, fence the yard. Most people would rather admire the deer than someone's flower bed. If the deer are an issue, move to a city or an island. We are bordered by woods. The deer are here to stay.	6/16/2017 7:15 PM
551	Please don't kill. They don't deserve it. They are innocent. We are the problem, not them. Please re-locate, set stricter regulations for the people of Truro and their ways. It's our mistake. Please, please be humane. And I do not mean humane killing. Let them live, let them be free where they belong, let them die naturally, in the wild.	6/16/2017 7:14 PM
552	You don't kill to solve your problem.	6/16/2017 7:12 PM
553	I feel the ban on feeding needs to be enforced since the bylaw is already on the books. Combined with a controlled hunt this should reduce numbers. If feeding had not begun a few years ago we would not have this problem. There certainly wasn't a deer problem when we had the Truro Tulip Festivals.	6/16/2017 7:11 PM
554	This is disgusting, we live on their land, they don't live on ours. It is unfair to kill animals like this. Imagine if they believed humans were over populated and killed all of us? I would highly consider moving my family out of this town if this were to go through.	6/16/2017 7:07 PM
555	If something isn't done about the deer all over the place and I end up hitting one, I will sue the town.	6/16/2017 7:03 PM
556	it is frustrating when deer eat our plants; however, I would rather see a deer than a bear, the deer are not aggressive and don't get into composters :)--leave them be, they are going to happen no matter what	6/16/2017 7:03 PM
557	There are going to be a vegan group from Halifax attending your meeting .I think they should be asked to leave . This is a tax payers of our community problem Thank You	6/16/2017 7:03 PM
558	I feel that yes the the deer population is a problem. But it is being caused by it's residents feeding the deer and treating them like they are pets and not wild animals. The local stores are advertising deer food for crying out loud. The last thing the town of Truro needs to be doing right now is dumping money into finding deer to shoot on the spot, capture and euthanize later, or surgically sterilize them when there are a bunch of other much more cost effective and efficient ways to deal with the problem.	6/16/2017 6:56 PM
559	Deer are only in town because we keep building subdivisions on the land they live in, they were here before people and deserve respect and not culling.	6/16/2017 6:53 PM
560	It's great to try to trap and relocate, but they will return. I think a controlled hunt with bow and arrow, with no bounty paid.	6/16/2017 6:51 PM



561	The idea of slaughtering these graceful, harmless creatures is barbarian. Wild life has been here much longer than we have. There will always be more deer. It would be wiser to invest in an animal overpass/ underpass system that many places have implemented to decrease road kill and animal related accidents on the highway. It would create a much more positive image of Truro than murdering hundreds of harmless animals. Also notable that I've never heard of a deer causing a car accident within the town. It is mostly in high speed areas 80km or over. If this goes through it will be horrible for Truro's image and morale. Please don't go through with this. No one wins.	6/16/2017 6:51 PM
562	I think killing the deer off using hunting or using euthanasia is inhumane and not something I want Truro to be known for. A cull will not help and is very selfish considering we are destroying their habitats not the other way around.	6/16/2017 6:49 PM
563	I have no issue with it provided it is done safely and humanely.	6/16/2017 6:46 PM
564	Yes I heard about giving a license to 5 people to hunt them in the town limits. I think that is a very bad idea. Someone could get hurt by it then the town will have a problem	6/16/2017 6:46 PM
565	Loss of habitat needs to be considered when an area is considered or approved for development. Non lethal wildlife management needs to be part of the process. Clear cutting already displaced wildlife and additional habitat loss from human activities leaves the animals little choice.	6/16/2017 6:45 PM
566	I think it is ridiculous that the town of truro is even considering killing the deer. I do not support my tax dollars contributing to killing deer.	6/16/2017 6:43 PM
567	I think it's ridiculous and disgusting that the town of truro is actually considering allowing people to hunt down and kill these beautiful animals. The town is not "overrun" by deer. The town of truro needs to out their resources to better use.	6/16/2017 6:40 PM
568	You should leave them alone. They're animals! Humans are over populated but people are still pro-life. Let them be and they'll let us be.	6/16/2017 6:39 PM
569	Plant apple trees and hostas throughout the park in less frequented areas. They tend to eat these on people's property and won't seek them out if they're closer to home. Neither are expensive. We have five apple trees on our property and at least ten hostas which the deer visit and meanwhile cause zero damage to our property. Hostas grow back every year so they'd only need to be bought once. The thought of killing an innocent animal because their habitat has been cut and destroyed by humans is shameful and a disgrace. The park is the only thing that Truro has to attract tourists and I doubt you'll find many people who want to visit a nature destination which has been turned into a slaughterhouse. Nova Scotia was upset over the Pride flag situation, just imagination the reaction to killing without due cause. If the heartless, narcissistic old folks are so concerned over a few eaten plants, perhaps the town could sell Bobex at a discounted price. It is mixed with water and sprayed on the plants. The deer hate it. It could also be sprayed at the edge of the park to deter the deer from leaving. Natural selection will take over if the deer have to share food sources within the park and aren't willing to leave to find it elsewhere.	6/16/2017 6:39 PM
570	Increase number of hunting tags per person	6/16/2017 6:37 PM
571	I live on the border of Truro, in Bible Hill. I have 4 females and a lone male Deer that cross my property. I accept that my property is in their grazing path, I have no animosity towards these animals.	6/16/2017 6:36 PM
572	I feel that the town of Truro should not worry about the deer because they are not causing any harm	6/16/2017 6:33 PM
573	There are many other options than killing these animals for our convenience.	6/16/2017 6:31 PM
574	Stop cutting the forest they live in. This is a problem because of the greed of humans	6/16/2017 6:31 PM
575	even tho I no longer live in town I think this deer population began when the areas of the Park and watershed have been compromised with trails, schools developments...I was raised in Truro and spent much time in the Park...no deer then in town...Glenwood Dr was still mainly wooded and quite rural ...I now live in a rural area in Debert...we now have bear and no deer...people want to blame the bear on the composters..well, since I built my home here...the meadows and agricultural fields and forest have disappeared and what is now there are bees, blueberries and strawberries...bear heaven...the deer have disappeared because the meadows and forests were their home...and its gone...the point I am trying to make is take into consideration the effect of all this so called progress and growth has on the wildlife...these creatures have no where else to go...and they are now becoming "urbanized" and their young will no longer be able to survive in the wild..as they are not being taught how anymore...so any management program has to take this into consideration...there was really no need of that school being built up on Young St...put it downtown and leave the small schools in place so you won't need these huge developments...keep people out of the upper park...don't cut any more trails through forested areas...	6/16/2017 6:29 PM
576	While have not personally HIT a deer, I've had the dead animal that HAS been hit on my property. The risk of disease is prevalent and i'm killing ticks on my property since deer have frequented it, whereas before I have not had the exposure.	6/16/2017 6:24 PM
577	I live in town in part to get away from hunting and killing. I do not agree in any way with killing the deer and i am disgusted and embarrassed to be a truro resident right now.	6/16/2017 6:24 PM



578	We have tried coffee grounds which seems to have deterred them a bit but we find them beautiful	6/16/2017 6:22 PM
579	I don't understand how you claim that the controlled hunt will COST the town. If anything you should be able to gain revenue for it by selling the tags to the hunters. Also the proposed cost of processing seems very high compared to most deer butchers I've used. I would also advise you to consider what you will do to protect the hunters from those opposed to it. I have heard some people imply they would harass the hunters to protect the deer, which is in violation of the wildlife act.	6/16/2017 6:21 PM
580	Deer will destroy things that people would rather they not. Humans will destroy things that people would rather they not. Deer will dart out in front of vehicles and cause accidents. Humans will dart out in front of vehicles and cause accidents(the migrant workers who cause havoc on robie street are actually a hazard that should be attended to). I would anticipate that if you cull deer you should cull all other living beings that could rub someone the wrong way in Truro.	6/16/2017 6:20 PM
581	I do not believe that a controlled hunt is a safe alternative for in town limits. I feel like maintained feeding stations set up just outside of town limits where the deer are coming from would be the most beneficial. The deer will go (or stay where there is food for them to easily obtain). If there was some sort of online or printed publication for residents to see and learn about gardening techniques and deterrent, it could be quite beneficial for those who are experiencing the problems from the deer. Education is the best option in this situation!	6/16/2017 6:17 PM
582	The only reason I am strongly opposed to the other idea's listed is because I don't think they will be as effective. We could use a lot of the meat to feed the homeless.	6/16/2017 6:15 PM
583	this is a great opportunity for the town to bring in revenue if they could see the potential. what tourists don't love nature and there are plenty of places where a local park could be set up with feeding stations. where residents and tourists could donate their garden scraps instead of throwing them to a landfill. a picnic area scenic drive and a place where animals can be protected instead of harmed. they will go where they are safe and where there is food and Truro could use this to build instead of harm. harming animals will just drag Truro's reputation that much further under. I love seeing the deer and I think speed in Truro is more at fault then the deer are for accidents. I used to do deliveries and drove Truro area for a living I never hit a deer because I know they are there and watch for them I reduce my speed and use common sense, I drove up to 14 hrs a day in this town in all areas. deer are beautiful and one of the least harmful animals of all. they have become pretty domesticated you can walk right up to some of them. a lot of people find peace in watching and even feeding these animals if you hurt the animals you lose the people and with high prices and few resources and few jobs, Truro can not afford to lose the people. instead of taking something so many people love and the only enjoyment for some who are unable to get out and do things due to small incomes and disabilities use this to grow and benefit both the deer and the residents. residents can easily put a fence around their gardens plant mint which they don't like etc. there are other options other than using violence. I am completely against a cull, in fact, I'm ashamed of the people in Truro who think hurting these animals is the answer, is that the type of town these people really want to live in? a town that promotes violence and harm and takes from those who enjoy the natural things in life? shouldn't we promote peace? we have more than enough crime already. I'm sure plenty of our youth could find some enjoyment in a park and learn from it. it could benefit schools as well as it would make a great local school trip for projects and our young could benefit from learning things about our forest creatures and even vegetation. there is so many benefits to doing good instead of harm to these creatures and it would help expand our outskirts of the town which have nothing to promote growth as of yet. save the deer grow the town!	6/16/2017 6:14 PM
584	people have to stop feeding the deer and need to realize that we are taking their home's away with all the land clearing	6/16/2017 6:13 PM
585	Please, take into account that the deer seem to be over populated because we continually build new houses in subdivisions that require clear-cutting a lot of trees. The deer are beautiful creatures, and Truro could do a much better job branding them as such. They are not dangerous, they do not eat meat. A lot of my friends who come from cities think that we are so lucky to have wildlife so close to us and so well preserved. Truro prides itself on Victoria Park and the Agricultural College nearby in Bible Hill. It seems very hypocritical to kill deer when we claim to pride ourselves on agriculture and nature.	6/16/2017 6:11 PM
586	If you continue to intrude on their habitat you are going to continue to have difficulties regarding the deer. Clear cutting their homes is what is drawing them into ours.	6/16/2017 6:10 PM
587	Perhaps there are other communities who have a similar situation. What humane way do they treat this? Stop killing and find a way to make this situation a win-win one!	6/16/2017 6:10 PM
588	Deer have lost their fear of humans inside town boundaries	6/16/2017 6:06 PM
589	We have made significant changes to our property - plants, and gardens over the past decade because it was too expensive to try to keep a head of the deer. We used to have a veg garden...no longer - to expensive to fence it and hope the deer wouldnt get over that fence to destroy the garden.	6/16/2017 6:05 PM



590	I feel the deer are an attraction/asset to our community, we just have to figure out how to keep people tolerant and encourage people to see them as an asset not a problem. Deer gardening groups/sessions (what to plant when you have deer) could be implemented. If you live next to the park as I do, you may be more tolerant as I feel the park should be deer tolerant...or else some might want to start controlling birds, squirrels, raccoons, etc. Make the park and area bug free too! I hate june bugs. LOL!	6/16/2017 6:05 PM
591	When asked about concerns, I ticked off driving; however the reality is that these are all valid concerns and the option of highlighting more than one should have been given.	6/16/2017 6:03 PM
592	I don't think any type of weapon should be used in residential areas. I also feel the deer should not be killed because humans have created this, by taking more and more land from wild life, feeding wild life. Humans cause more property damage then deer, humans hurt humans not deer, deer don't break in to your house or steal from you.	6/16/2017 6:01 PM
593	They are eating things they have not touched in decades & do not normally eat. We have a problem!	6/16/2017 5:58 PM
594	Deer deterrent measures should be taken before even contemplating a cull and/or trapping. I've witnessed MANY folks bragging/posting on social media, etc. with photos, how they are feeding the deer directly from their property. Assuming they know what the deer eat, etc. they are in fact contributing to the problem of the deer migrating into town limits. Deer will not bother to forage in the forest when they can be readily fed by members of the community. They should be banned and fined for doing so, like most other communities with deer over population concerns. I enjoy wildlife and animals as much as the next person, but they are wild animals who should be foraging food for themselves. They will control their own population!	6/16/2017 5:56 PM
595	In the past week I have had a coyote and a black bear in my backyard and I live in town. It's getting ridiculous. The coyote is looking for deer and the bear was just scary	6/16/2017 5:54 PM
596	The deer should not be killed. It is the fault of the people feeding them and taming them. Those people should be severely fined. Also, ticks and coyotes come for other reasons too. Not just deer. Killing them will not solve anything. Nor is morally right.	6/16/2017 5:52 PM
597	It is unnecessary and cruel to kill these innocent animals just because some people don't like them.	6/16/2017 5:48 PM
598	Work at getting rid of slum lords in stead of wasting time worrying about the deer.	6/16/2017 5:48 PM
599	It would be helpful if the Town posted signs about deer in our community. This would remind locals but also alert visitors that we have an abundance of deer especially near Victoria Park.	6/16/2017 5:47 PM
600	Leave them alone.	6/16/2017 5:44 PM
601	I think it is terrible that human beings think they have any right to kill an innocent creature just trying to survive. We are invading their habitats. They are not a threat.	6/16/2017 5:41 PM
602	The deer are a loved part of this town. I grew up going to "look for the deer" with my father as a kid and now point them out om drives to my toddler. This town loves our deer and to see them go will break my heart. I understand that there may be reasons to reduce the numbers in the town but to kill these loved memebers of the community is tragic and upsetting. Please do not kill our deer. It is a beautiful part of our town that makes this place special. To walk down the street and see the grazing in the church lawn or prancing about in back yards is something that always makes me smile. Instead of killing them, the public should be instead educated on how to peoperly and safely co-exist with these beautiful creatures in a way that is natural and non harmful. Signs saying why feeding them and getting to close to them causes harm should be posted and the public should be made aware that human interaction causes the deers harm. The presence of the deers are not a bad thing, we just need to co-exist in a better way.	6/16/2017 5:41 PM
603	please dont kill them!	6/16/2017 5:39 PM
604	They're deer, they're literally fresh food running around, if only they were clean enough to even eat ?? the only reason they're in town is because they're protected from hunters and well-fed. If people fed raccoons and squirrels and bears like that, we'd be overrun with those as well. This is a man-made problem. So, there needs to be a man-made solution: Trap, Assess, then either Euthanize (rabies) or Relocate.	6/16/2017 5:39 PM
605	Personally like seeing the deer around - we live bordered on a wooded section so natural for wildlife to be seen. They don't bother anyone - eat a few plants which can be curtailed by planting deer resistant ones. When you know they are certain areas slowing Down can prevent a lot of car/animal collisions. The thoughts of killing these beautiful creatures is sickening. Last year several deer were shot by bow and arrow by presumed deer jackets - one wandered around with an arrow sticking out of her side - not a pleasant site!	6/16/2017 5:36 PM
606	We love the deer!	6/16/2017 5:31 PM
607	Deer are beautiful animals and I love seeing them around Truro. Please do not harm them, after all we are the ones taking over the land that was theirs to begin with. Fence your property if you don't like them and drive slower to avoid hitting them.	6/16/2017 5:31 PM



608	Strongly feel fencing would be a permanent fix. A cull would not deter more populations replacing any eradicated. I do not believe deer cause anymore accidents than dogs or cats. There have been few reports in the media of in-town collisions between deer and vehicles and a safe driver at proper speed in town should be worry free. Rodents carry the ticks that is common knowledge eradicating deer will not diminish the tick population.	6/16/2017 5:27 PM
609	People in Truro feed the deer and why should they be put down for taking food	6/16/2017 5:26 PM
610	Just because it is illegal to feed deer, it doesn't seem to be really working. There are still people who feed deer that make them come around!!!	6/16/2017 5:26 PM
611	I don't live in Truro but I am from there and visit often. The deer are very cute but Lyme disease is not. As crazy as this sounds, have you thought of a controlled hunt and distributing the meat to the residents of Truro or having a BBQ in the park? I wish you luck solving the problem. Lyme disease is serious.	6/16/2017 5:26 PM
612	The deer are coming into town because of loss of habitat. There is a massive amount of clear-cutting in all areas of the province, but particularly in Colchester/Cumberland counties. Populations in those areas move into areas already populated, causing those populations to shift - into the towns. Stop the clearcutting, and you stop the problem of deer coming in. Stop people from feeding them (fines, etc.), and you stop the deer from staying in town.	6/16/2017 5:24 PM
613	we will never keep all wild animals out of town, not a workable cost efficient way at least. so why not place feeding stations outside of town along the deer walking corridor, feeding route and maybe some fencing there to redirect them another way. if they find food elsewhere, will they not stop coming into town.	6/16/2017 5:21 PM
614	LEAVE THEM ALONE! OR MOVE THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE!	6/16/2017 5:21 PM
615	Do not want Truro to be know for their deer killing !	6/16/2017 5:14 PM
616	I support controlling but not killings , transported to other areas of the forest.	6/16/2017 5:14 PM
617	We frequently go to truro for all of our town needs and the number of deer in town is alarming. They are constantly running out in the street and are damaging to people's yards. The main problem is people. Feeding them. The population needs to be seriously reduced by any means possible and there needs. To be serious consequences for people that are feeding them	6/16/2017 5:12 PM
618	I find the deer to be no problem at all. I like seeing them around. Maybe people should be fined for feeding them and encouraging them that way	6/16/2017 5:10 PM
619	LEAVE THEM ALONE	6/16/2017 5:10 PM
620	I feel that the deer are just trying to live their lives. The increasing development of the town isn't "driving more deer in" because we chose to tear down wooded areas to build on. The land was their home first. Culling the population is never the answer.	6/16/2017 5:05 PM
621	Set up feeding stations outside town. They will go where the food is.	6/16/2017 4:59 PM
622	Please do not kill the deer - its not their fault - either re-locate them or do something to prevent them from reproducing or deter them away from the town	6/16/2017 4:57 PM
623	My son was infected with lyme disease as a result of a deer tick in our own backyard. I do realize we live on the edge of the woods and this is our responsibility, but it very much worries us that town deer are so common on our children's school playgrounds. What also concerns me is that our next door neighbour (who has also been treated for lyme) continues to feed the deer in our backyard.	6/16/2017 4:56 PM
624	Quit cutting down all the trees and the deer won't have worry about the deer moving into town! Proactive instead of reactive!	6/16/2017 4:54 PM
625	Education first! We have never had a problem with the deer in 30 years of living here. (And are extensive gardeners). A hunt/cull is a horrible thought, and would put a real black stain on Truro's reputation. If individuals have an issue with them, there are many deer management techniques that can be used without a lot of expense. Please leave the deer alone, educate the public, and spend the money where it would have greater benefit - such as fixing our dangerous roads.	6/16/2017 4:54 PM
626	Killing is wrong, many other animals on roads besides deer. Also a lot more intoxicated drivers, stop blaming deer for this. As for those complaining about their poor plants /flowers etc, put up fencing n plant accordingly that doesn't attract deer. Living in harmony with them is a compliment to this town. They are enjoyable n will leave this town if cull is ordered. This town will be tainted if a cull is ordered by locals making it very well known to other parts of Canada n US. Tourist volumes will drop as many I know enjoy seeing them when they visit. How do you explain to the children n grandkids that no deer are seen because town ordered them killed. Hmmm! Poor call n a disgusting one, leave damn deer alone n put money where it needs to be. Leave all wildlife alone n stop killing.	6/16/2017 4:54 PM



627	I have always enjoyed seeing the deer in my neighbourhood. If people would just slow down and pay attention then less accidents would happen. We have taken over their homes by building homes for humans to live in so really we have created this "issue". You wouldn't just go kill humans because we are overrun we just deal with it so why do you think it's okay to do it to the wildlife???? Get over it and enjoy watching them. They are very peaceful and calming to watch	6/16/2017 4:53 PM
628	It would be devastating to do a cull to many people, including children and elderly. I think there are more people who don't have a problem with the deer than those who do. I like all the options on this list minus the culls. I would love for my tax paying dollars to go towards saving these innocent lives, and I would even donate to that. Humans cause more damage and destruction than they ever will...I am more scared of the drivers of Truro than deer! Honestly people are way more likely to get in an accident on their own or with another vehicle, than a deer in town. Knowing a deer can jump out at any moment actually makes me a more cautious driver, I pay more attention and go slower. Please please do not kill these innocent beauties. We are the ones running them out of their homes by building more and more subdivisions...take ownership and do not kill them because of it.	6/16/2017 4:41 PM
629	Since we've sucked up all of their habitat we can hardly blame them. Are a few tulips worth draconian measures?	6/16/2017 4:39 PM
630	I have seen as many as 13 deer within 200 ft of my house at the same time. I have lived at this address for 10 years and the number and frequency of deer around my property has increased each year.	6/16/2017 4:37 PM
631	been going on way too long. bringing ticks. coyotes. plants eaten. droppings on my lawn. running out in front of cars. chance for aggression around kids. eating bird feeders. can't have a garden. for over 250 a month if property taxes this environmental mess has been propagating for way too long. I don't hunt and I don't want to see them hurt but i want them gone.	6/16/2017 4:36 PM
632	The last five options are not worth taxpayer's money...we do this individually as homeowners and they DO NOT WORK!	6/16/2017 4:35 PM
633	Please consult scientific methods of fertility control and experts on the true ramifications for culling. The studies that I have seen suggest that a cull has the opposite effect and is unnecessarily dangerous.	6/16/2017 4:30 PM
634	Ridiculous to consider this a budget priority.	6/16/2017 4:23 PM
635	Property owners must always remember they superior beings in this relationship, so don't plant what deer eat, and don't feed them. To have species from the Wild so close is a blessing, and we should understand how fortunate we are. And learn to live with such wonderous and beautiful creatures.	6/16/2017 4:14 PM
636	Although I am outside town limits I live 2 minutes outside in Salmon River and it is a problem there too. I am not sure the best way to help deter the deer from wandering all through town, but culling is not the answer. The reason they are in town in the first place is because we displaced them by building homes, businesses etc on THEIR land. There needs to be a non-violent way to deal with this.	6/16/2017 4:08 PM
637	If Truro goes forward with this cull, it will be a very news worthy story, so take your chance and kill these creatures, the repercussions of these actions will not be seen as favorable to the majority of the population and be prepared for the fallout of this decision.	6/16/2017 4:06 PM
638	For the amount of persons who consider them a nuisance, the deer provide joy and passive enjoyment to so many more voices that are the silent majority. The loudest most complaining voice should not determine their fate. Perhaps consider making this the towns thing. The town of deer. I'd also like to see the statistics of motor vehicle accidents related within town boundaries! No one in our family have ever experienced this. We have witnessed a burst of recent forest cutbacks to make way for further housing development and that does coincide with the burst in deer population as well. If you continue to build into their territory sure they will be within "town limits"...we love the deer. They are more welcome in our neighborhood than some humans! They know the woods aren't safe due to hunting and now that the young ones only know town life....Nova Scotia is in an environmental crisis with the amount of clear cutting happening province wide and then we wonder why the balance of nature is askew. Anyways...leave the deer alone. It brings such a thrill and they are so passive and sweet. They graze on my rose bushes, but we don't "feed them"....we love having them in our yard. There certainly doesn't need to be a lethal hunt or shooting of them within town limits. This is crazy even for Truro! You are opening yourselves up to possibility of legal action and lawsuits. What are the ramifications of this!? Besides being innately cruel. Do our taxpayers money go to such barbaric actions!? Not ours please. We did not elect such shortsighted people to represent us. Use the budget to Fix the roads. God, there are endless things. I hope the voices for support of the deer are at the community meeting. Shameful.	6/16/2017 4:04 PM
639	Don't kill them. They're only doing what comes natural. Punish the people who feed them like the lady on Glenwood. Fines don't work.	6/16/2017 3:59 PM
640	We have more important issues to spend money on. Let's look at spending more on crime prevention and cleaning up the drugs that actually hurt people. The deer are not hurting anyone. I can easily put fences up to keep deer away from plants.	6/16/2017 3:58 PM



