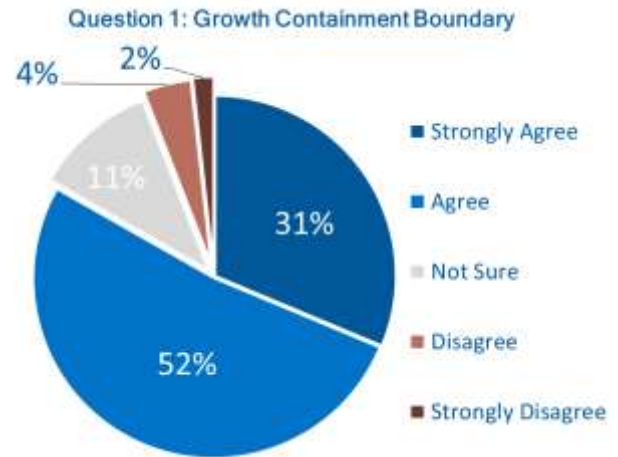


## Appendix 4 – Details of the Survey Results

### Question #1: Growth Containment Boundaries

Do you agree that using a boundary to separate areas intended for future urban growth from other areas where urban growth is not supported is an effective way of managing growth in our region?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	31.3%	196
Agree	51.9%	325
Not Sure	10.9%	68
Disagree	4.2%	26
Strongly Disagree	1.8%	11
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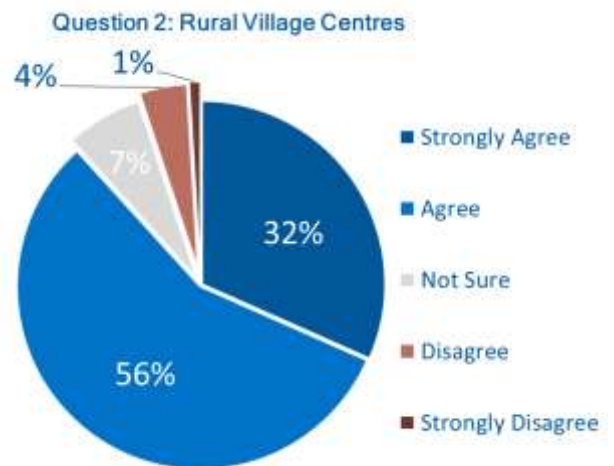


### Question #2: Rural Village Centres

There are 14 Rural Village Centres identified in the RGS. Questions have been raised about the ability of some of these centres to accommodate new growth because of a lack of services such as water and sewer. The draft RGS proposes that a study be conducted to identify those village centres which have the most potential to accommodate new growth. Those that are not able to accommodate new growth will be redesignated to 'local service centres' that allow a smaller amount of new development.

Do you agree that we need to evaluate which areas should remain as Rural Village Centres?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	31.6%	199
Agree	56.6%	356
Not Sure	6.7%	42
Disagree	4.1%	26
Strongly Disagree	1.0%	6
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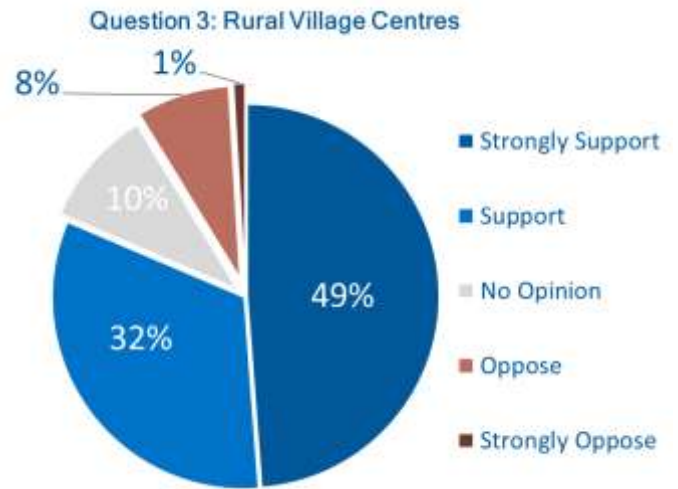


**Question #3: Transportation**

The new draft RGS makes the connection between where people choose to live, work, and play, and the government’s ability to provide a range of transportation choices. The RGS encourages more people living and working within urban or rural village centres. When more people live and work closer together it becomes easier to provide cost effective infrastructure to support alternatives to private car use within and between these centres (such as sidewalks, bike paths or transit).