641	We live on Victoria Park. We have found ways to live with the deer rather than fighting them (through selective planting) but still have beautiful gardens of deer-resistant plants.	6/16/2017 3:56 PM
642	The Glenwood/Kaulback/Curtis/Crowell/Fundy area streets need deer crossing signs to make people aware of the problem in the area. Weekly, I almost hit deer at night in my driveway	6/16/2017 3:52 PM
643	I live in Bible Hill & travel through Town of Truro frequently.	6/16/2017 3:48 PM
644	Great job trying to figure out a solution. You are not going to please everyone!	6/16/2017 3:44 PM
645	The cost of damage and risk of Lyme disease make this a high priority. They are a menace that need to be eliminated.	6/16/2017 3:40 PM
646	Because of the immense amount of "regular" deer in our area they have attracted a coyote, brought ticks into my yard which I had to take my child to emergency to have removed and monitored for Lyme disease, my back yard is a mud pit from all their tracks and their passing through and I have lost \$300+ dollars YEARLY in money I've invested in different plants, Shrubs and flowers that apparently deter the deer but they still continue to eat ! They are all over the road and do not move for cars. It's extremely unsafe !	6/16/2017 3:36 PM
647	I am actually offended that you want to know my address. Why can't this be anonymous? Really. Why does the address mean anything? They are everywhere from MacLean St to Wade Rd , marshland Drive to William Barnhill drive. Jeesh. Think that silly question again.	6/16/2017 3:35 PM
648	Please don't kill the deer! If people don't like them eating their plants; there is other ways to deter them.	6/16/2017 3:34 PM
649	The deer population has swelled due to natural selection not taking place. They are hand fed and provided adequate nutrition by residents when otherwise they would perish in the wild. It infuriates me to see all the hand feeding and constant foot traffic on our street, not to mention the mangled and sick animals that are hanging on because their food is provided to them. We've seen animals with broken limbs after colliding with delivery trucks, prolapsed colons and uterus', malnourished bodies (body condition scoring would determine they should not be viable) again...they are hanging on because their food and sometimes shelter is provided. Come to Lyman....see the herd of 14. Which is growing again with all the new fawns. Also come check out our year round feeder/neighbor who keeps them so reliant on her. This has got to stop. I'm beyond frustrated.	6/16/2017 3:31 PM
650	I reside in Bible Hill/Valley. The deer issue in Truro is also of great concern for us and population control measures should be considered by the municipality of Colchester. On any given day, regardless of the time, there can be multiple (5+) deer hanging around yards and wandering into the streets. They are a use to humans and have absolutely no fear. Please consider partnering with the municipality as the deer are also a dangerous issue in the outlying areas; they don't just stick to town, though up around the Truro Industrial Park is quite overrun with deer. Thank you.	6/16/2017 3:30 PM
651	I truly believe if people stopped feeding the deer it would help. They would head back to the woods and forage for food there like a wild animal should do.	6/16/2017 3:27 PM
652	You all are bulldozing their homes and getting mad that they are in our back yards! It was their home first. I realize in our current growing society we expand and need places to build businesses and homes but don't in turn get upset that wildlife are getting closer and closer. Hint: they haven't moved, we are the ones who moved into their territories.	6/16/2017 3:17 PM



Pellet Group Surveys (2018 2019 2020)

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17 49 65
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25 28 24
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15 42 33
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Appendix B - Pellet Group Inventories

Spring & Fall Roadside Surveys

Fall 2018 - Fall 2020
Showing
Max Daily Counts of Each Season

12 (F18)
6 (S19)
5 (F19)
3 (F20)
12 (S20)

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START

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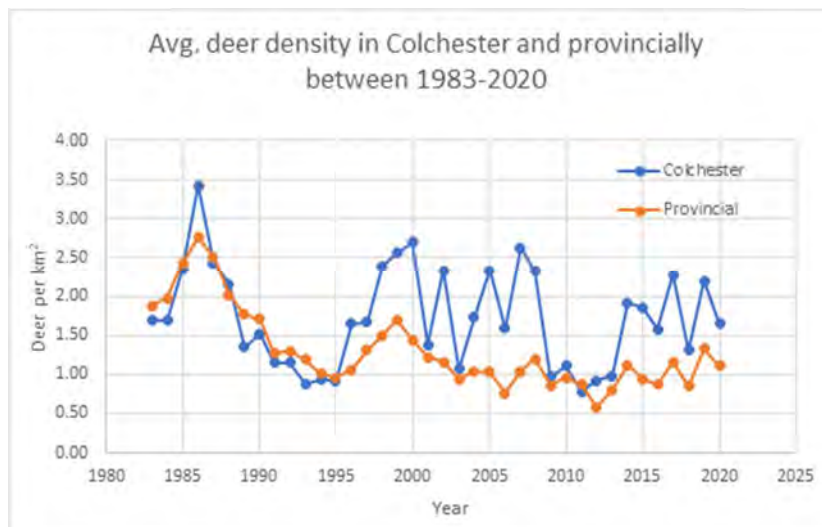
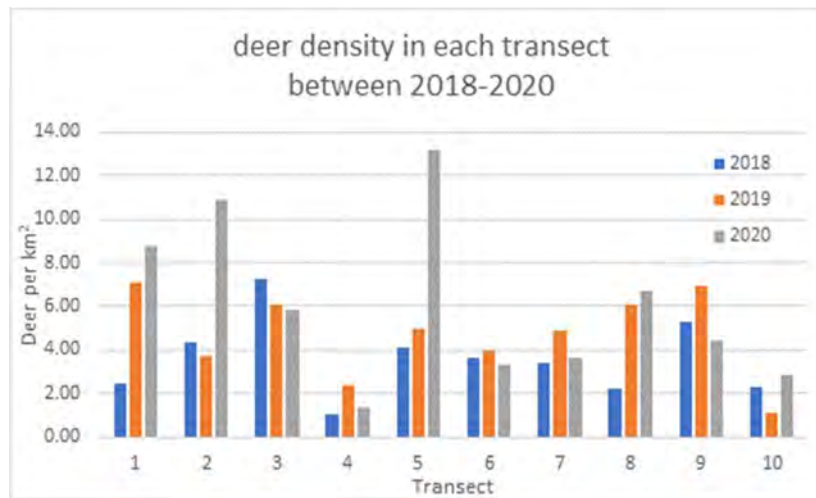
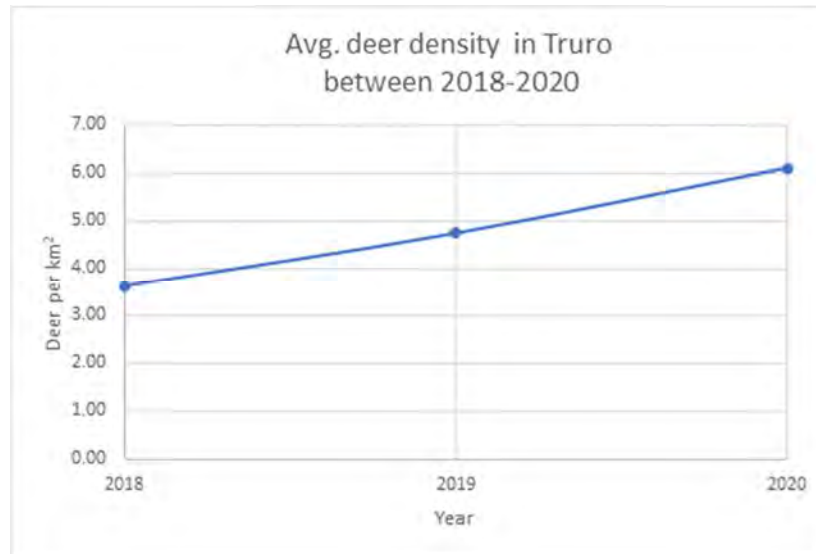
Spring & Fall Roadside Surveys

Fall 2018 - Fall 2020

Showing
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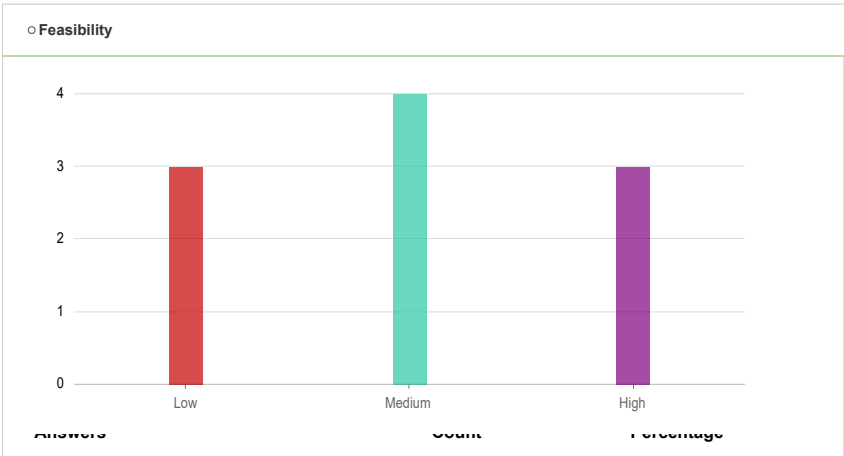
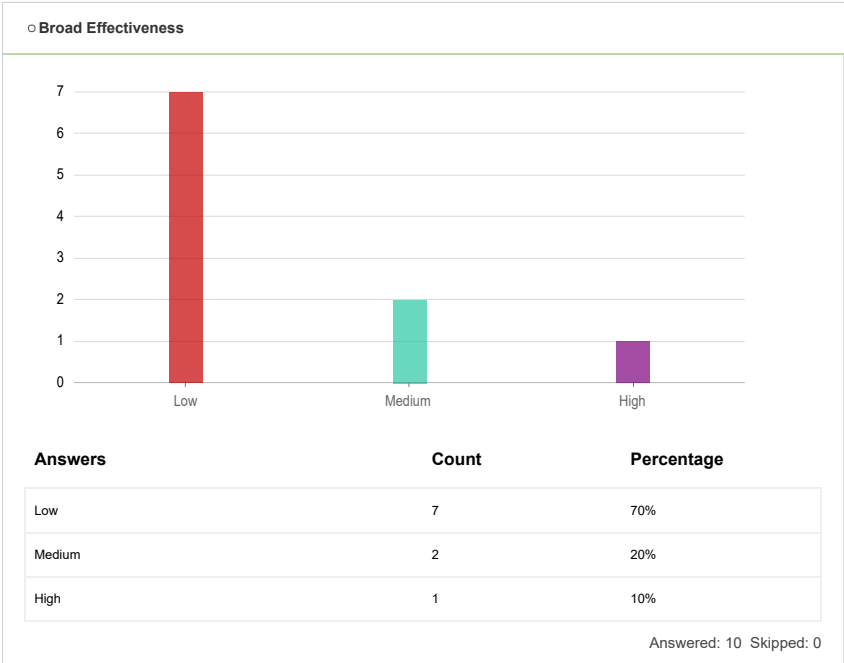
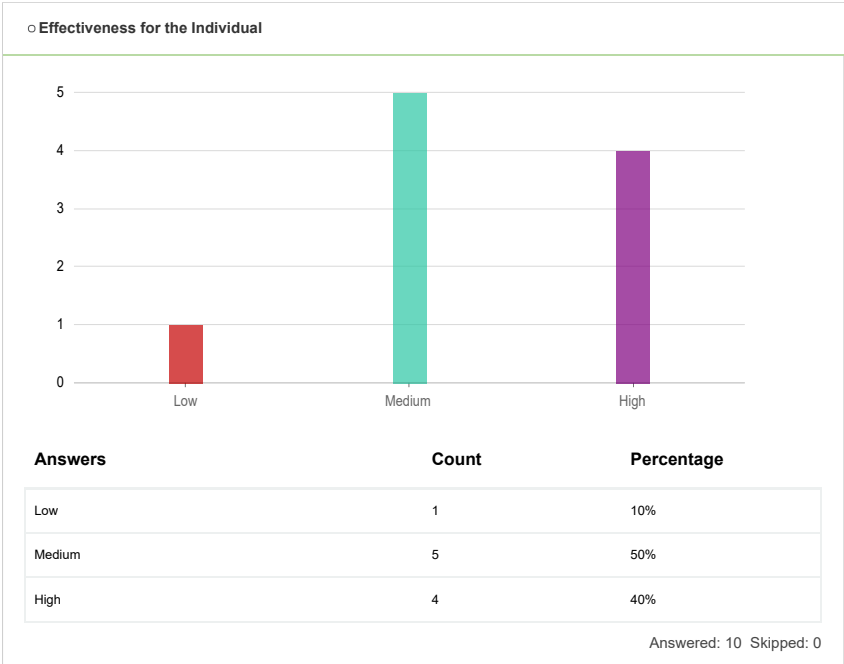


Appendix D – Data Analysis by the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry



Evaluation of Management Options (Resource Working Group Version)

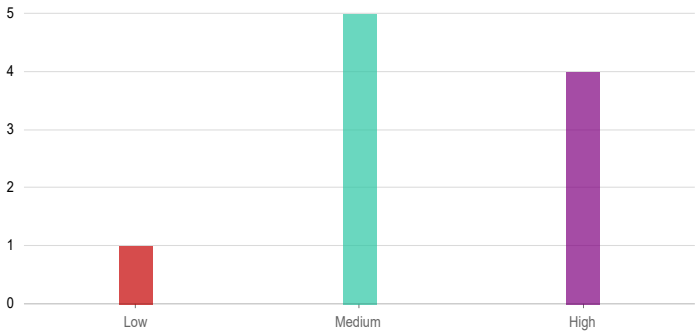
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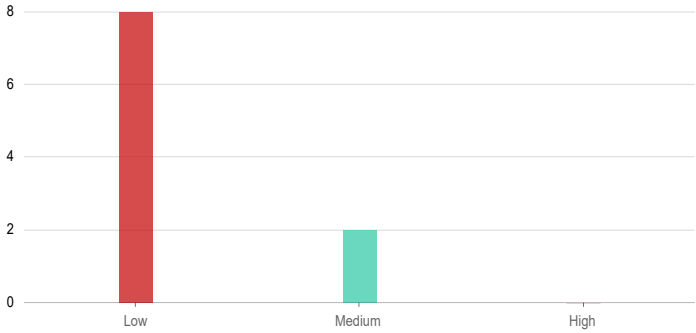
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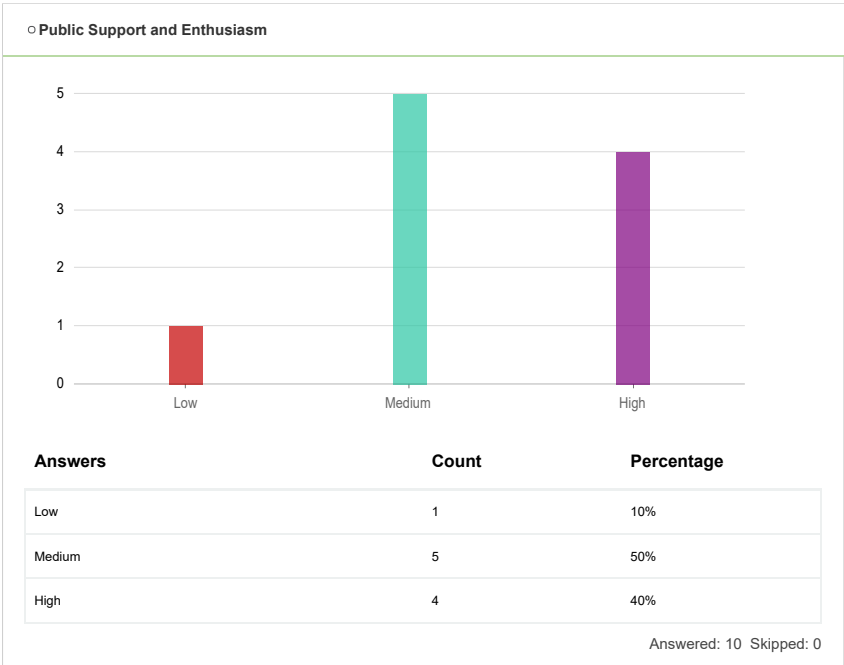
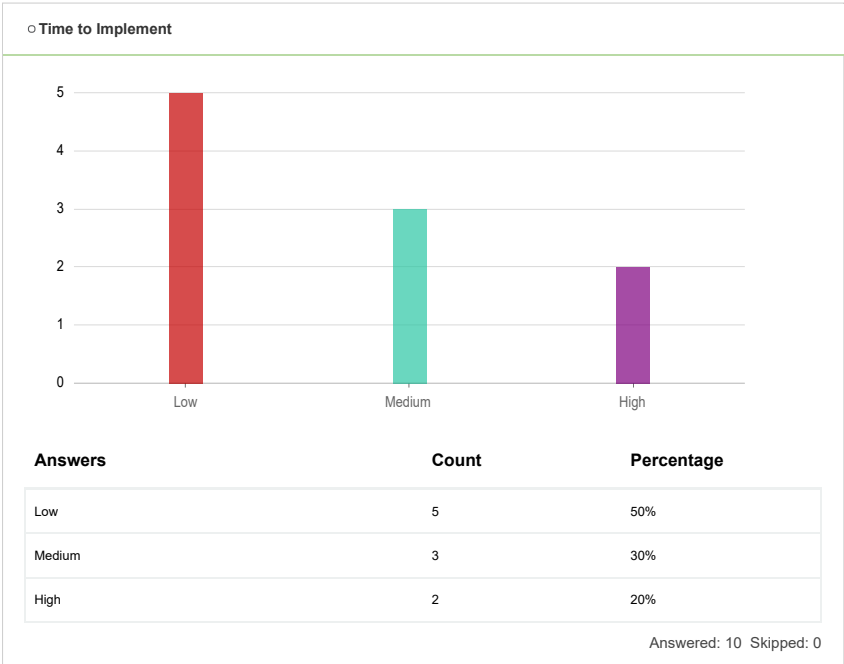
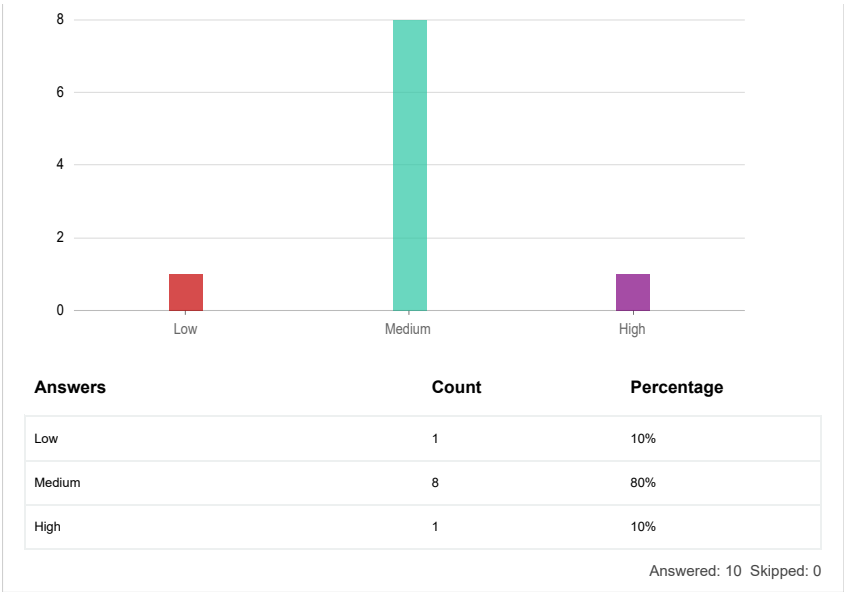
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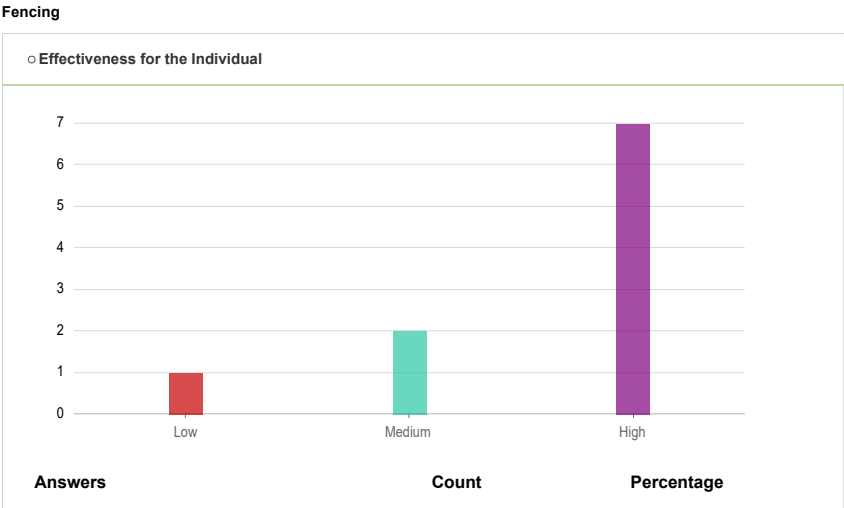
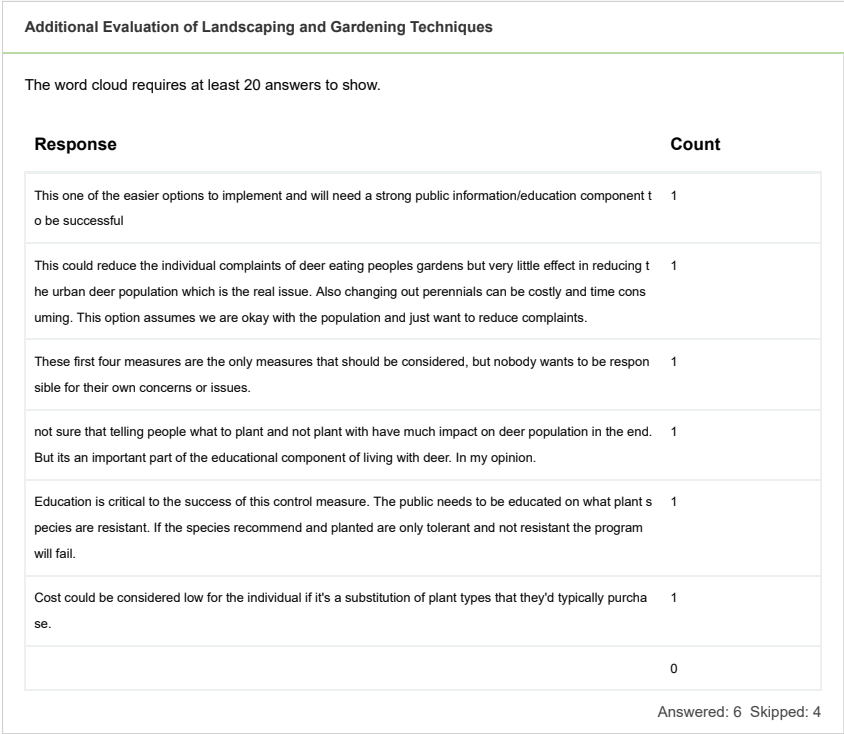
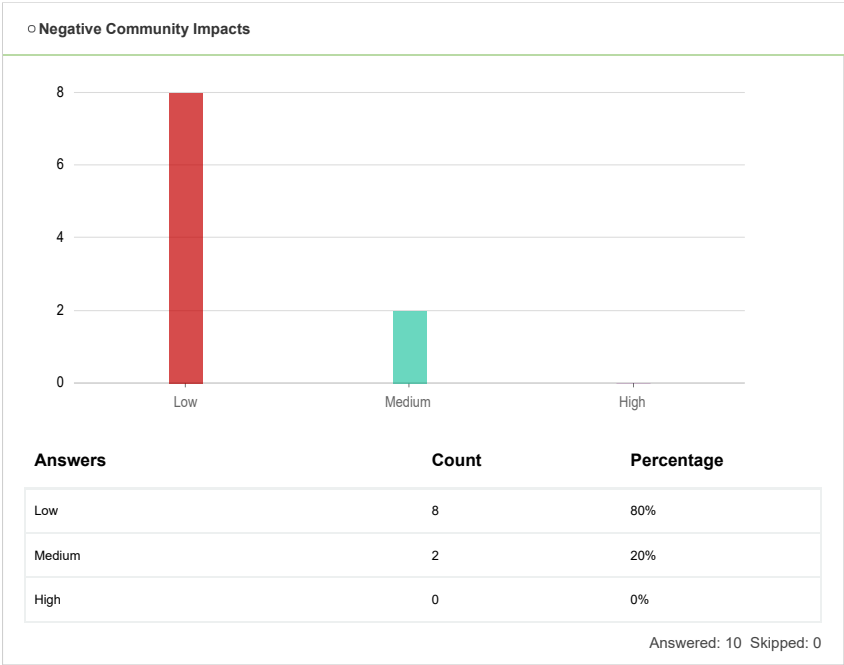


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○ Overall Individual Cost

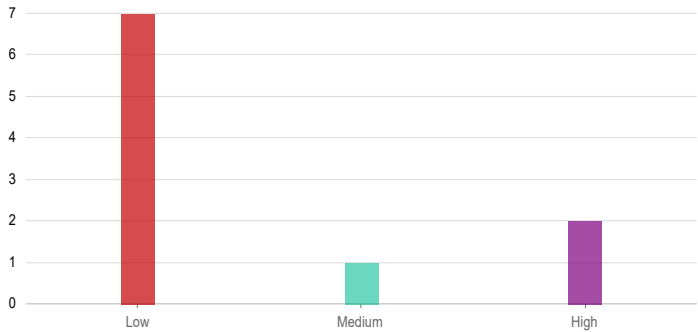




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High	7	70%

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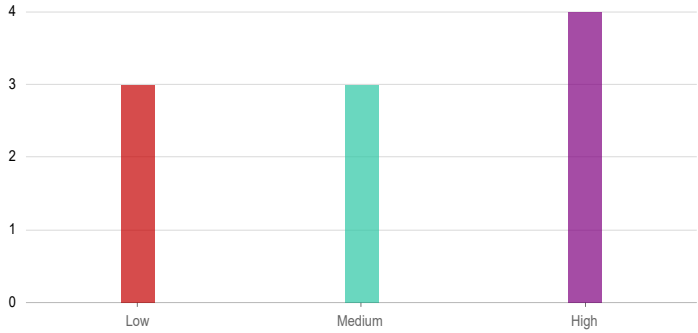
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High	2	20%

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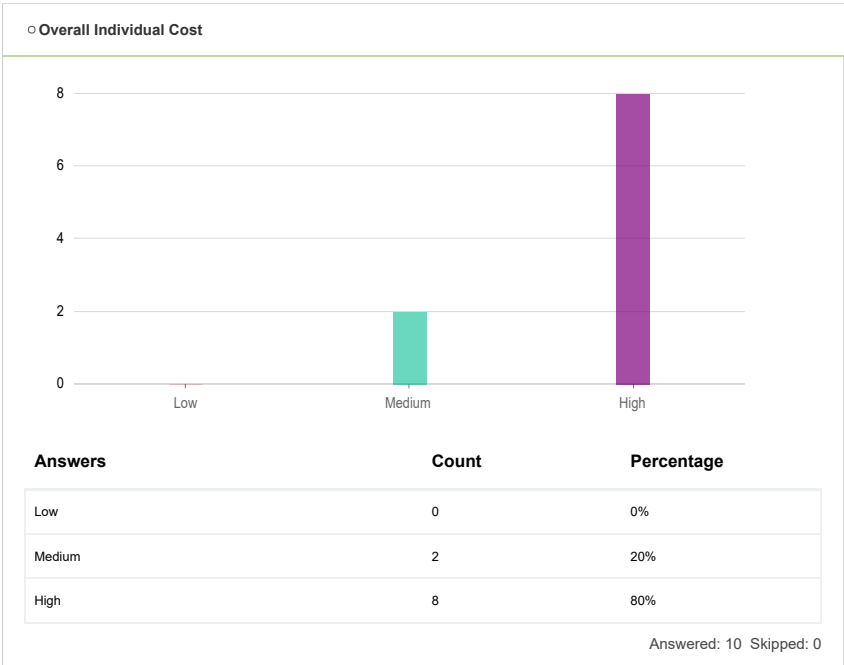
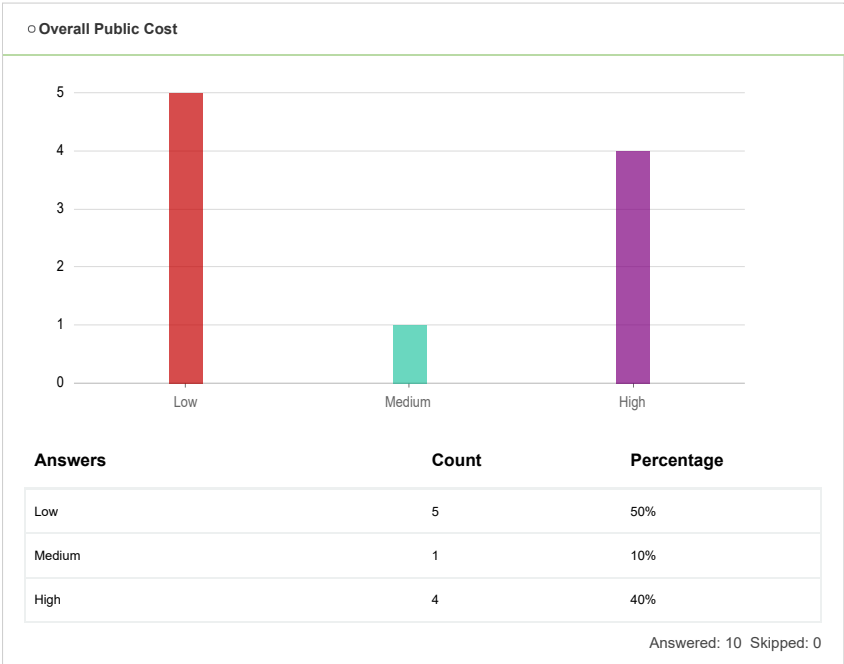
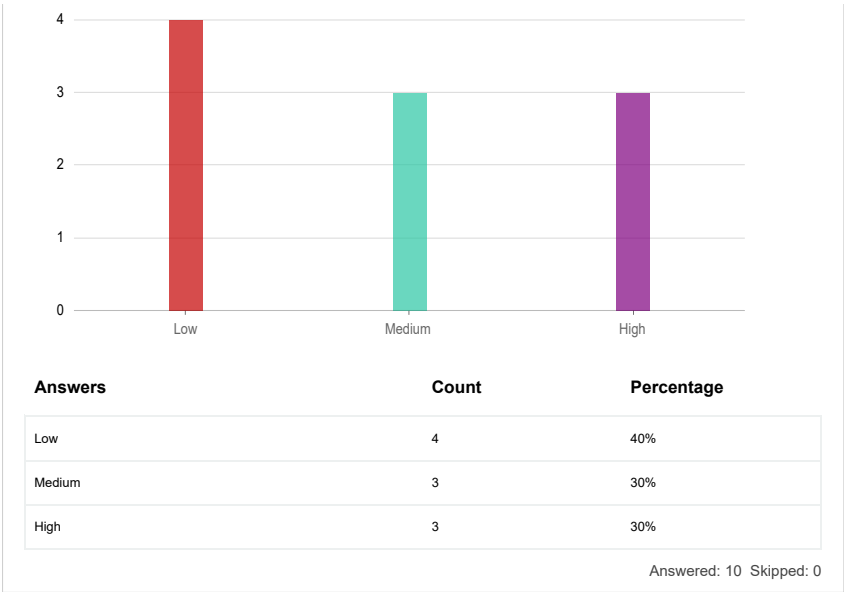
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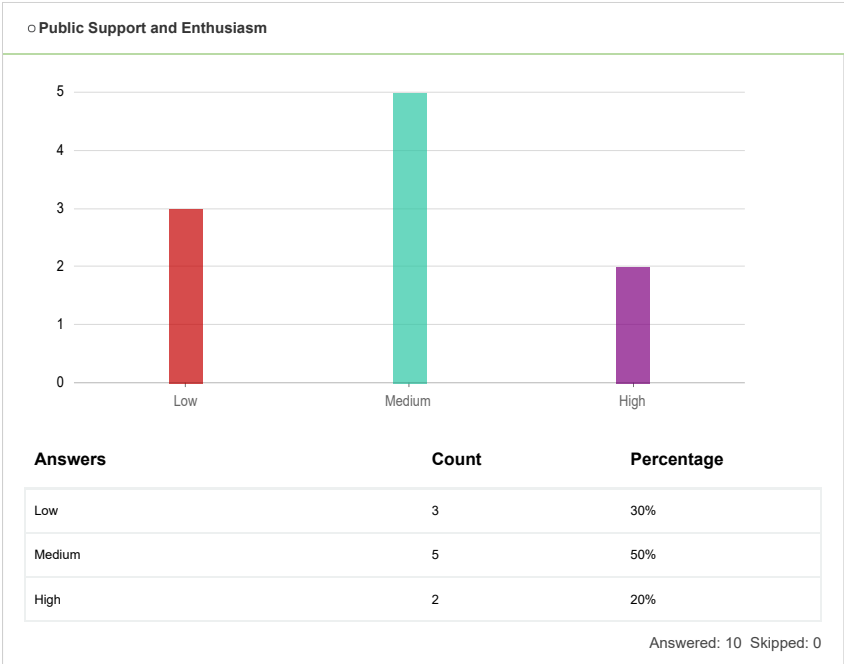
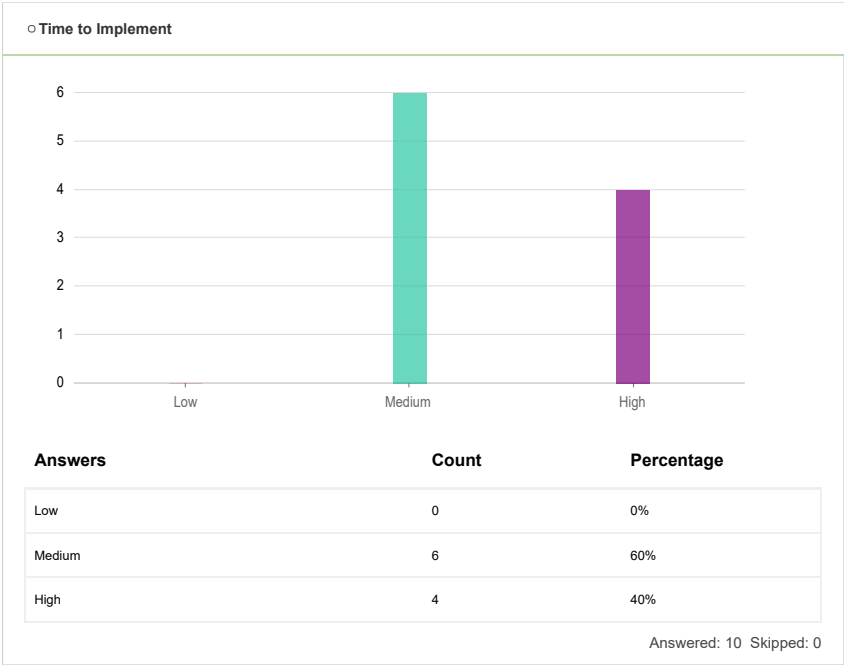


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	3	30%
High	4	40%

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○ Capacity to Implement





High	3	30%
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Additional Evaluation of Fencing

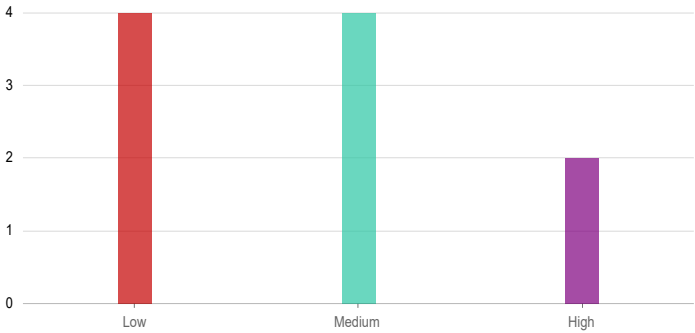
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Response	Count
This an relatively effective but costly control option.	1
These first four measures are the only measures that should be considered, but nobody wants to be responsible for their own concerns or issues.	1
There is a balance of fencing effectiveness for individuals and overall community appeal for widespread fencing.	1
I don't think fences are publicly very popular. but I live in a neighbourhood where fences are not permitted under covenants. I may have bias here.	1
Depending on the property this option could be costly or not feasible, however for those that can install proper fencing it should have a very positive impact in reducing damage caused by deer.	1
Again this assumes we are okay with the population and are merely providing suggestions to reduce individual complaints and putting the responsibility back on the individual, with the town taking no responsibility.	1
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Repellants

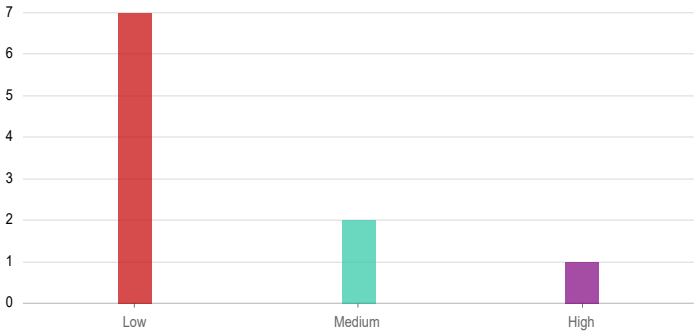
Effectiveness for Individuals



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Low	4	40%
Medium	4	40%
High	2	20%

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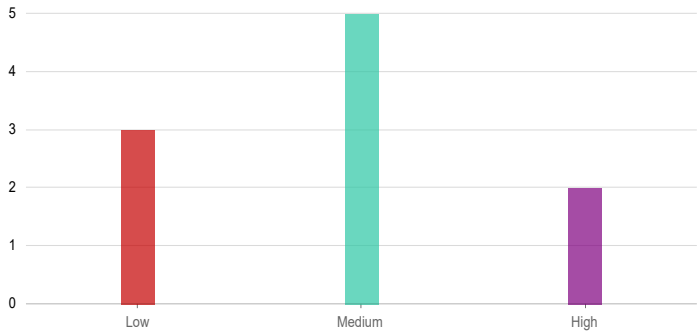
Broad Effectiveness



Low	7	70%
Medium	2	20%
High	1	10%

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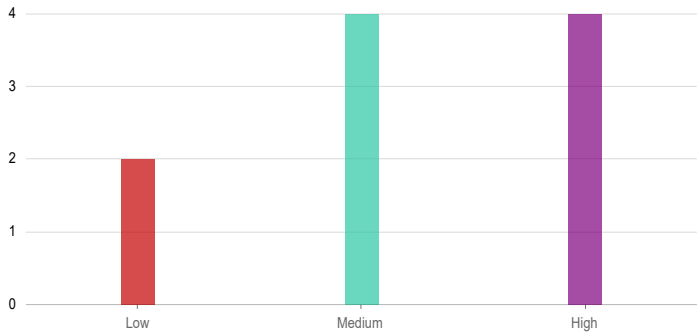
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Medium	5	50%
High	2	20%

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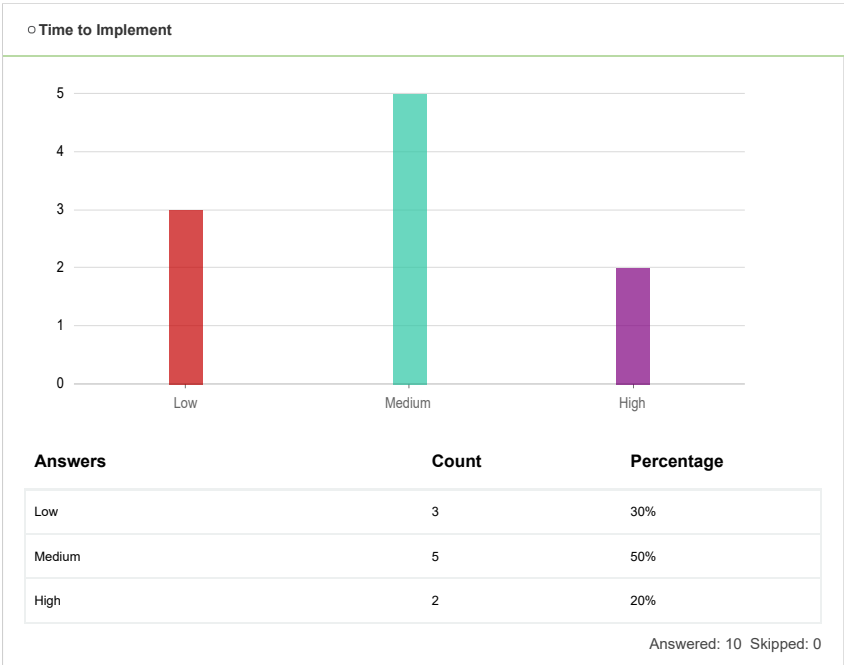
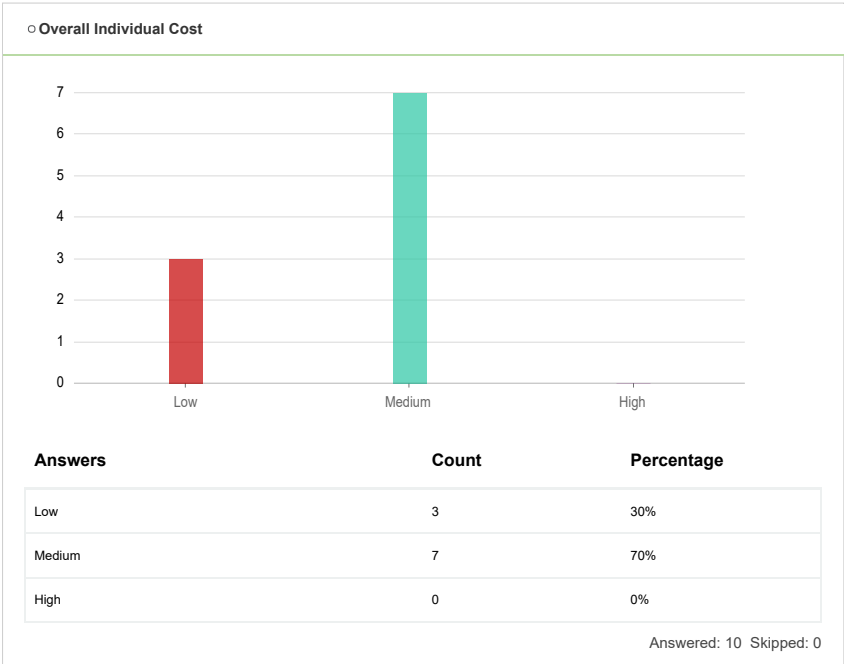
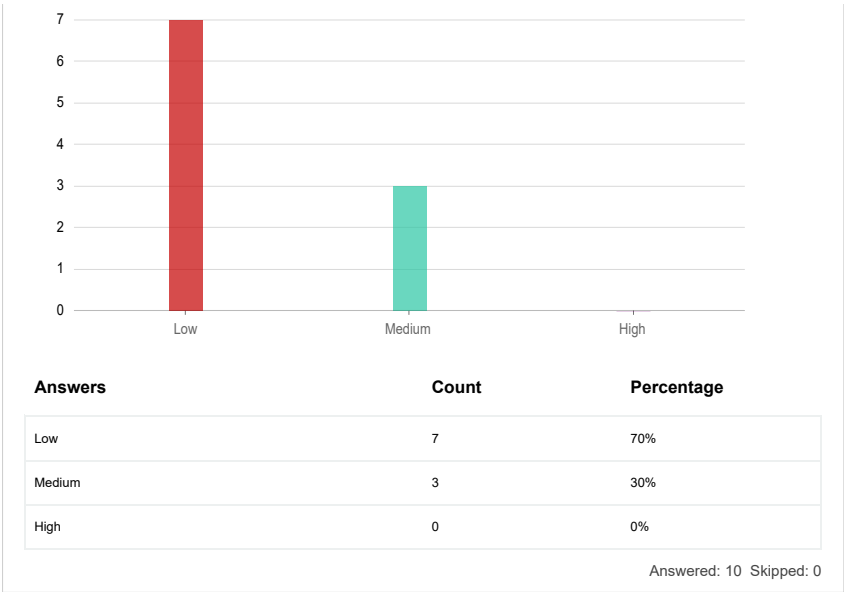
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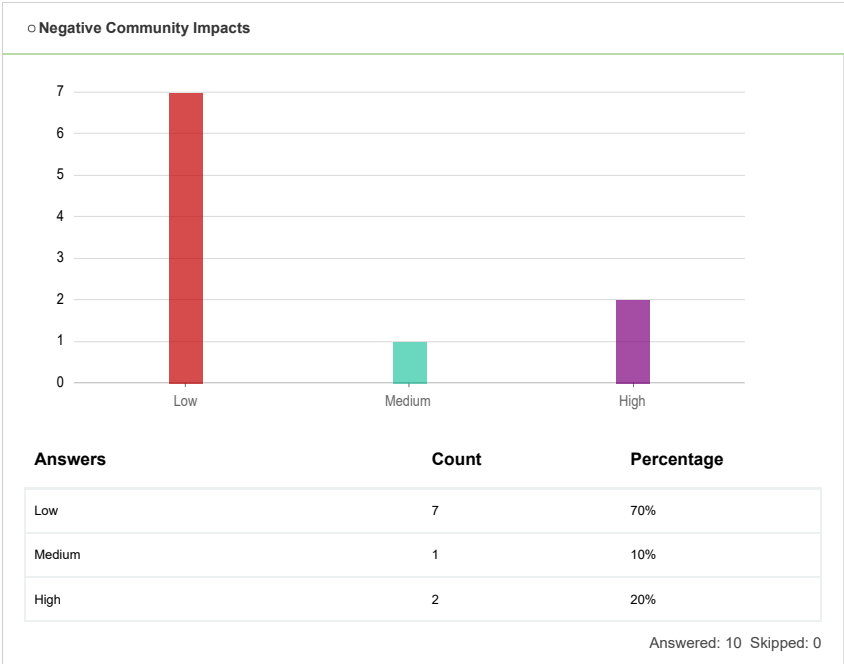
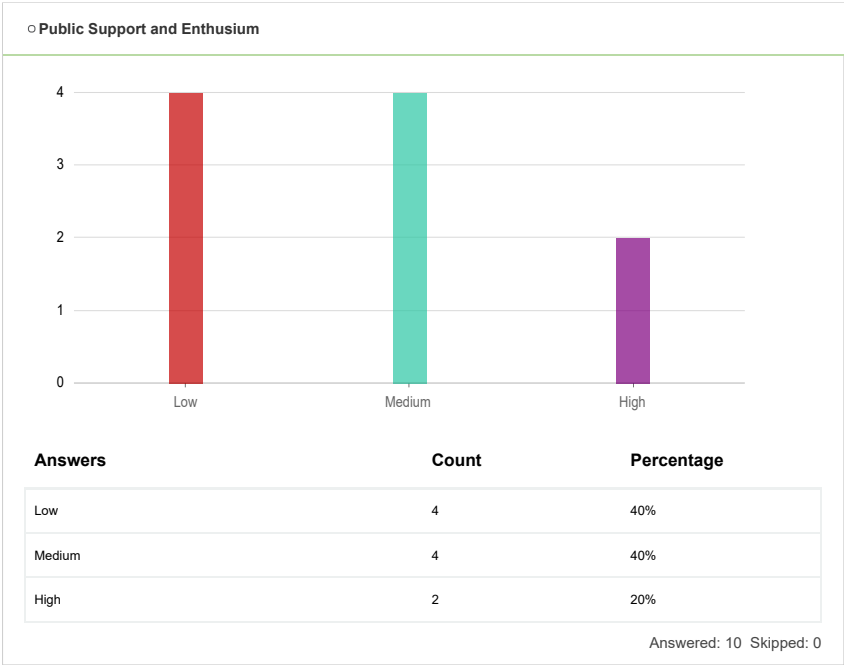