Do you support encouraging more people to live in urban and rural village centres in order to increase the opportunities to walk, cycle or take transit?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	48.8%	307
Support	32.6%	205
No Opinion	9.9%	62
Oppose	7.8%	49
Strongly Oppose	1.0%	6
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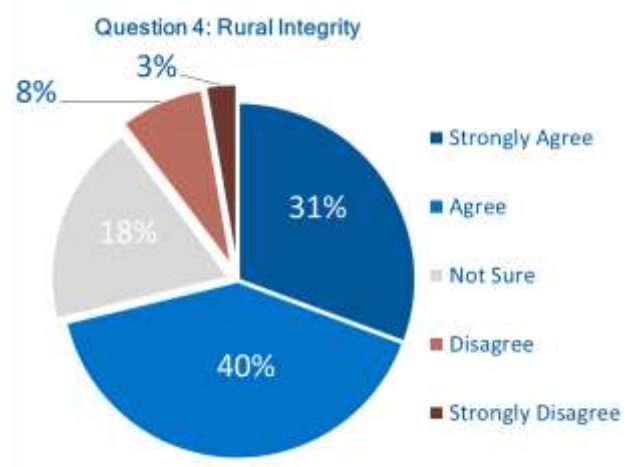


**Question #4: Rural Integrity**

The new draft RGS includes support for different forms of subdivision in rural areas provided that it results in greater protection of lands for farming, forestry, environmental conservation and public open space. For example, in areas where lots may be divided under current zoning, there may be opportunities to allow for the same number of lots while protecting a larger area of land.

Do you agree that this will be an effective way to protect our important rural landscapes?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	30.7%	193
Agree	40.5%	255
Not Sure	18.4%	116
Disagree	7.6%	48
Strongly Disagree	2.7%	17
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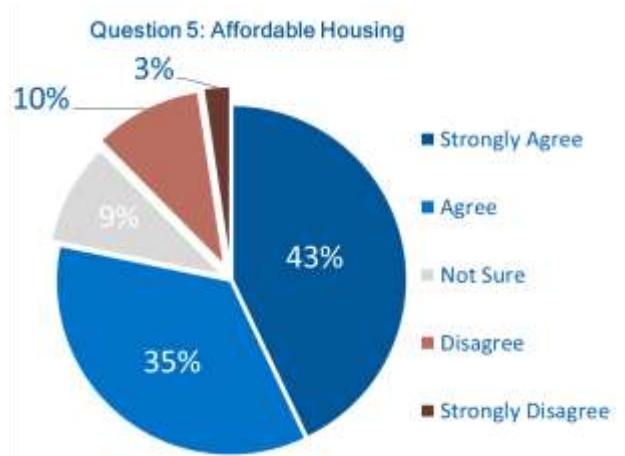


**Question #5: Affordable Housing**

The current RGS does not clearly address the issue of affordable housing. The new draft RGS now provides clear direction for the RDN and its member municipalities to increase the amount of affordable housing especially in areas with a mix of land uses (houses, shops, services etc.) and that are well served by transit.

Do you agree that the RDN and its member municipalities should play a larger role in the provision of affordable housing?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	42.9%	270
Agree	35.3%	222
Not Sure	9.4%	59
Disagree	10.0%	63
Strongly Disagree	2.4%	15
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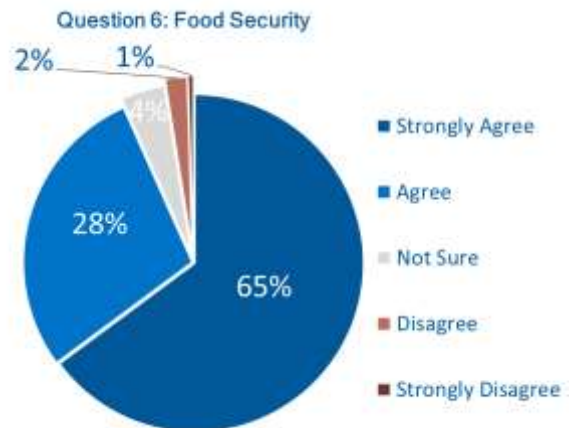


**Question #6: Food Security**

The new draft RGS encourages the RDN and its member municipalities to take steps to support sustainable food production. This includes support for complementary land uses, reducing conflicts with other land uses, provision of processing facilities and, allowing farmers markets in more locations.

Do you agree that local governments (regional districts and municipalities) need to play a larger role in supporting agriculture?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	64.9%	408
Agree	28.5%	179
Not Sure	4.1%	26
Disagree	2.1%	13
Strongly Disagree	0.5%	3
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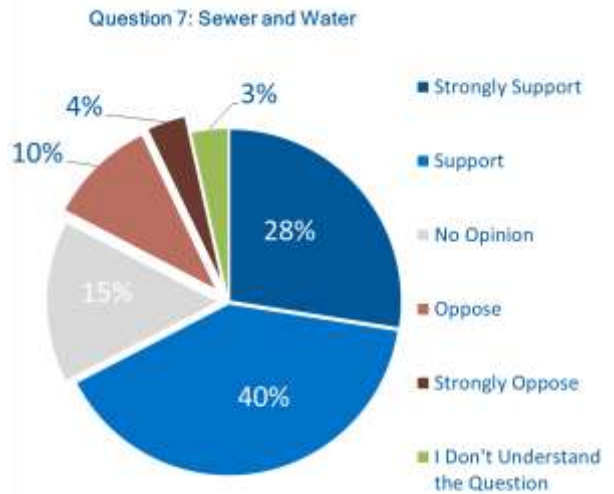