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	4	40%
High	4	40%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

○ Overall Public Cost





Additional Evaluation of Repellants

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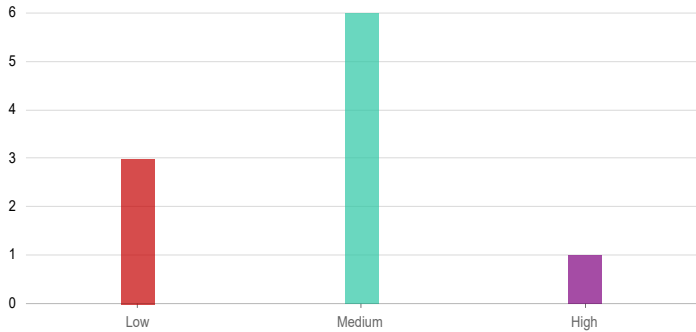
Response	Count
This could be effective however available of the right products and the ongoing effort need by individual homeowners might make them less likely to implement. Cost of the product might also be an issue for some.	1
These first four measures are the only measures that should be considered, but nobody wants to be responsible for their own concerns or issues.	1
Stink repellants can be very irritating to many. Can cause issues for those with sensitivities when using their outdoor spaces.	1
Needs to be applied often with additional techniques used. For this reason it may not be a very effective technique and the cost-benefit to the individual may be a deterrent.	1
In order to work most products need to be applied throughout the growing season.	1
Again another great suggestion for the individual but no real solution to the problem. Is there a deer population problem or not.	1

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Deer Deterrence

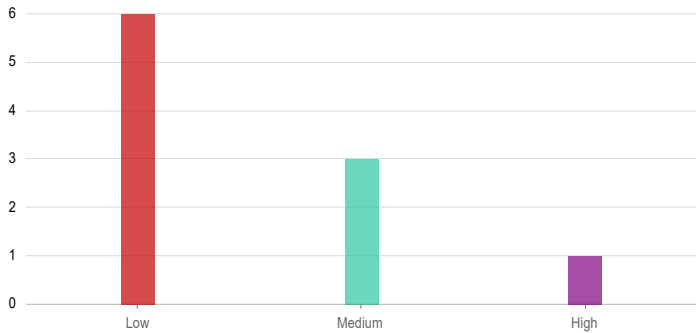
Effectiveness for Individuals



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High	1	10%

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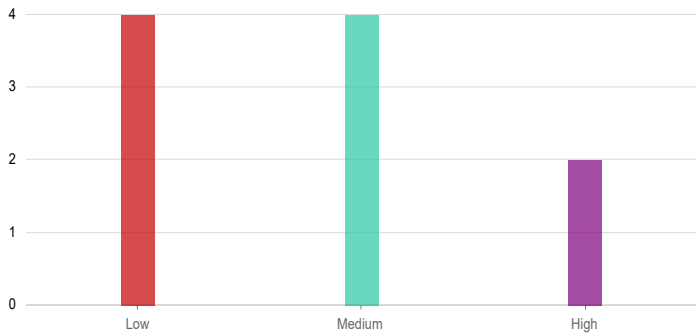
Broad Effectiveness



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High	1	10%

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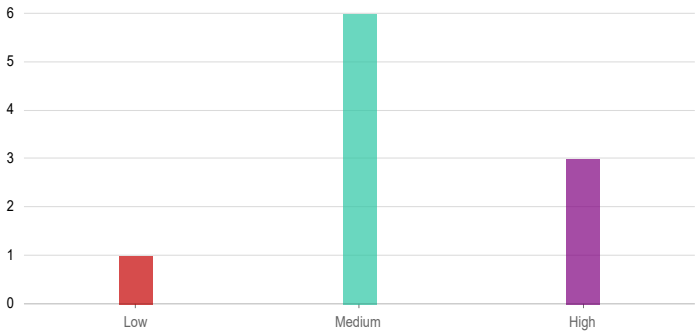
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Low	4	40%
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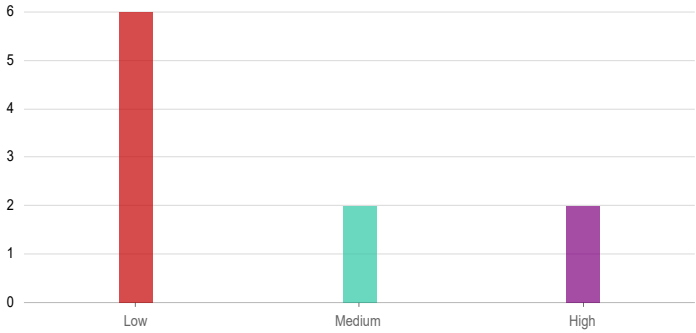
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High	3	30%

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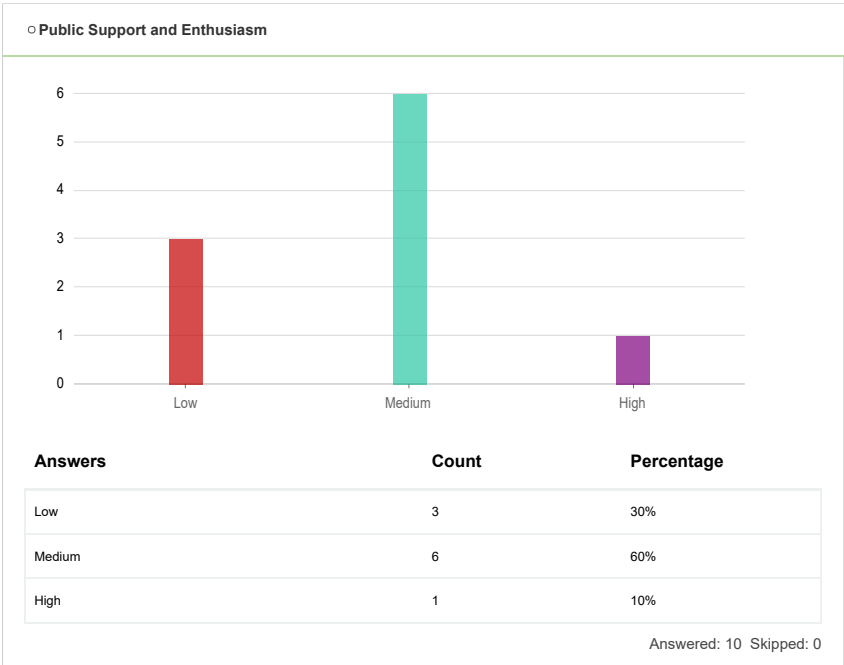
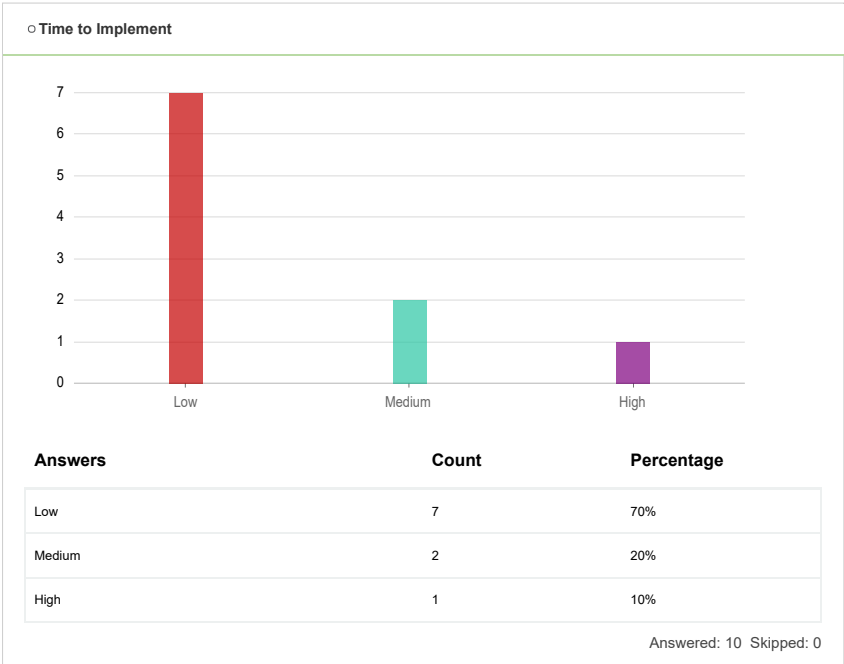
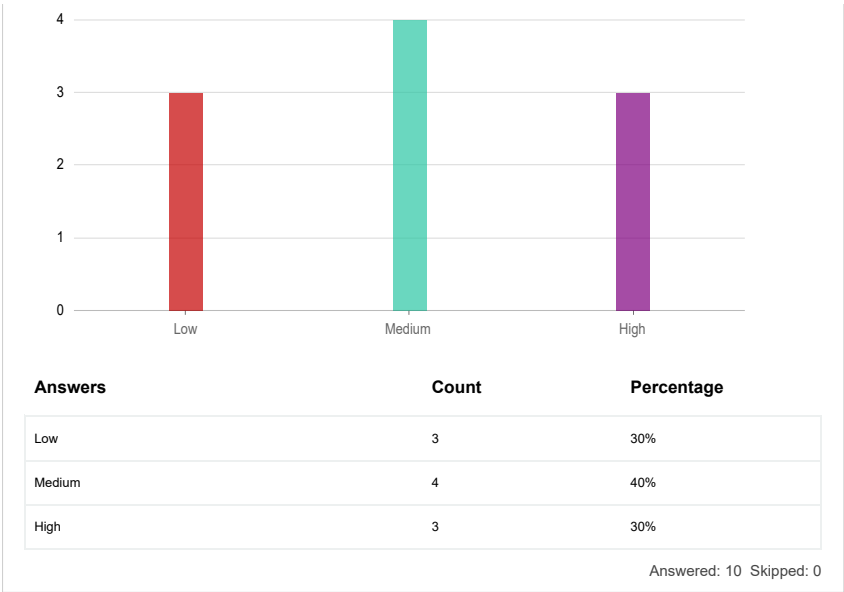
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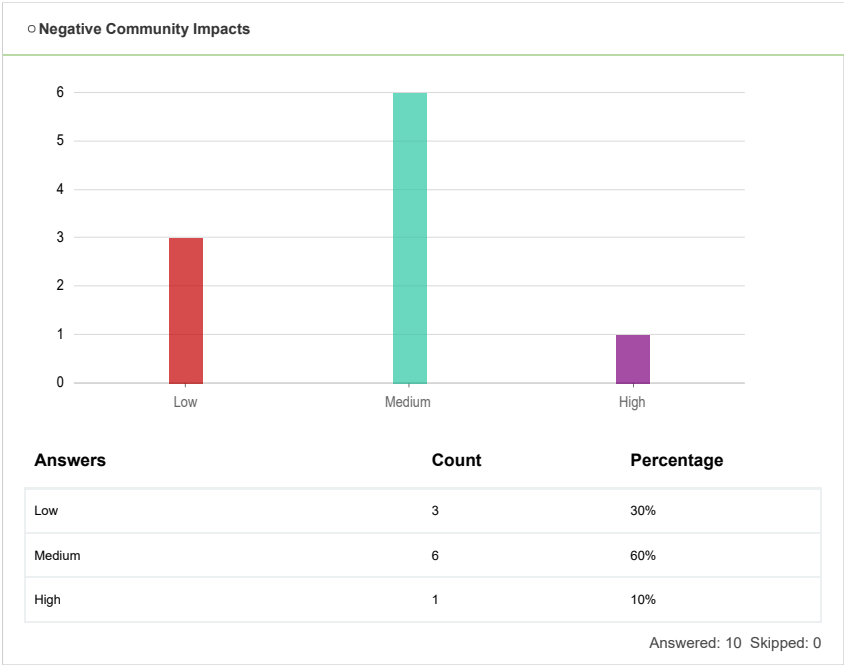


Answers	Count	Percentage
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High	2	20%

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○ Overall Individual Cost





Additional Evaluation of Deer Deterrence

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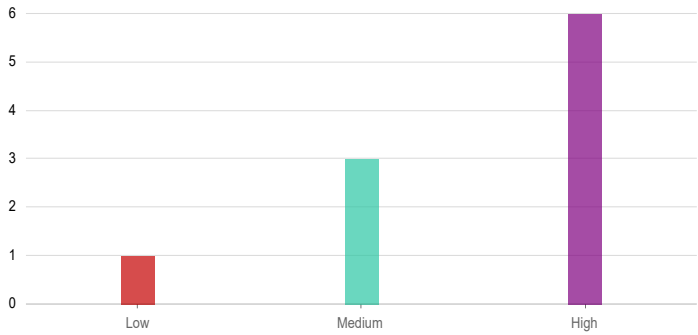
Response	Count
These first four measures are the only measures that should be considered, but nobody wants to be responsible for their own concerns or issues.	1
The community acceptance of auditory deterrence technology would be low	1
Particular auditory measure could violate noise bylaws particularly at night. Finding an effective system might take some time and therefore cost could be an issue.	1
I think the Devil is in the details on this one. What specific options are being used? Having a neighbour put up 50 tin foil pie plates on strings might be frowned upon.	1
Audible deterrents may not be appealing to an urban area.	1
	0

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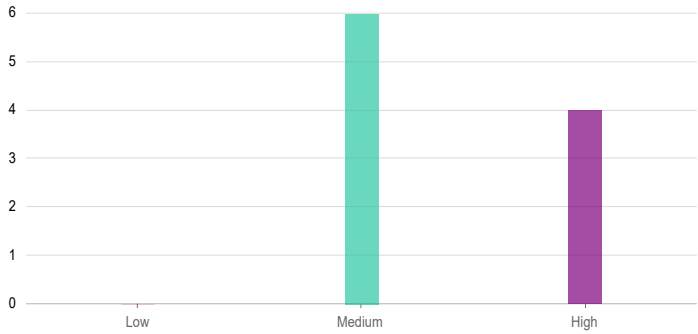
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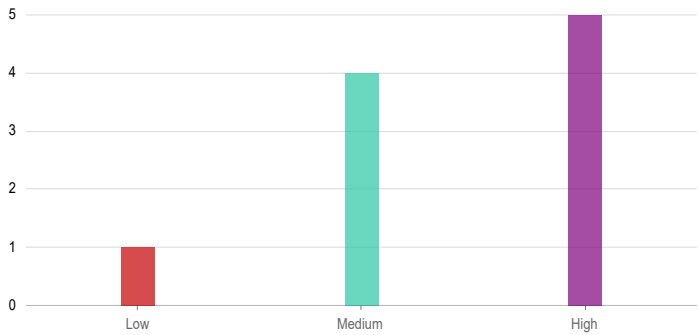
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High	4	40%

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○ Capacity to Implement

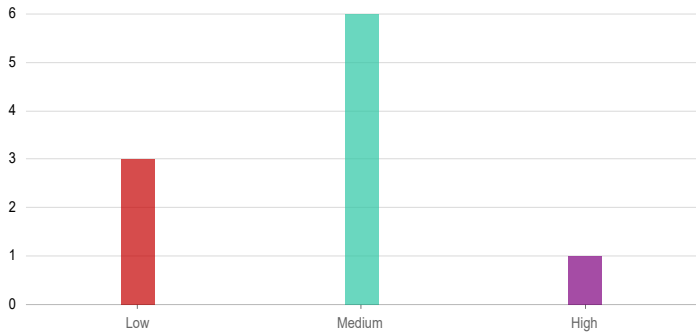


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Medium	4	40%
High	5	50%

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Overall Public Cost



Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	6	60%
High	1	10%

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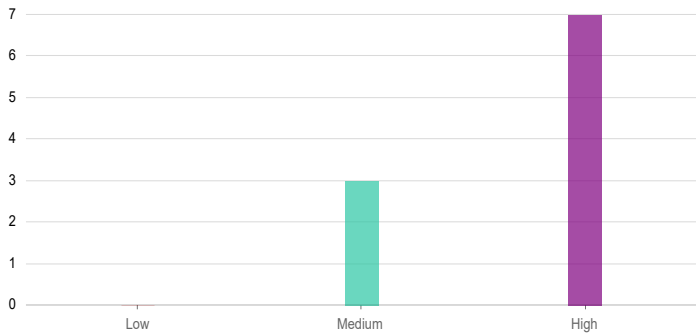
Overall Individual Cost



Answers	Count	Percentage
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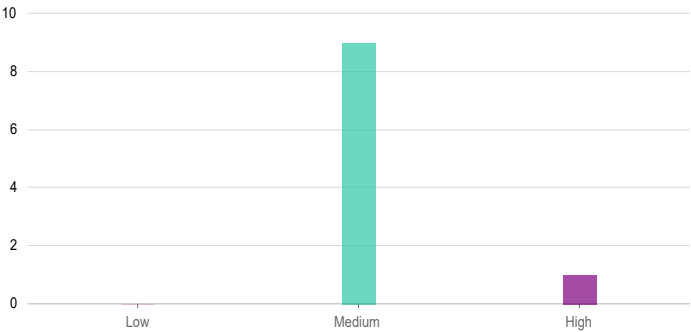
Time to Implement



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High	7	70%

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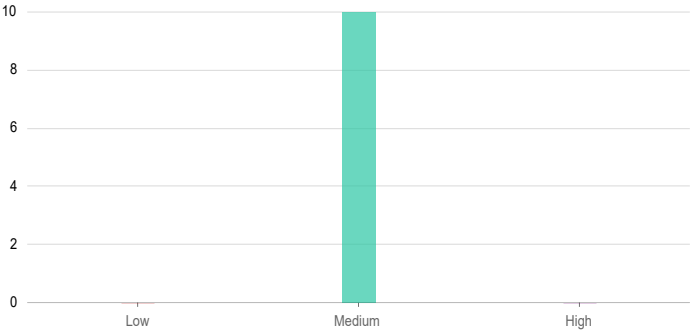
Public Support and Enthusiasm



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Medium	9	90%
High	1	10%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

Negative Community Impacts



Answers	Count	Percentage
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High	0	0%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

Additional Evaluation of Controlled Managed Hunt

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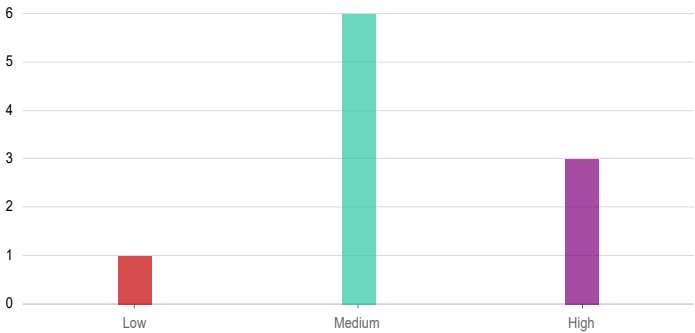
Response	Count
This has proven to be the most effective methodology for reducing numbers of deer. How the hunt is promoted and the public informed will play a large part in how well it is accepted. The implementation will have to be well planned and managed to minimize negative community impact.	1
This actually addresses the real problem.	1

Still more than a few details missing about what kind of hunt and no mention of the Hunters Helping the Hungry program "FeedNS", which might heighten Public Support and enthusiasm.	1
Not likely to have any lasting affect.	1
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Professional Sharpshooting

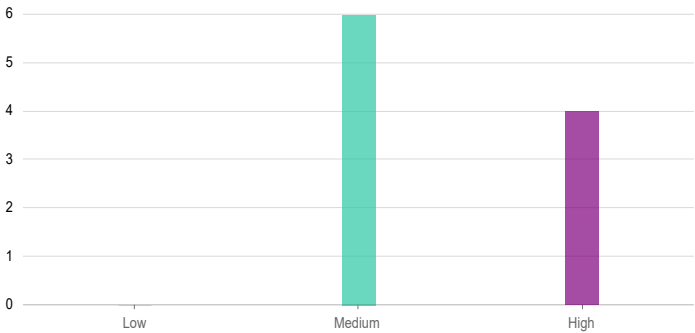
Effectiveness for the Individual



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High	3	30%

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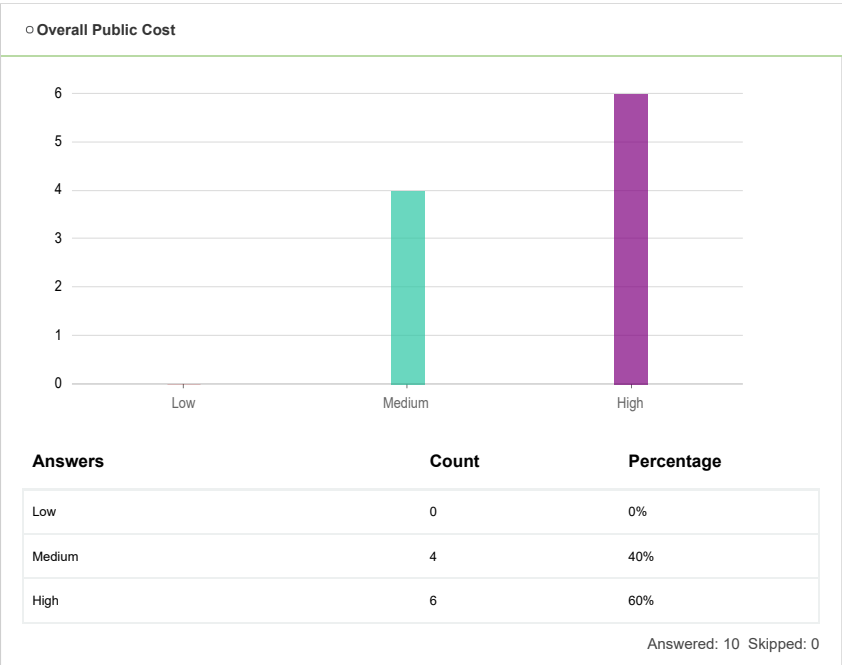
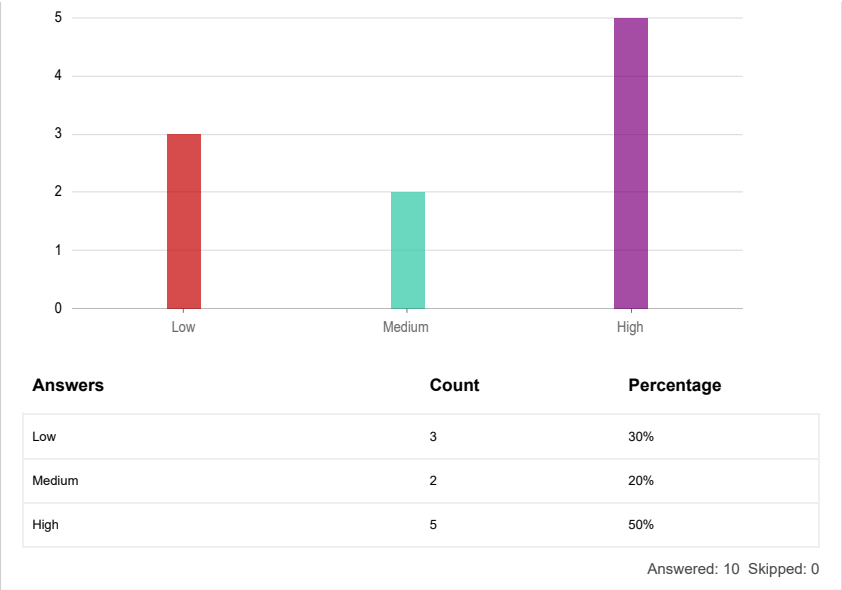
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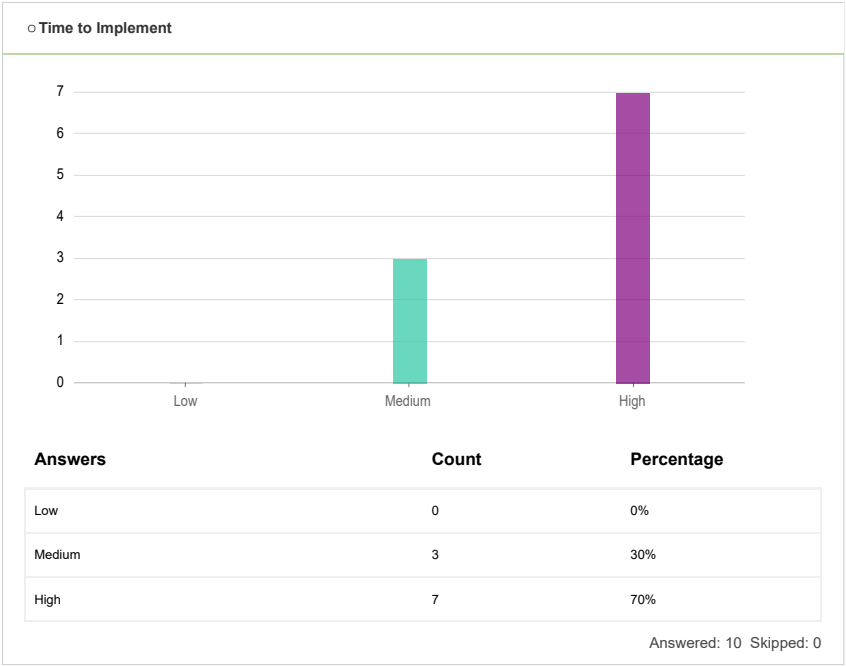
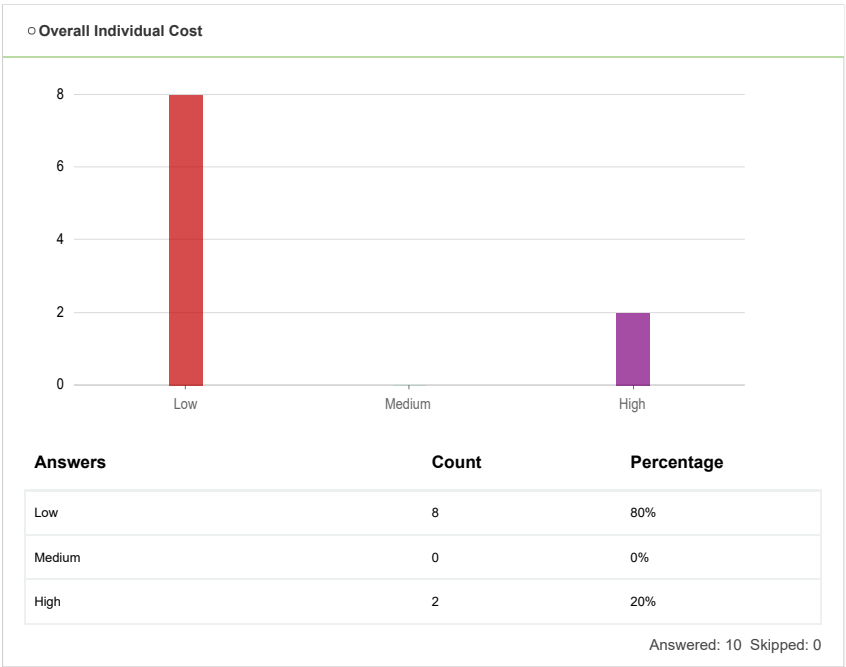


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	6	60%
High	4	40%

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Feasibility

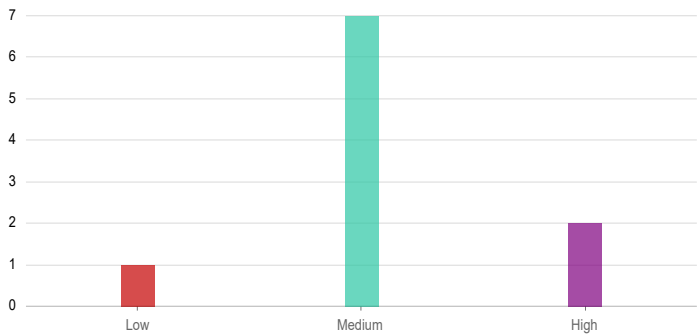




High	0	0%
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Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

○ Negative Community Impacts



Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	7	70%
High	2	20%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

Additional Evaluation of Sharpshooting

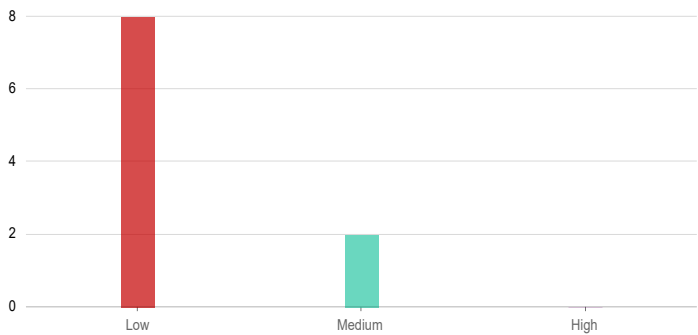
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Response	Count
With no idea of cost to contract this out, it's hard to answer some of these questions. are these Professionals or Volunteers? The NSFAH would strongly suggest not using the term "Hunters" above and suggest "paid professionals". This options does not represent "hunting" as we see it and should not be represented as such.	1
Town bylaw do not currently permit firearms, however perhaps sharpshooting could be implemented as part of a controlled managed hunt with archery hunters (professionals).	1
This too could be a very effective option, however public perception may make it difficult to implement as people would not be accepting of firearms being used in Town. This option would also be limited to very specific conditions. Truro Police would likely have some major concerns with its use.	1
Could be very effective but also not very receptive.	1
Addresses the problem and the town is mitigating risk in relationship to the impact of the population as it continues to grown.	1
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Answered: 5 Skipped: 5

Supplemental Feeding

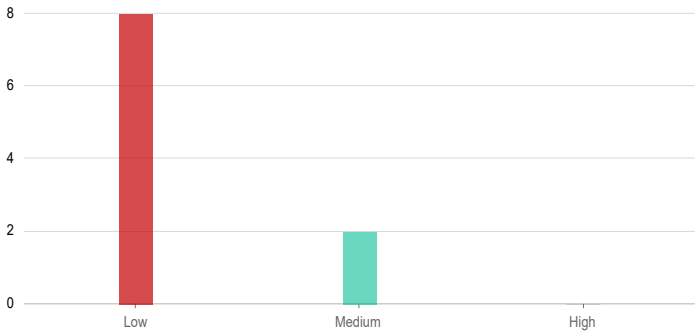
○ Effectiveness for the Individual



Low	8	80%
Medium	2	20%
High	0	0%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

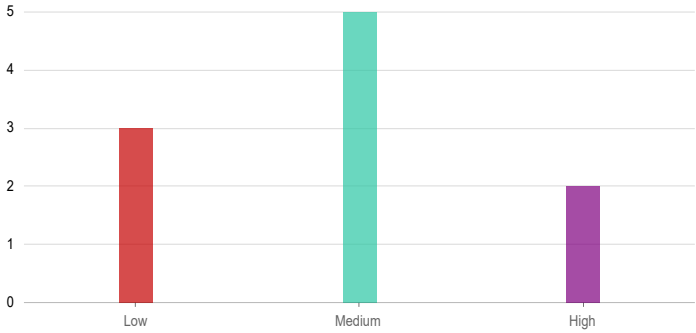
○ Broad Effectiveness



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High	0	0%

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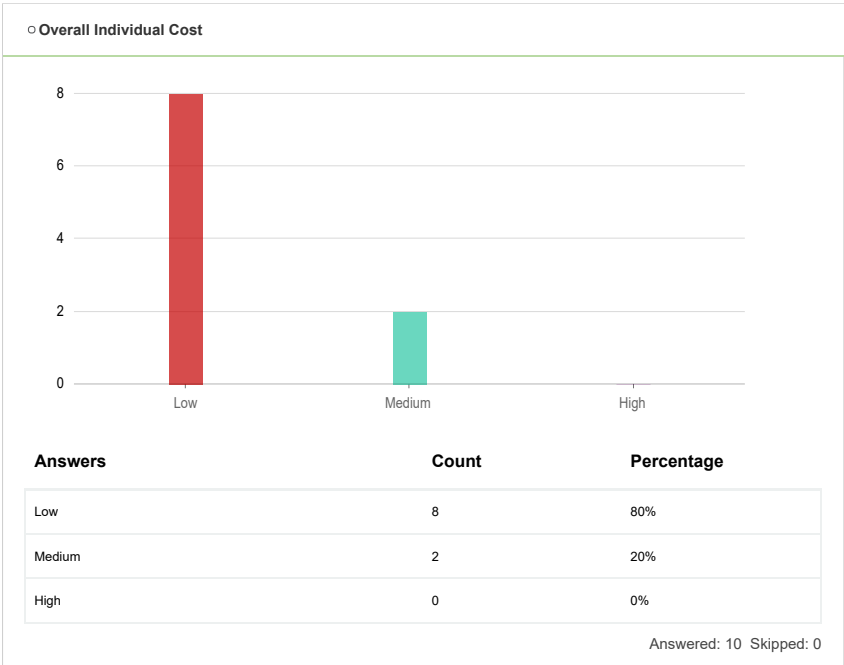
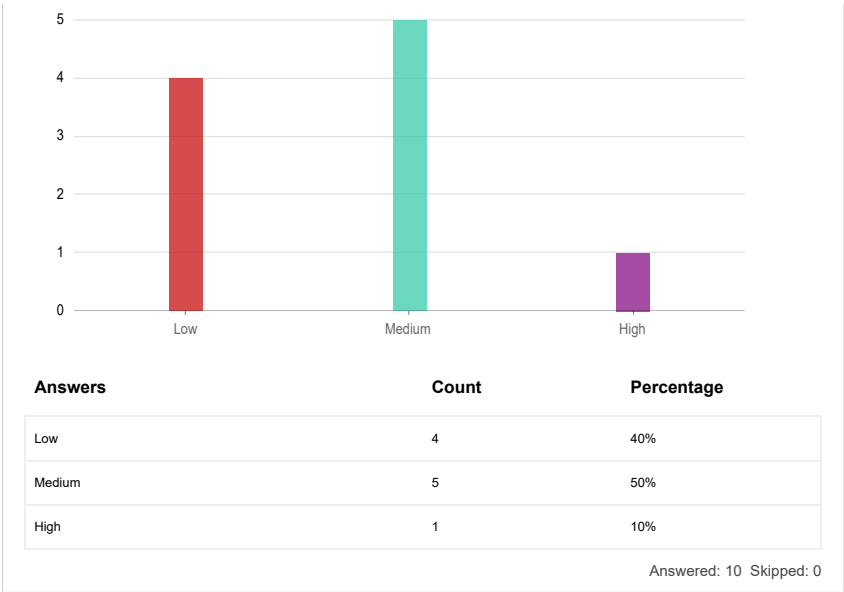
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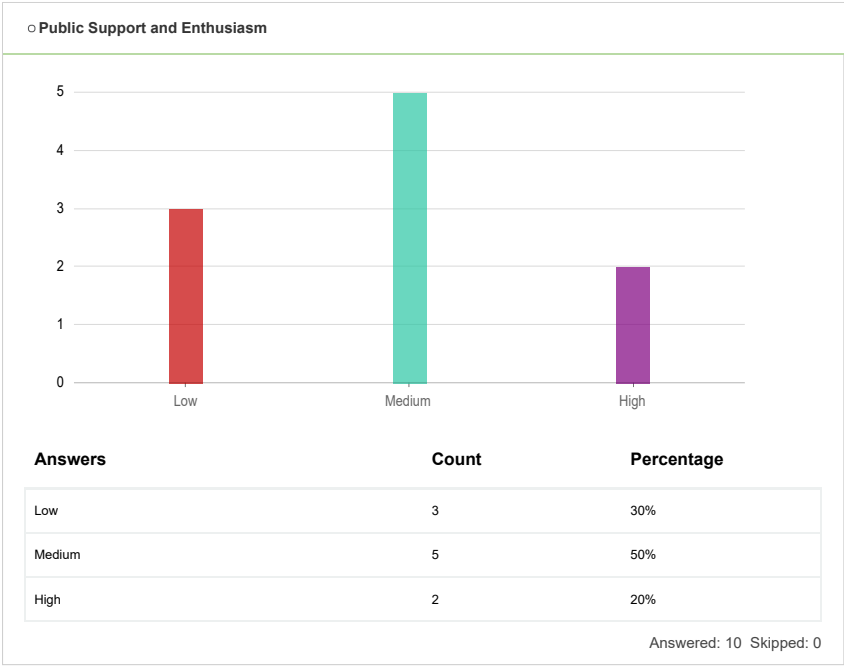
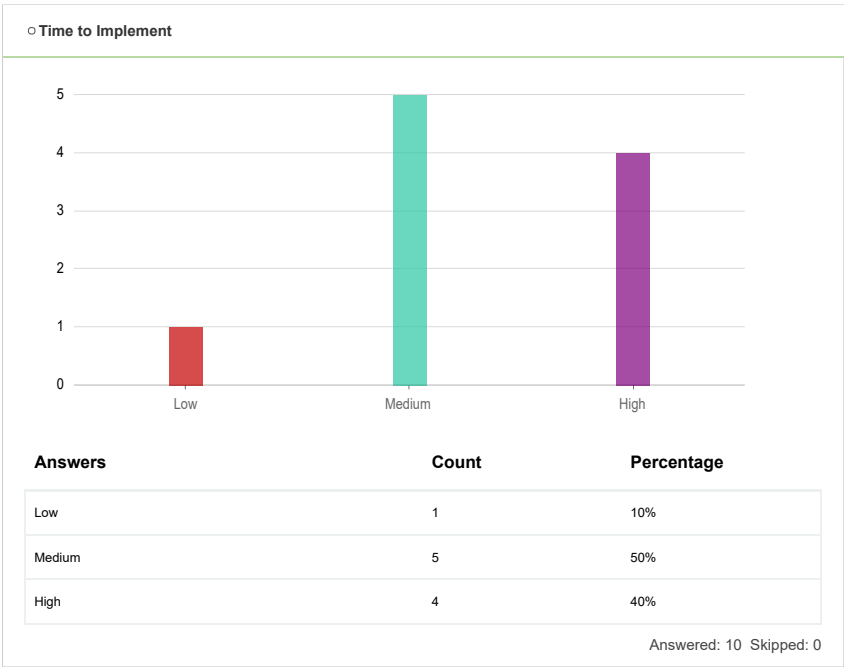


Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	3	30%
Medium	5	50%
High	2	20%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

○ Capacity to Implement





High	2	20%
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Additional Evaluation of Supplemental Feeding

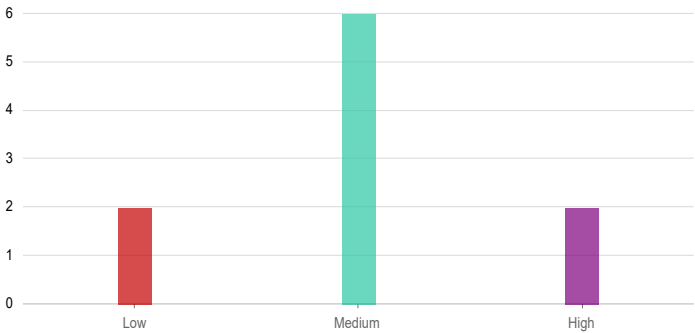
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Response	Count
Seems counterintuitive to overall public messaging and public education. Perhaps luring deer with supplemental feeding could be effective as a technique in a controlled managed hunt, but not to lure deer out of town to other areas.	1
Opinion here is well fed deer are well bred deer. Not a population control method.	1
Don't feed the deer so we can feed the deer. This could have a reverse effect as well, actually drawing more deer from the area towards the feeding stations.	1
Based on comments from Lands and Forestry this option, while initially appearing effective, could create unintended consequences as we attract more than just deer. We also run the risk of predators to the deer being encouraged to come further into Town to access the large numbers of deer that would be attracted into the area around the feeding stations.	1
	0

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Public Education Campaigns

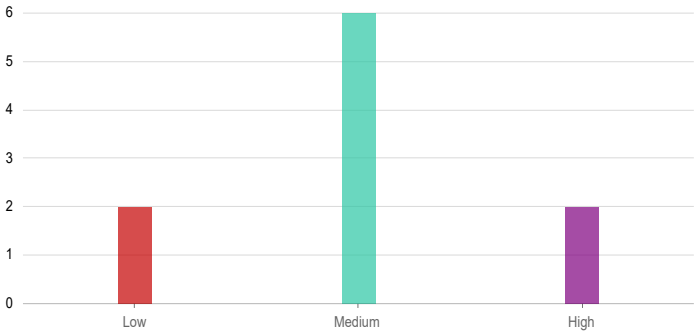
Effectiveness for Individuals



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Medium	6	60%
High	2	20%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

Broad Effectiveness

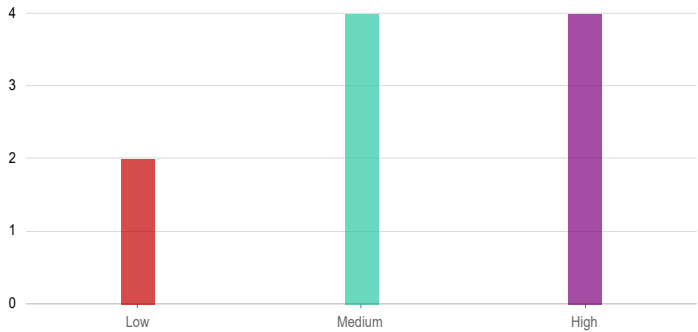


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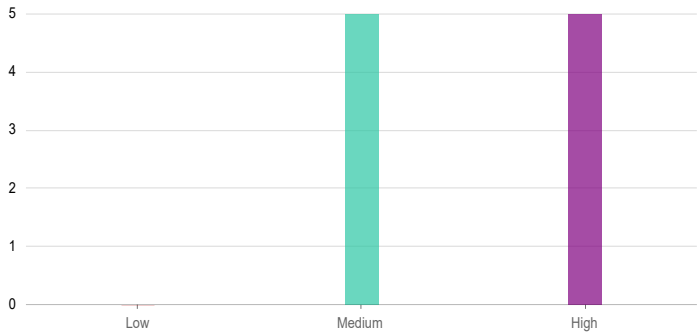
○ Feasibility