**Question #7: Sewer and Water**

The provision of community water and wastewater services is one of the most powerful tools the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and member municipalities have to direct and manage growth in the region. The new draft RGS continues to encourage the supply of community water and sewer services to areas designated for future growth within the Growth Containment Boundary (GCB). This is to encourage better use of land in these areas and discourage growth into areas that are more rural and expensive to service. Restricting servicing outside of the GCBs limits the amount of development possible in rural areas.

Do you support providing community water and sewer to lands that are inside of the Growth Containment Boundary while at the same time restricting these services to lands located outside of the Growth Containment Boundary (that are not intended for future growth)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	27.5%	173
Support	39.9%	251
No Opinion	15.3%	96
Oppose	10.2%	64
Strongly Oppose	3.7%	23
I Don't Understand the Question	3.5%	22
<b>answered question</b>		<b>629</b>
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**Question #8: Monitoring and Reporting**

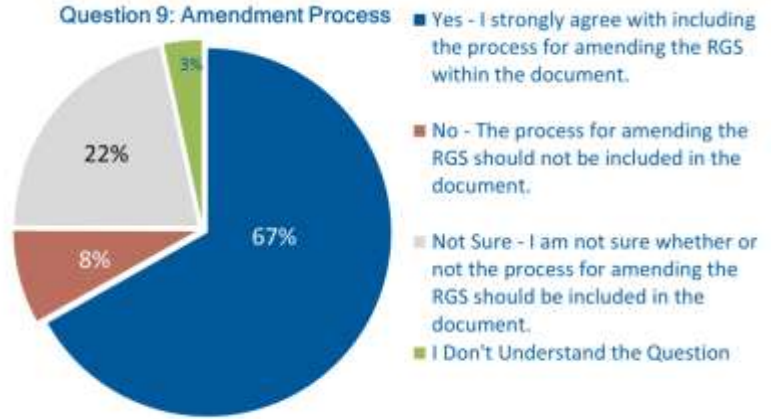
A key concern about the RGS is that we do not know if it has been effective, as there is no established system to measure how well it is being implemented. One way of addressing this concern is to establish a program to monitor, evaluate and periodically report on regional economic, population, social and environmental trends and progress towards achieving RGS goals and policies. The draft RGS identifies establishing a monitoring program as a high priority. Do you agree that establishing a monitoring and reporting program for the RGS is a high priority?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	26.9%	169
Agree	48.2%	303
Not Sure	17.6%	111
Disagree	5.9%	37
Strongly Disagree	1.4%	9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>629</b>
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**Question #9: Amending the RGS**

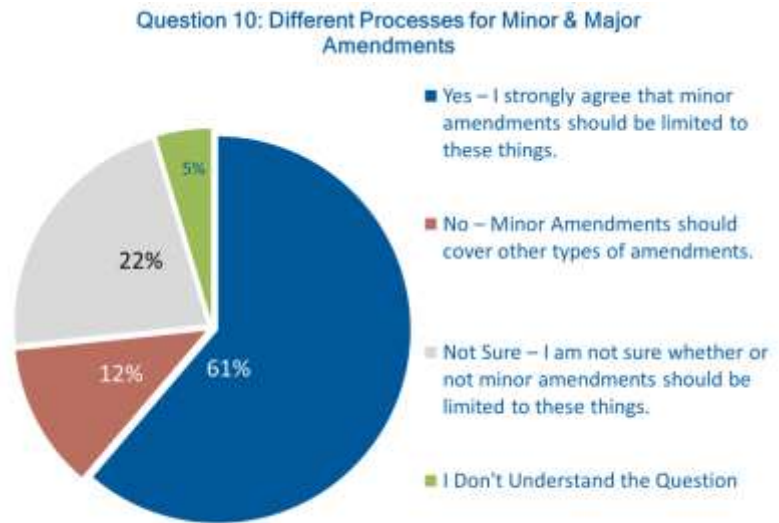
The RGS, like other local government bylaws is a document that can be changed by the RDN Board. There has been concern that the process to make changes to the RGS is unclear and inconsistent. The current RGS does not include a process to amend the document. To address these concerns, the new draft RGS contains a clear process for making changes to the document.