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Medium	4	40%
High	4	40%

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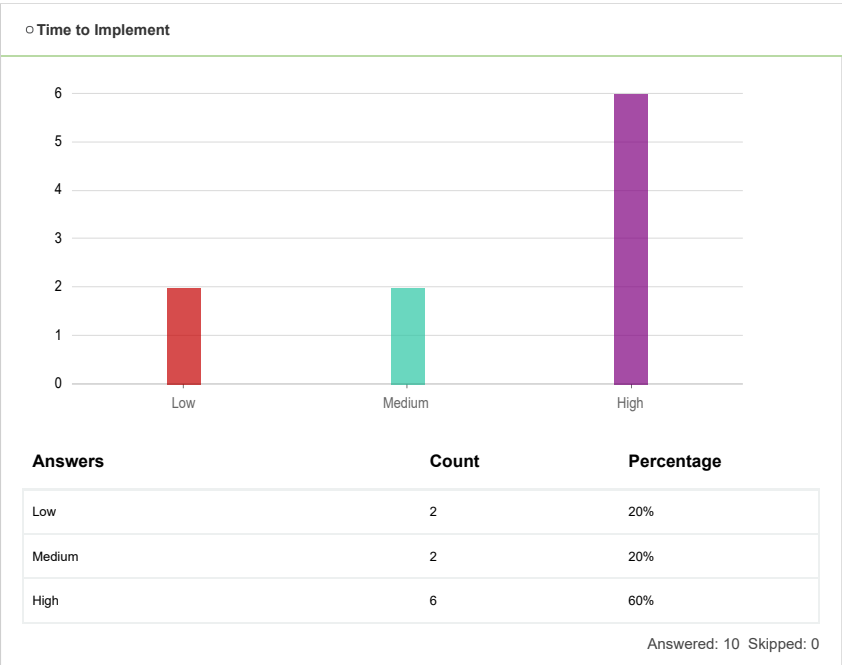
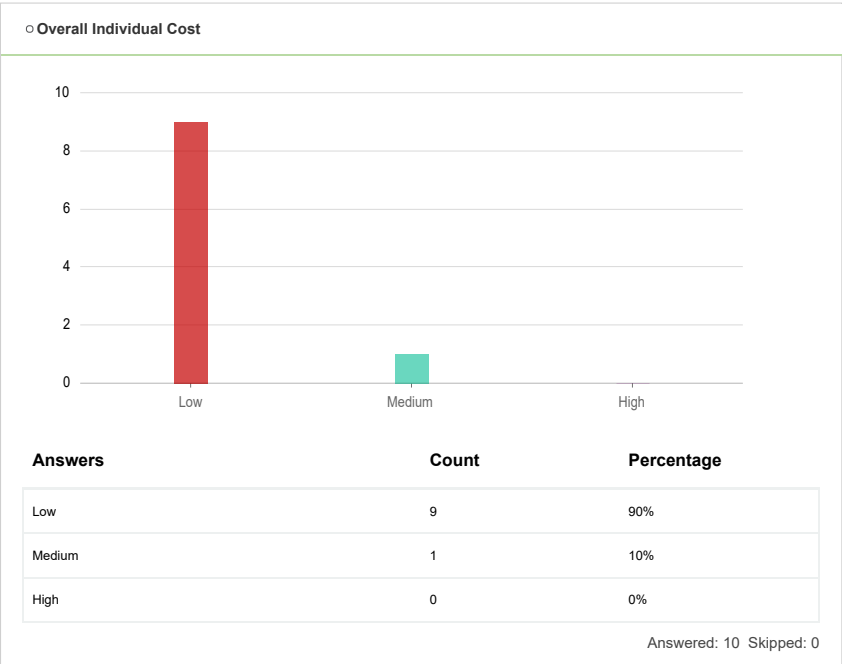
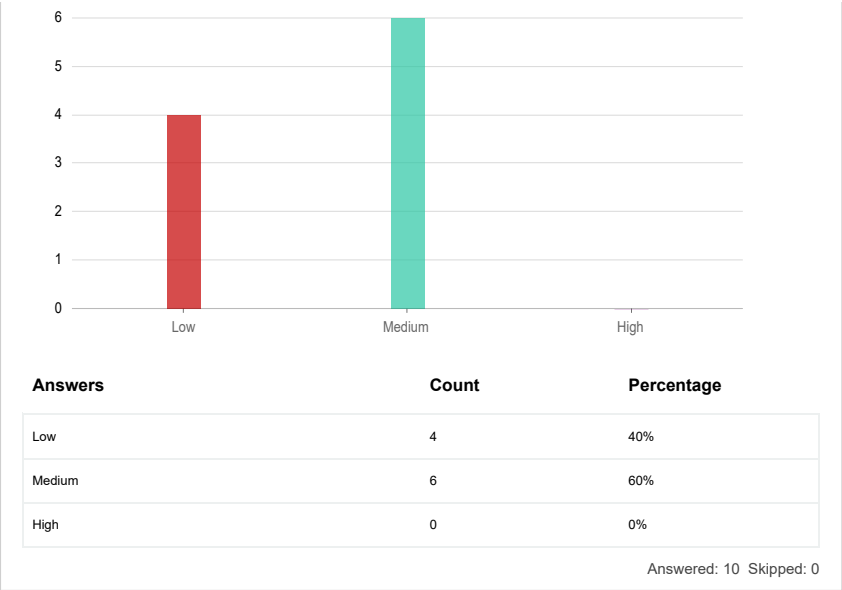
○ Capacity to Implement

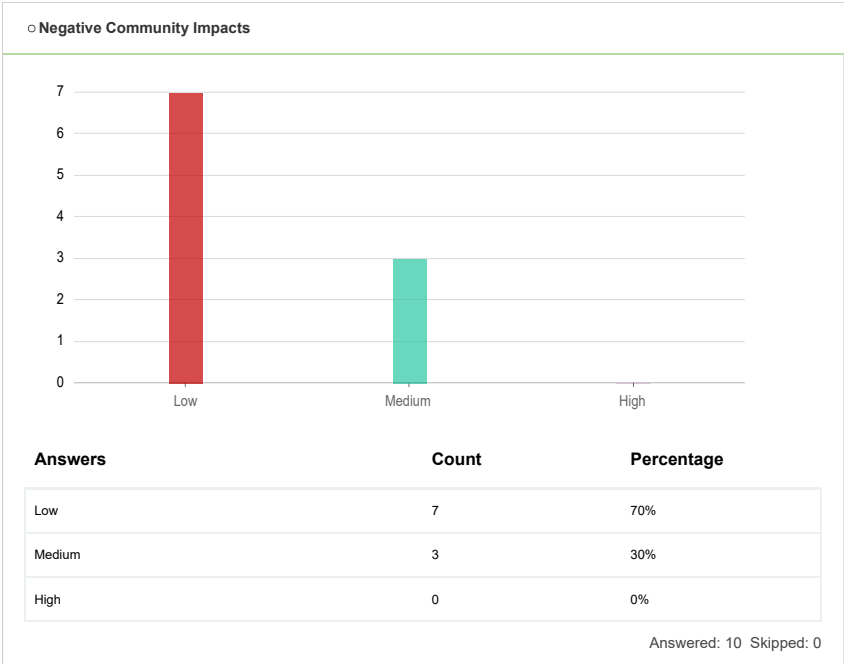
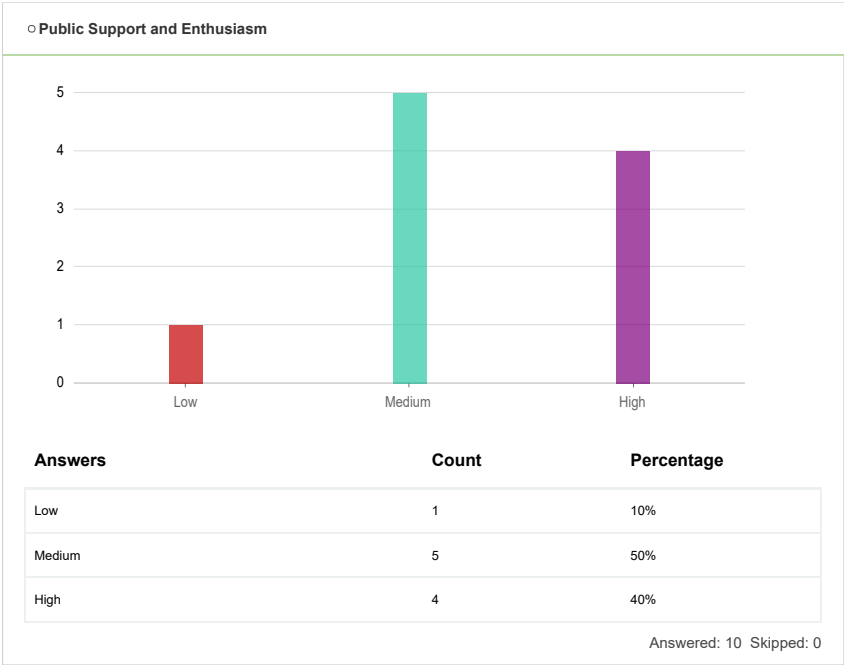


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	5	50%
High	5	50%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

○ Overall Public Cost





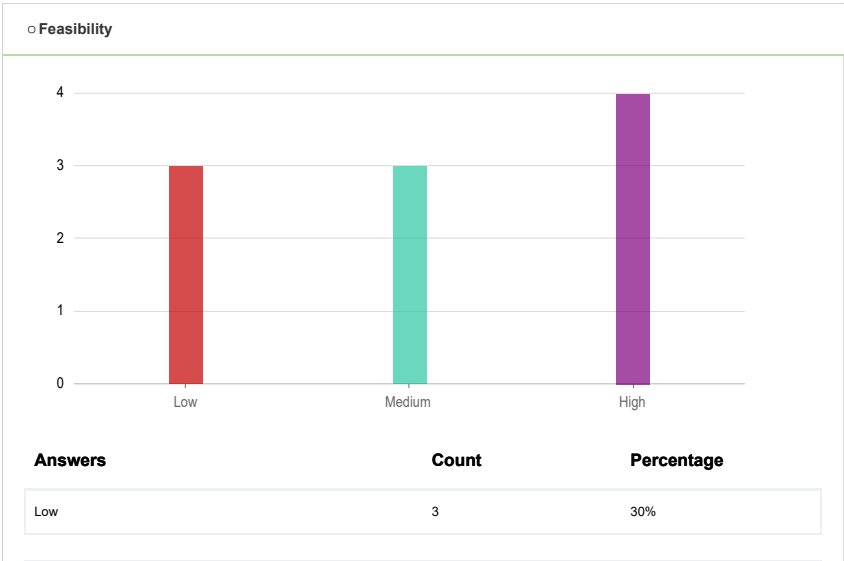
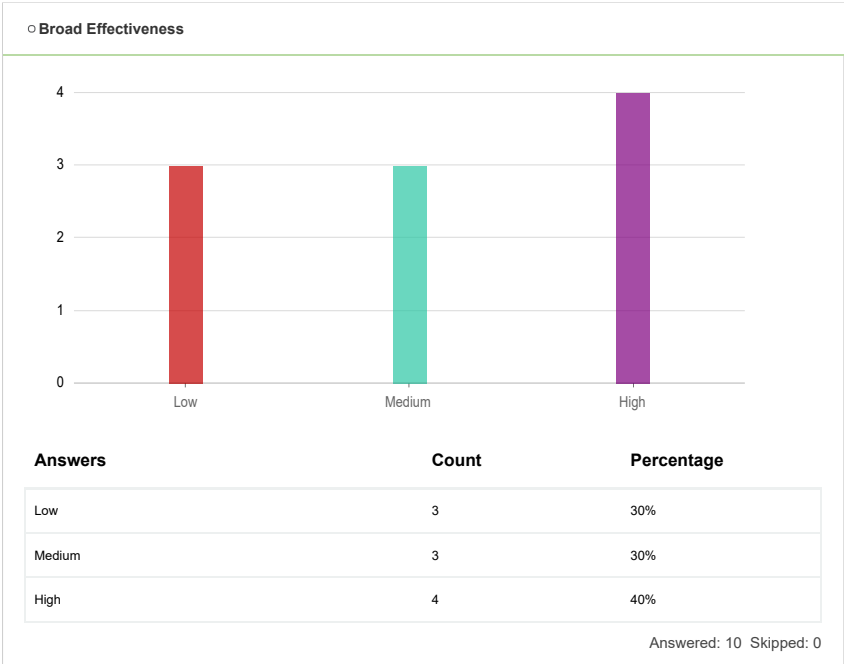
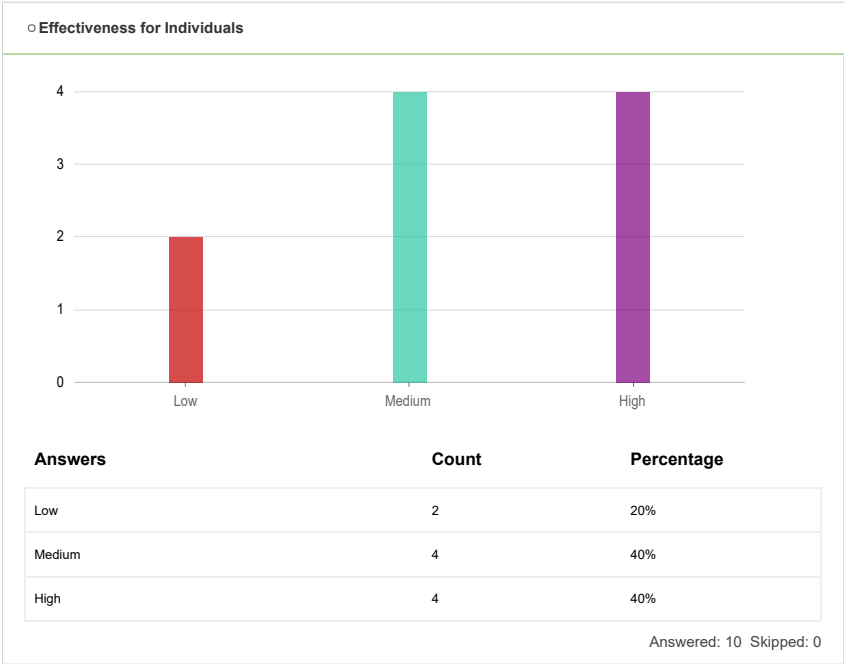
Additional Evaluation of Public Education Campaign

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
This is an absolutely essential part of the plan particularly in getting residents to understand their role in controlling the populations and their individual responsibilities. Many of the issues we are dealing with have resulted from residents good intentions that have encourage deer to come further into the urban core of the Town. People have to understand that they need to leave the deer to fend for themselves and allow normal survival patterns to occur.	1
People really do not care. Those that want to feed have no plans to stop. Those that want deer eliminated will always want someone else to do it for them.	1
A crucial tool to educate the public on the importance of the issue and to involve the public in decision making and awareness of implementation.	1
	0

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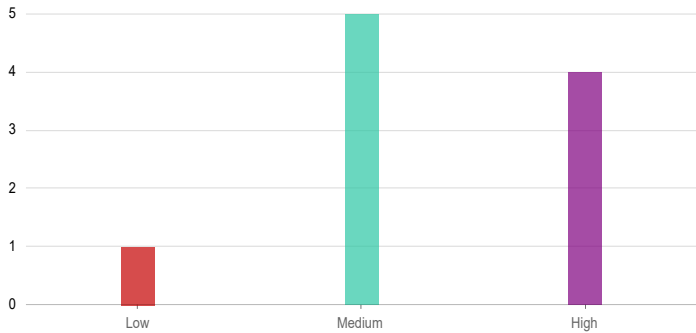
Feeding Ban



Medium	3	30%
High	4	40%

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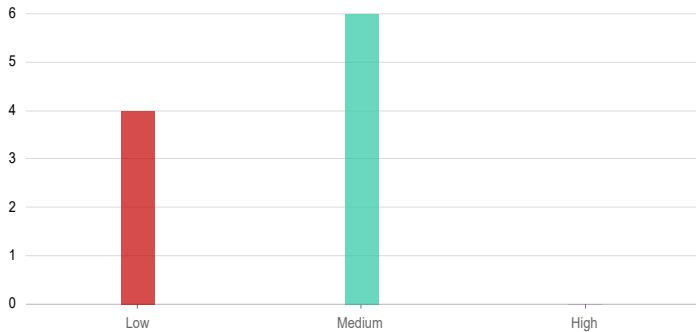
○ Capacity to Implement



Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	5	50%
High	4	40%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

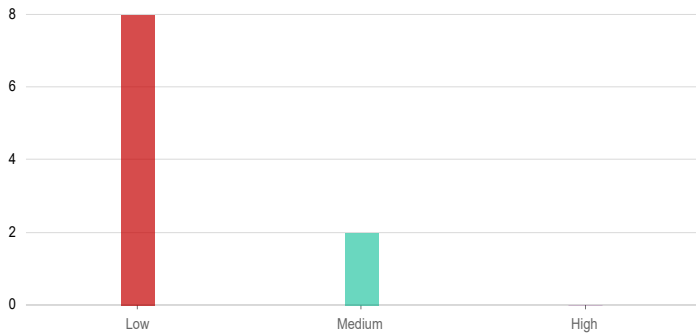
○ Overall Public Cost



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	4	40%
Medium	6	60%
High	0	0%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

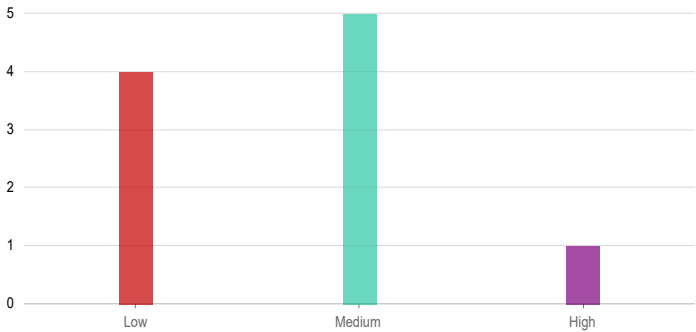
○ Overall Individual Cost



Low	8	80%
Medium	2	20%
High	0	0%

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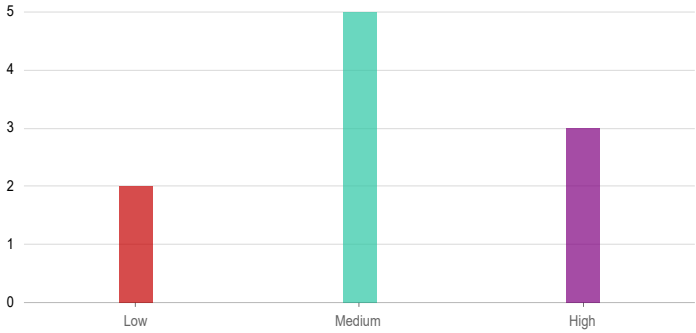
Time to Implement



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	4	40%
Medium	5	50%
High	1	10%

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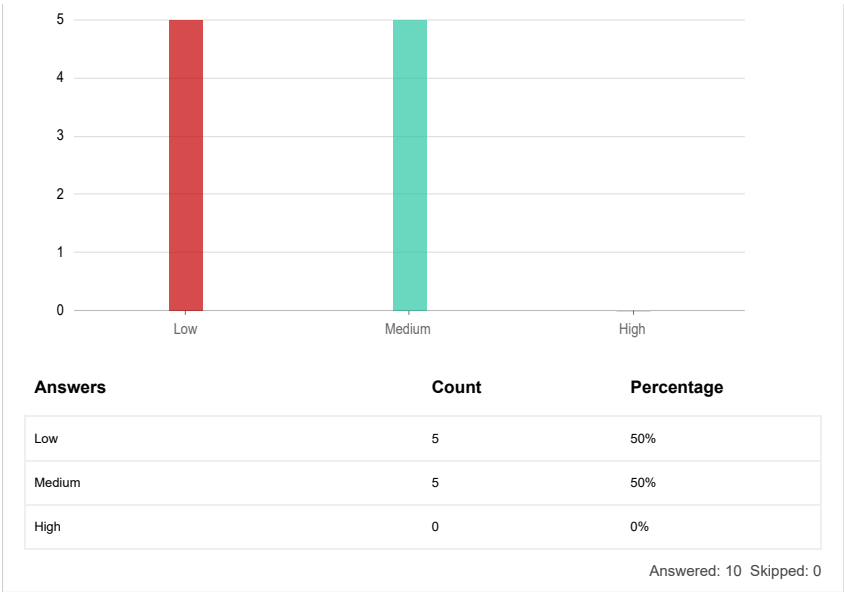
Public Support and Enthusiasm



Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	5	50%
High	3	30%

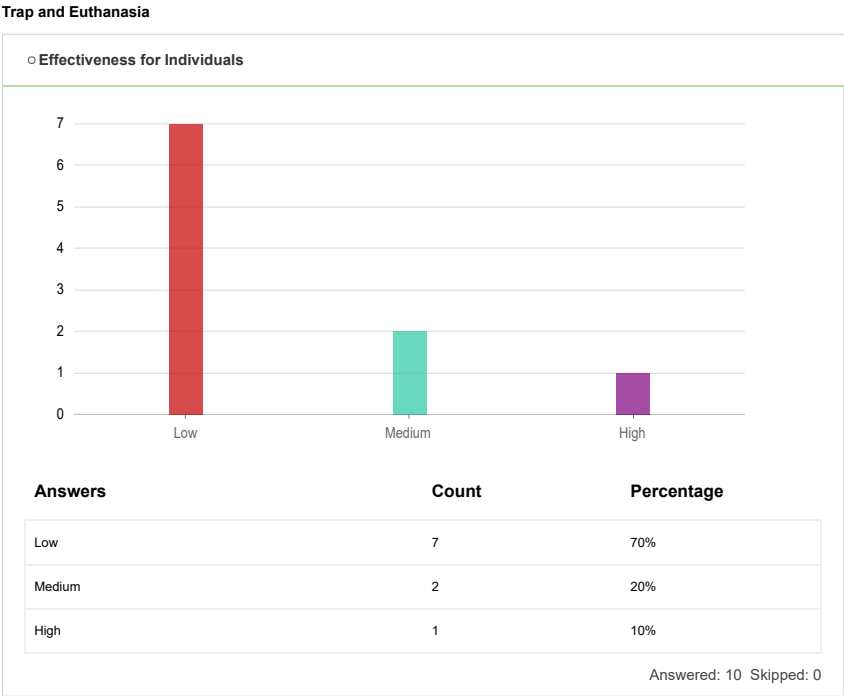
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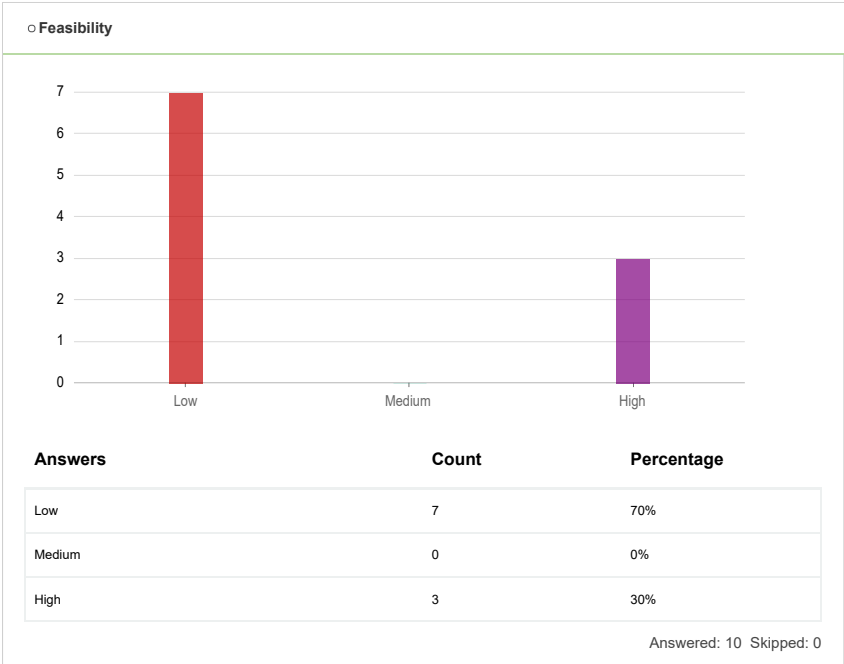
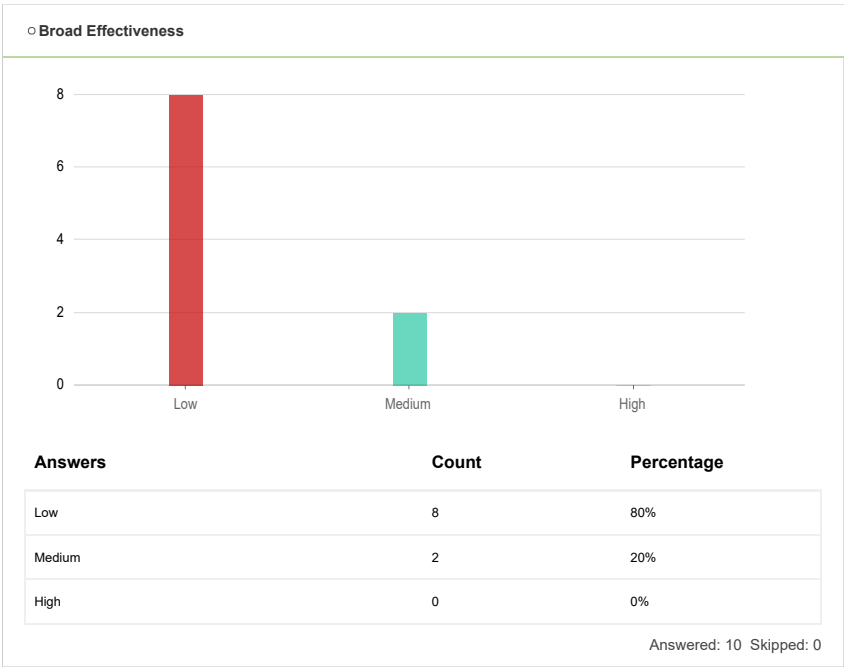
Negative Community Impacts