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes - I strongly agree with including the process for amending the RGS within the document.	66.8%	415
No - The process for amending the RGS should not be included in the document.	8.2%	51
Not Sure - I am not sure whether or not the process for amending the RGS should be included in the document.	21.6%	134
I Don't Understand the Question	3.4%	21
<b>answered question</b>		<b>621</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>8</b>

**Question #10: Different Processes for Minor and Major Amendments**

The process for making changes to the RGS now includes different steps for changes considered to be “minor” and for those that are considered to be more significant. The RDN has the ability to determine what types of changes are considered minor and how they will be addressed. The minor amendment process includes fewer steps and applies to changes that do not alter the intent of the RGS such as small errors or updating new information (e.g. tables, figures, grammar). It also applies to amendments resulting from a full Electoral Area or Municipal Official Community Plan (OCP) Review involving community consultation. All other amendments are considered major and would involve an extensive process with more public involvement. Updating policies, making changes to land use designations and the Growth Containment Boundary outside of an OCP review would all be considered 'major amendments'.

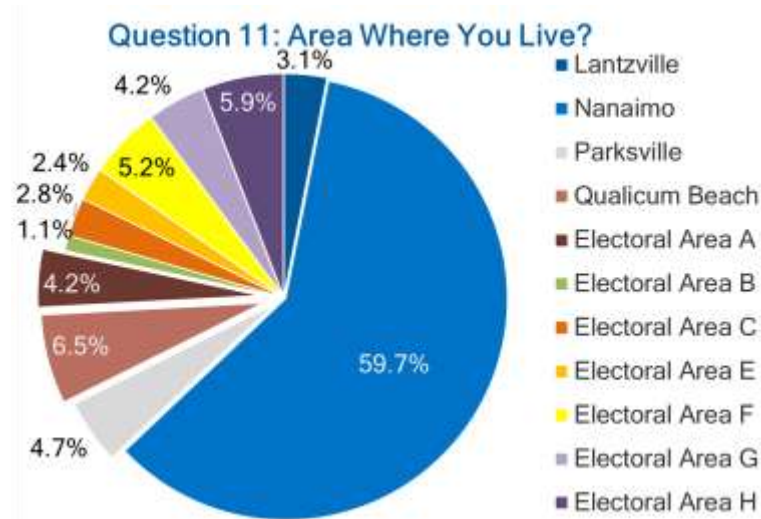


Do you agree with limiting minor amendments to small errors, updating new information and changes resulting from full OCP reviews?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes – I strongly agree that minor amendments should be limited to these things.	61.2%	384
No – Minor Amendments should cover other types of amendments.	12.1%	76
Not Sure – I am not sure whether or not minor amendments should be limited to these things.	22.0%	138
I Don't Understand the Question	4.6%	29
<b>answered question</b>		<b>627</b>
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**Question #11: In which area of the Regional District of Nanaimo do you live in?**

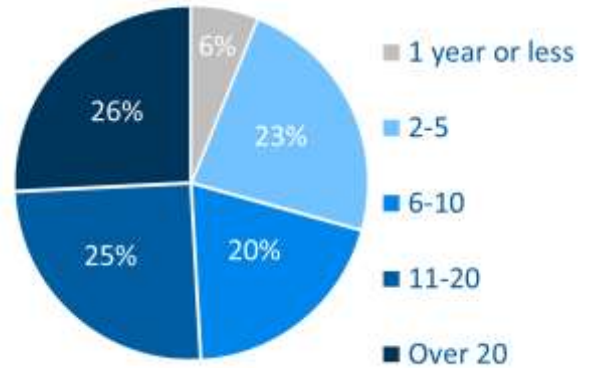
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Lantzville	3.1%	19
Nanaimo	59.7%	366
Parksville	4.7%	29
Qualicum Beach	6.5%	40
Electoral Area A (Cassidy, Cedar, Yellowpoint, South Wellington)	4.2%	26
Electoral Area B (Gabriola, DeCourcy, Mudge Islands)	1.1%	7
Electoral Area C (Extension, Arrowsmith-Benson, East Wellington, Pleasant Valley)	2.8%	17
Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay)	2.4%	15
Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington)	5.2%	32
Electoral Area G (French Creek, Dashwood, Englishman River)	4.2%	26
Electoral Area H (Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay, Bowser)	5.9%	36
<b>answered question</b>		<b>613</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>16</b>



**Question 12: How long have you lived in the RDN?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 year or less	6.1%	38
2-5	23.2%	144
6-10	19.8%	123
11-20	25.1%	156
Over 20	25.8%	160
<b>answered question</b>		<b>621</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>8</b>

Length of Time Living in the Region



**Question 13: What age group are you in?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
15 and under	0.6%	4
16-20	7.2%	45
21-30	14.7%	92
31-55	42.2%	264
Over 55	35.2%	220
<b>answered question</b>		<b>625</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>

Age of Survey Respondents