Additional Evaluation of Feeding Ban	
The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.	
Response	Count
Yes, stop feeding the deer and enforce the laws that already exist. If the town takes their bylaws seriously and enforces them perhaps the residence will start too as well.	1
There is a feeding ban in place, however additional public education and enforcement is required for it to be effective.	1
seems only effective if neighbours are reporting neighbours. hard on the community.	1
Enforcement could be an issue if no evidence is presented. Also could potentially results in neighbourhood conflicts if neighbours are expected to report each other.	1
By-law requires provincial regulation to assist enforcement	1
	0

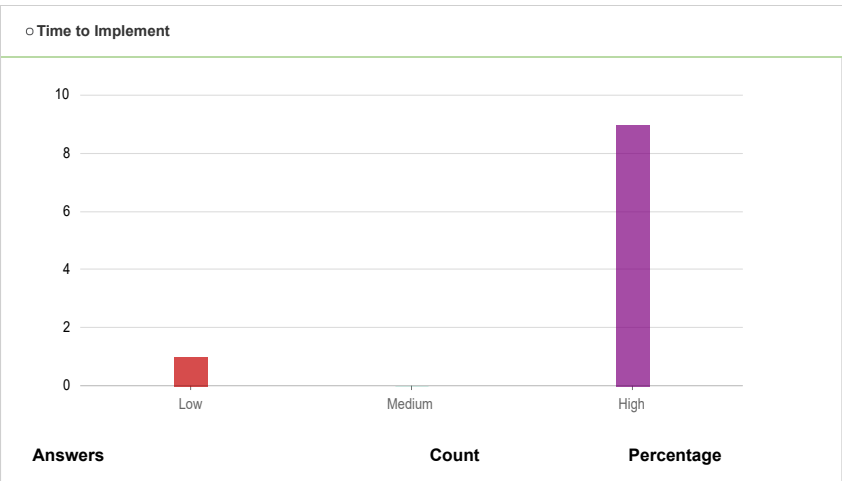
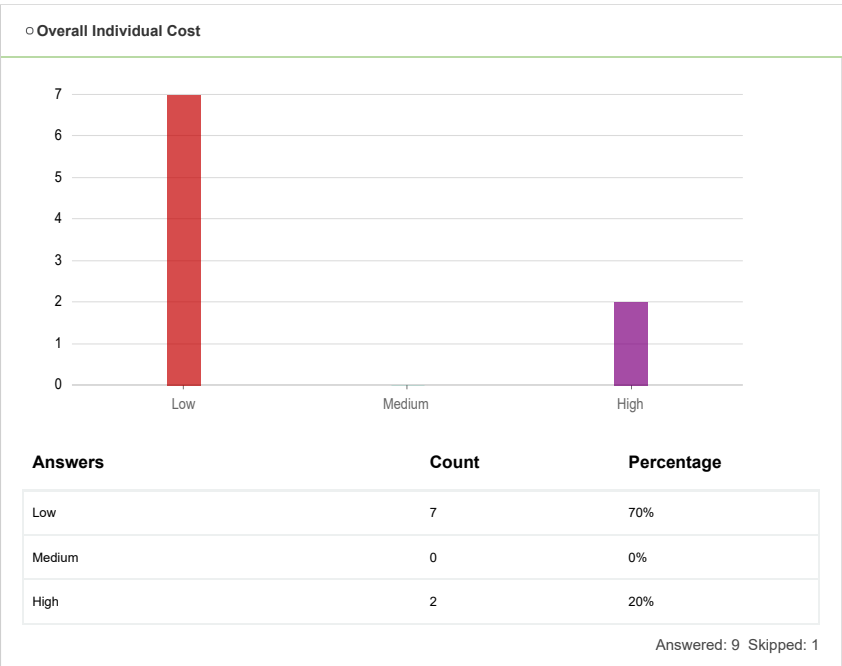
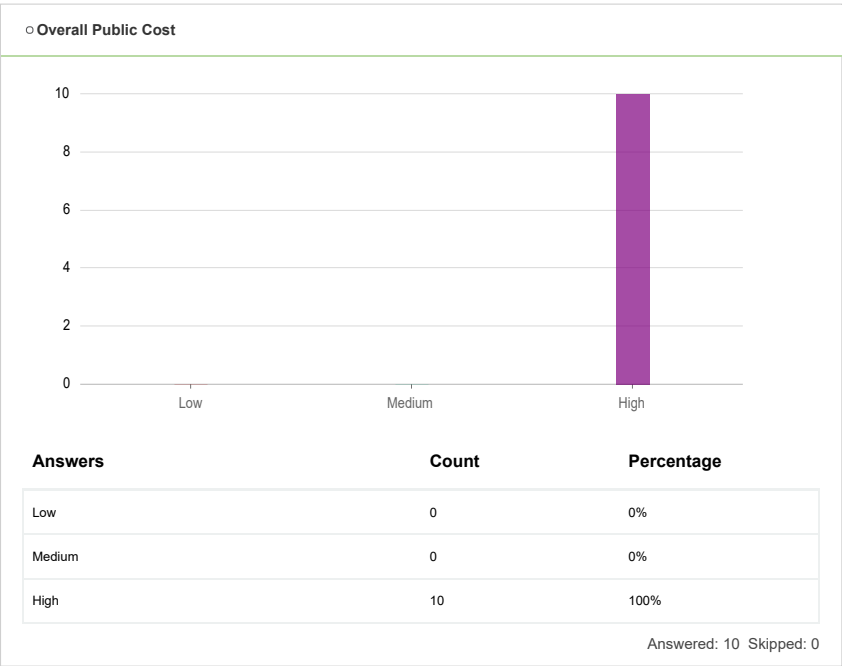
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High	2	20%
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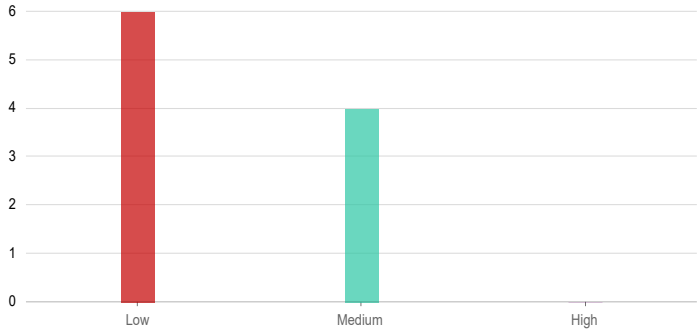
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Low	1	10%
Medium	0	0%
High	9	90%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

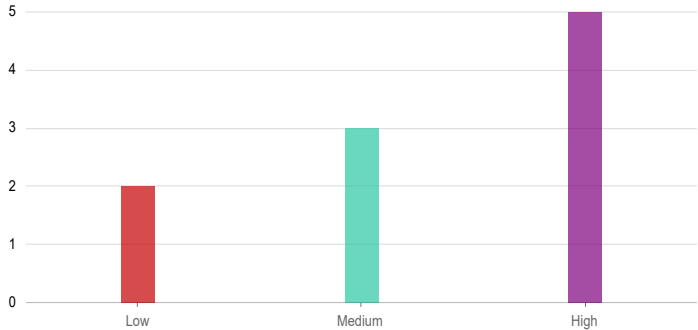
Public Support and Enthusiasm



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	6	60%
Medium	4	40%
High	0	0%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

Negative Community Impacts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	2	20%
Medium	3	30%
High	5	50%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

Additional Evaluation of Trap and Euthanasia

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

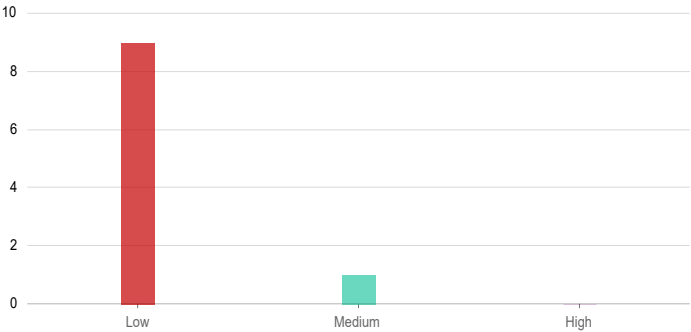
Response	Count
too costly, and not effective	1
This option would be costly to implement both from monetary and personnel perspective. Traps would have to monitored continually and the trauma to the animals could be significant.	1
Do not support.	1

Could be a lot of things that go wrong if not executed to perfection. Potential for many negative community impacts.	1
	0

Answered: 4 Skipped: 6

Trap and Translocate

○ Effectiveness for Individuals



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	9	90%
Medium	1	10%
High	0	0%

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

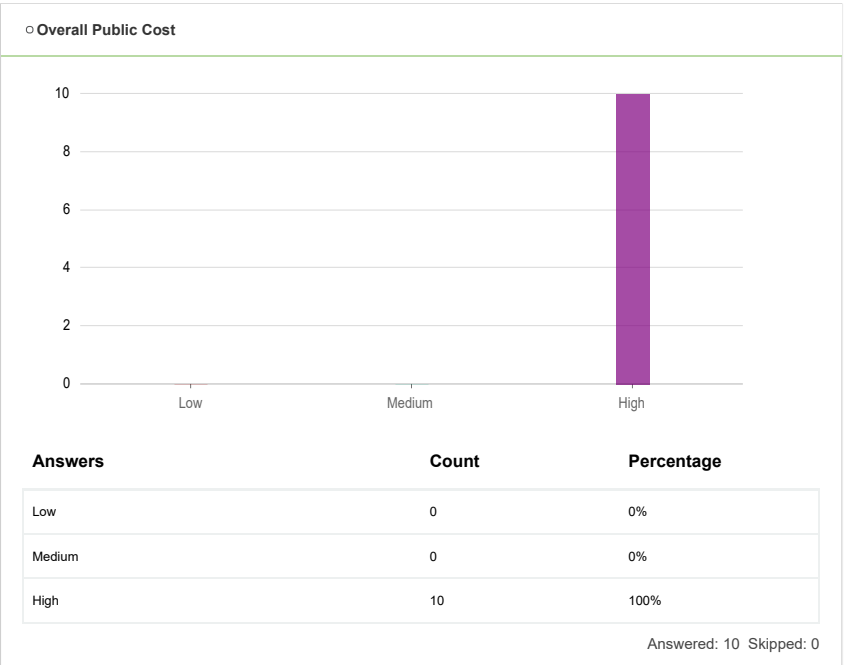
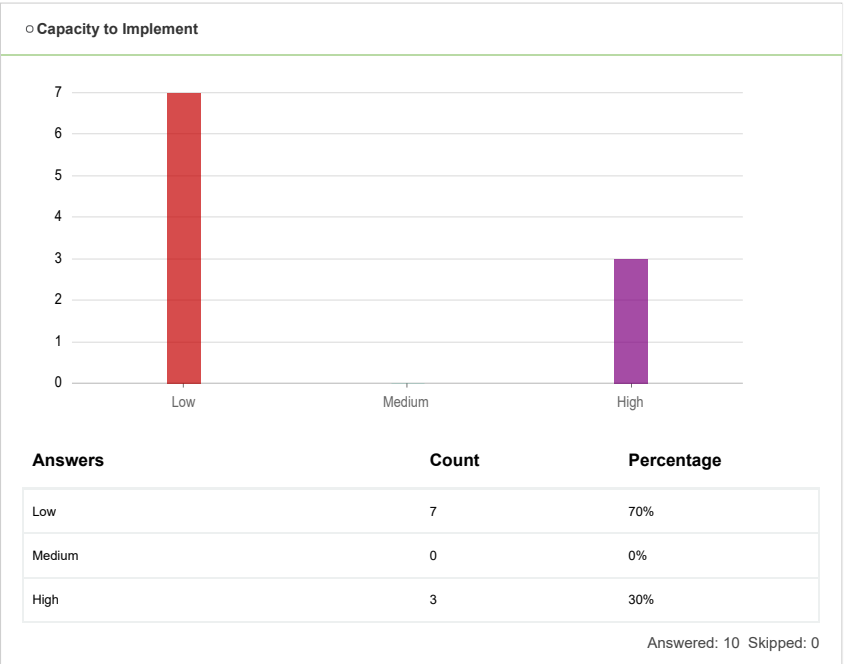
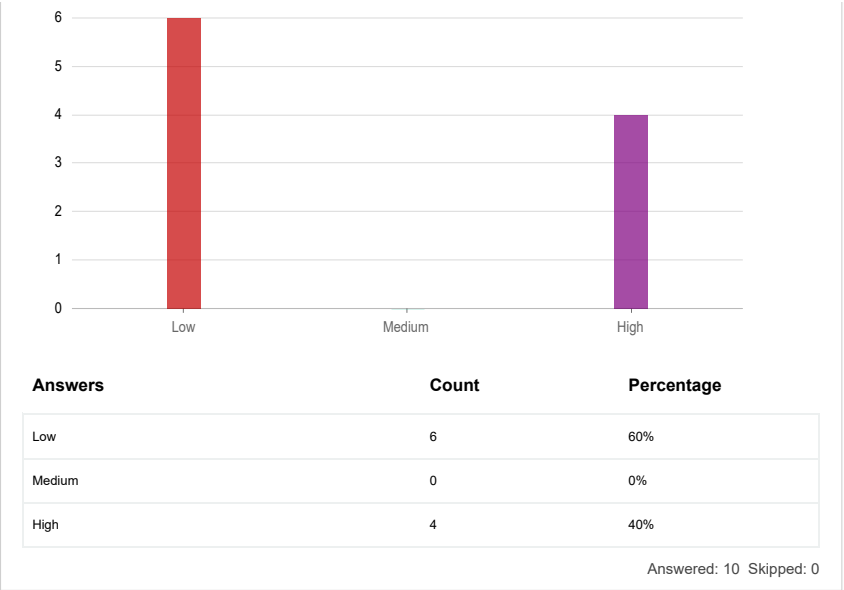
○ Broad Effectiveness

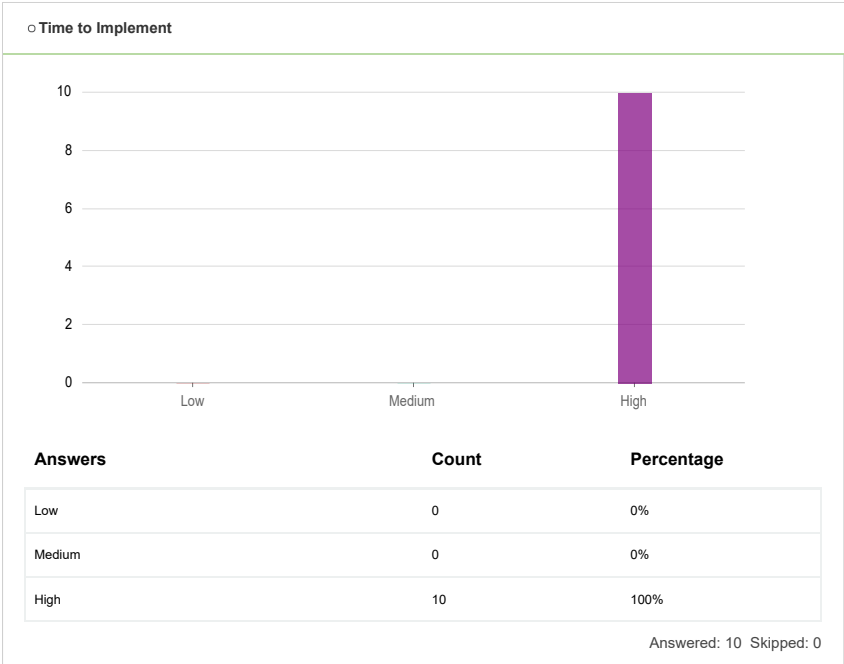
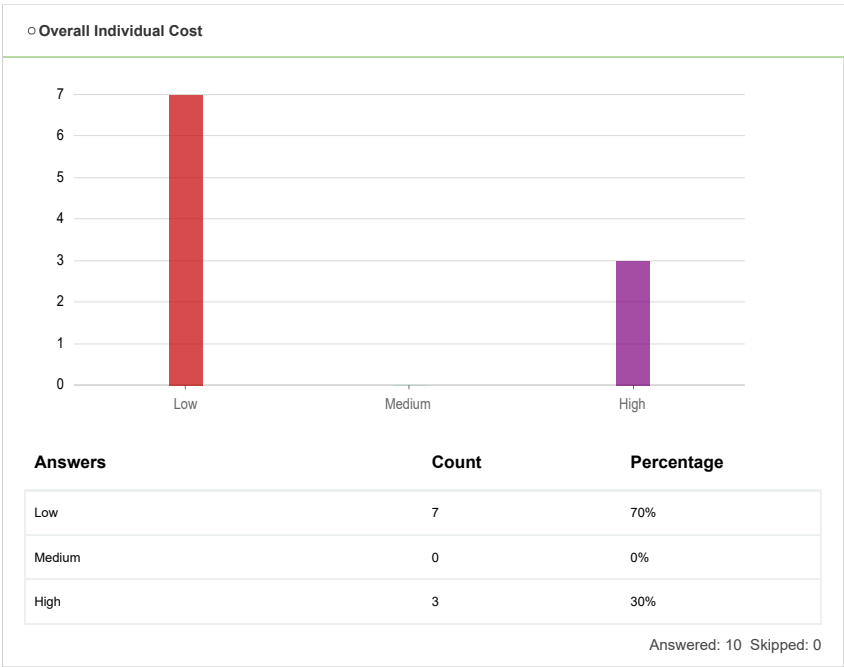


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Medium	0	0%
High	0	0%

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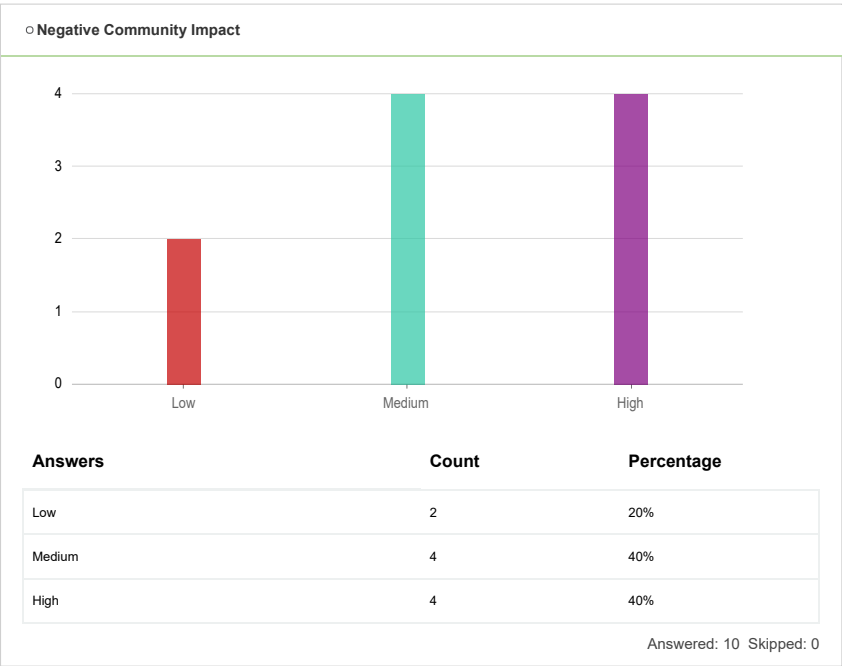
○ Feasibility





High	4	40%
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Answered: 10 Skipped: 0



Additional Evaluation for Trap and Translocate

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
While this may seem like a friendly strategy for deer management, it is not feasible and downloads a problem elsewhere. Would have extremely high costs.	1
too costly, and not effective	1
This is a popular idea for the public due to a lack of understanding of its feasibility and the negative impacts on the animals and the areas they are relocated. This is not something that should be implemented.	1
Do not support.	1
	0

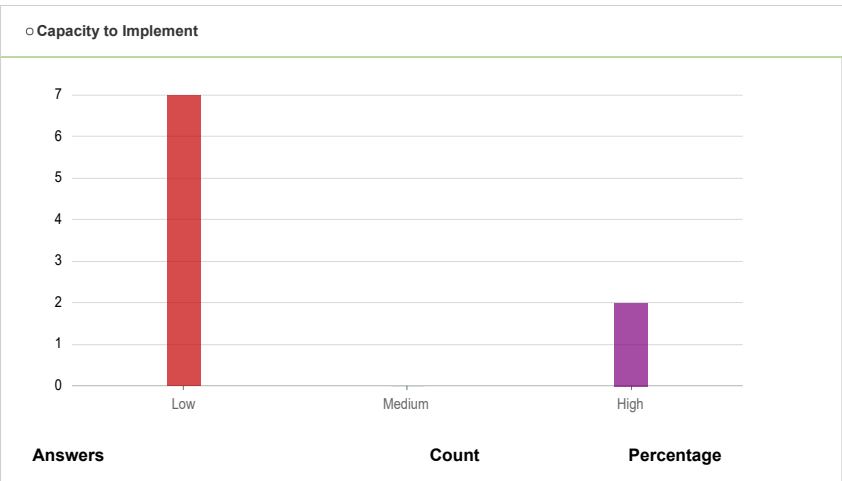
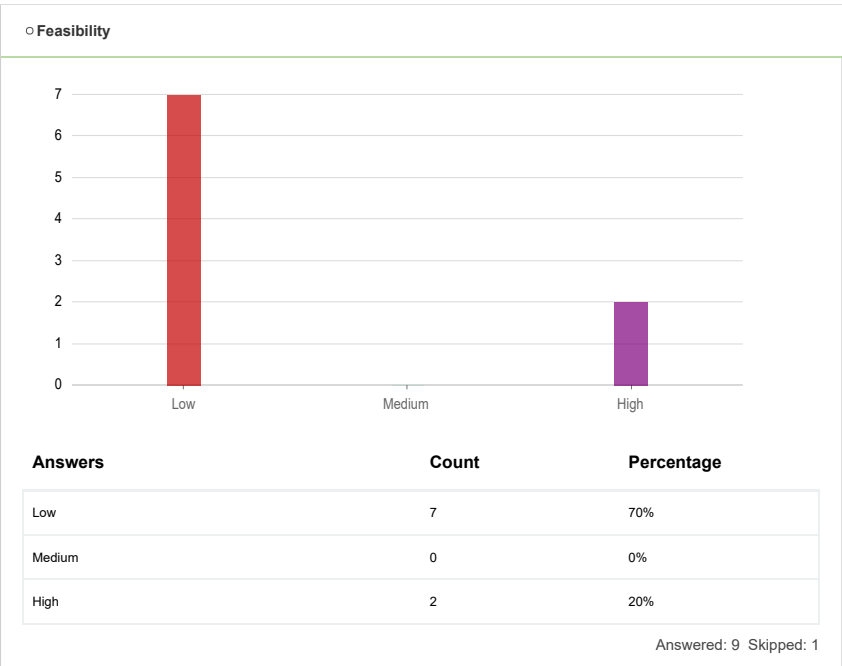
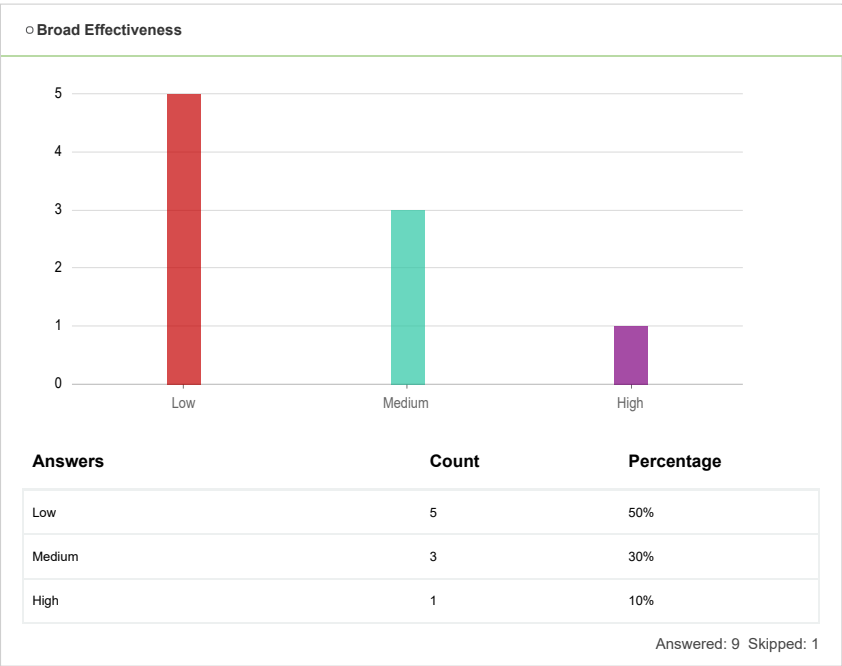
Answered: 4 Skipped: 6

Fertility Control



High	2	20%
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Answered: 9 Skipped: 1



Low	7	70%
Medium	0	0%
High	2	20%

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

Overall Public Cost



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	0	0%
Medium	0	0%
High	8	80%

Answered: 8 Skipped: 2

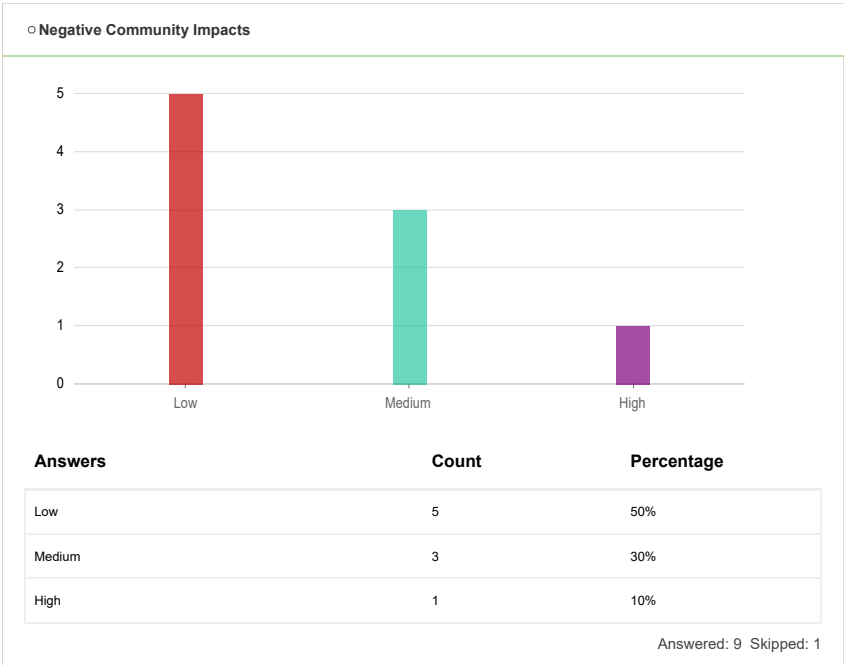
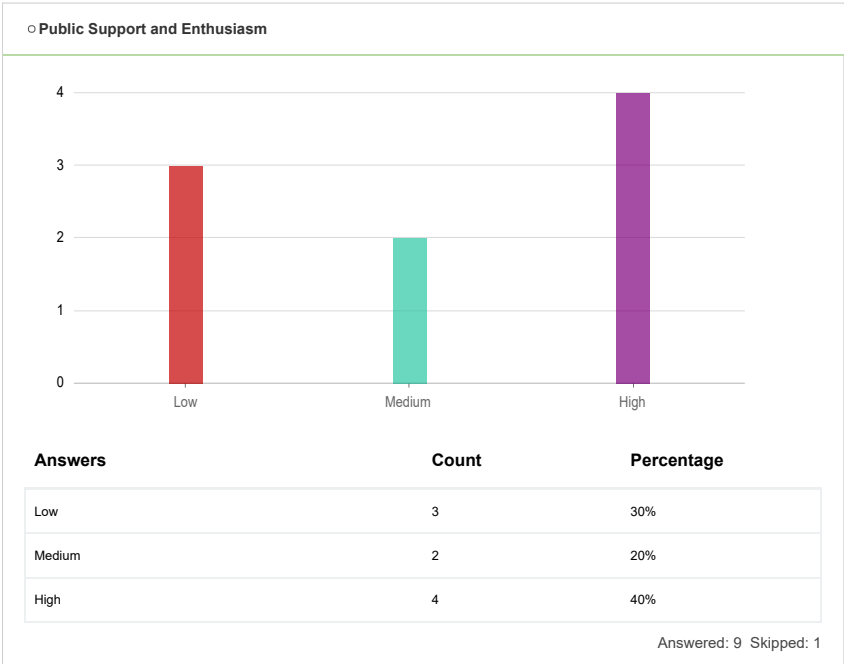
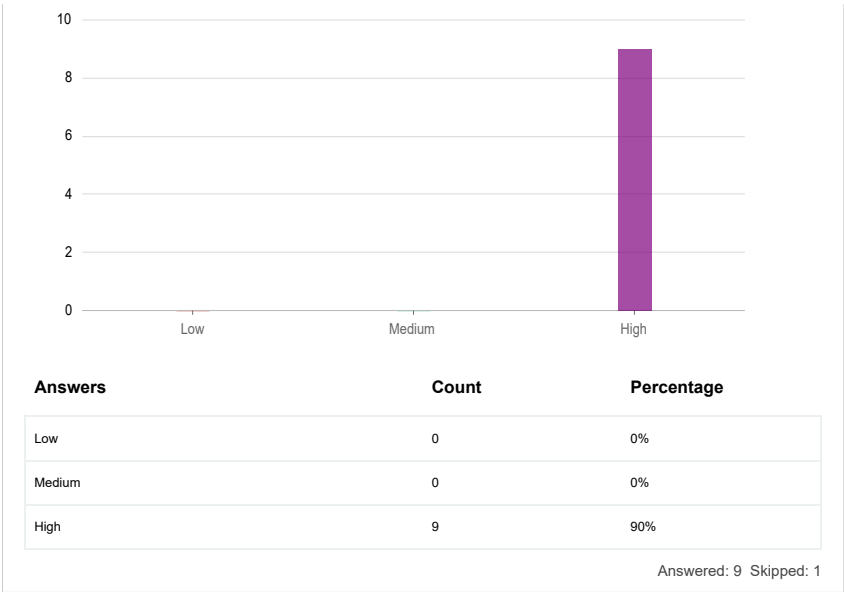
Overall Individual Cost



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	7	70%
Medium	0	0%
High	2	20%

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

Time to Implement



Additional Evaluation of Fertility Control

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
With no approved fertility control approved in Canada this option is not feasible.	1
too costly, and not effective	1
I dont understand why we need to evaluate options we already discussed as removing.	1
I didn't think this was even an option because there no approved drugs? If it's not an option why ask? Instead educate the public why not being considered.	1
Extremely high costs. A very high percentage of deer would require surgery in order for this technique to be effective. Could be stressful on individual deer.	1
	0

Answered: 5 Skipped: 5

Surgical Sterilization

○ Effectiveness for Individuals

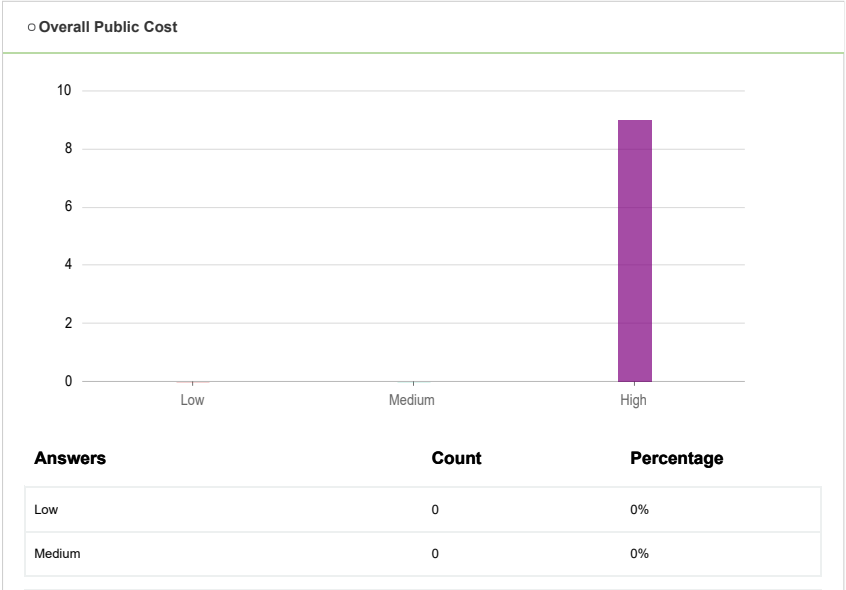
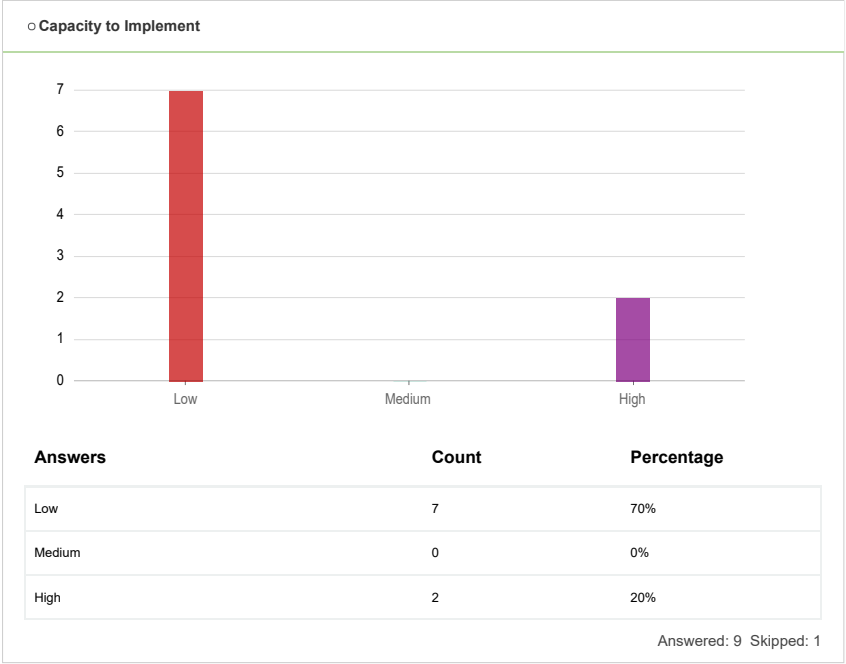
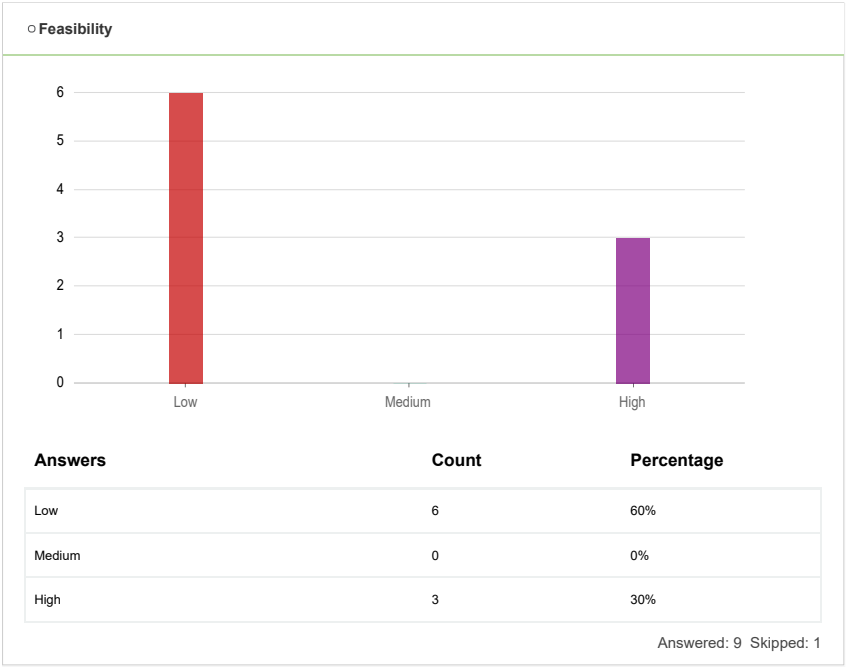
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Medium	4	40%
High	0	0%

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

○ Broad Effectiveness

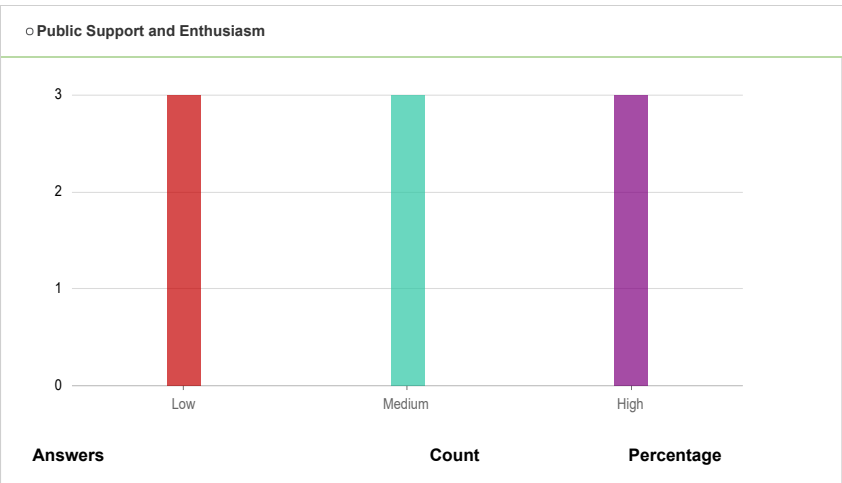
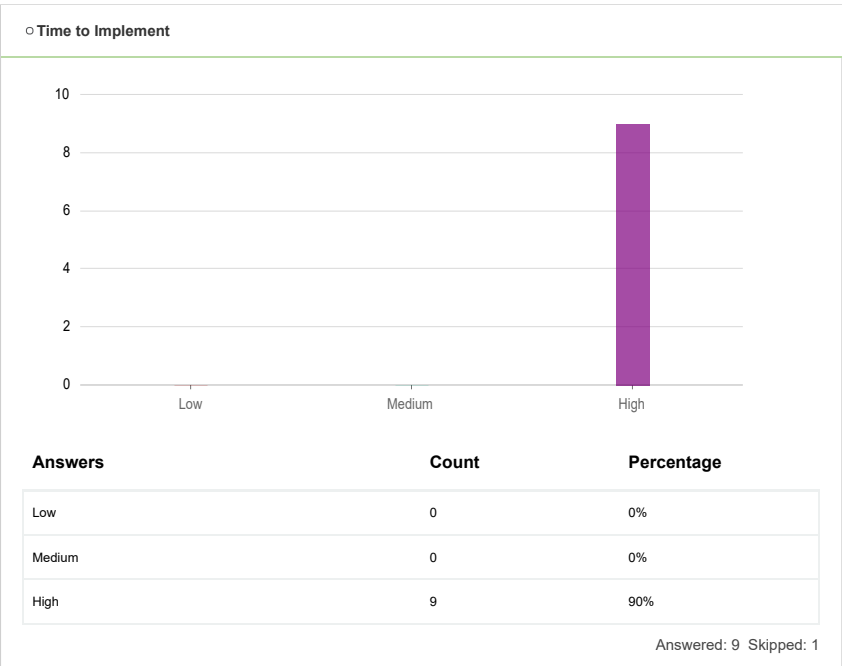
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High	0	0%

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1



High	9	90%
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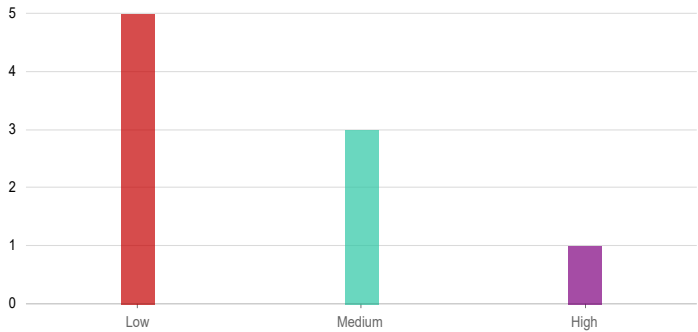
Answered: 9 Skipped: 1



Low	3	30%
Medium	3	30%
High	3	30%

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

o Negative Community Impacts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Low	5	50%
Medium	3	30%
High	1	10%

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

Additional Evaluation of Surgical Sterilization

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
While an effective option, this is probably one of the highest cost most time consuming of the options. While effective for the individual deer in an open environment where new animals are easily introduced it would be difficult to manage for the overall urban herd. As well is would be a very slow process demanding a high level of expertise (veterinarians) and therefore again difficult to implement.	1
too costly, and not effective	1
The idea of this seem so ludicrous to me as an individual its hard to answer.	1
Extremely high costs. A very high percentage of deer would require surgery in order for this technique to be effective. Could be stressful on individual deer.	1
	0

Answered: 4 Skipped: 6

Deer Management Communications Plan

Background:

Throughout the process of developing a Deer Management Strategy (DMS) for the Town of Truro, this Communications Plan lays out integrated strategies and tactics to help the Town of Truro effectively promote the benefits and to educate the public throughout the development of a deer management program to key audiences before, during and after its implementation.

The Resource Working Group (RWG) is working to find the best possible solution based on science and community values. By reaching targeted audiences with clearly articulated key messages, our plan will be able to withstand negative or direct criticisms generated by any special interest groups.

Outlined below is a proactive approach focused on frequent communications designed to build the trust and credibility needed for a successful program.

Objectives:

The overall objective of the Communications Plan is to generate public understanding, to educate residents on the issues, and to building public support for Truro's DMS. The RWG is committed to transparent communications of all relevant information to citizens, to government agencies and organizations, and to the wider public, with the caveat that some sensitive data will be distributed to only to specific people.

Communications will focus on:

- Educating residents on the progress of the RWG and the development of the DMS.
- Educating residents on management options that they can incorporate on their own properties, at the individual level.
- Educating residents on the importance of not feeding the deer, and the existence of the Town's Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw.
- Educate residents on the reality of living with urban deer over the long term (*the Plan's objective is not intended to eliminate the urban deer population*).
- Educate residents on public safety issues, and the rationale and benefits (direct and indirect) of using lethal methods for population reduction.

- Mitigating public opposition through public education.

Key Audiences:

- Town citizens, residents, and businesses.
- Truro Town Council
- Truro Staff
- Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables
- Strategic Organizations – Hunting Groups in Nova Scotia, The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters, etc.
- Feed Nova Scotia and provincial Food Banks
- General Public beyond Town citizens.

Strategies and Tactics:

- Build support for the DMS by delivering messaging directly through key audiences who are believed to be most supportive of the implementation of the DMS. Identify and cultivate key influencers who will be able to effectively communicate benefits and objectives of the DMS and its implementation.
- Develop an effective suite of communication tools (social media, print materials, online materials, broadcast materials).
- Develop effective media strategies.
- Develop consistent messaging for how to communicate on each of the communication objectives.
- Ensure all media requests are vetted through the Town of Truro and whoever is delivering messaging to the media has the proper information. Prepare media questions and answers in advance, if possible.
- Develop core collateral materials – print and online materials with consistent messaging to highlight the communication objectives.
- Ensure the DMS process information and efforts of the RWG are clear and transparent to the public.

- Ensure frequent updates and reporting to Truro Town Council throughout the DMS creation and implementation process. Ensure Truro Town Council understands the DMS and its objectives and can communicate effectively with citizens, where required.