# Memo

**GRAND FORKS** — BC —

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| To: | Regular Meeting |
| From: | **Engineering and Planning** |
| Date: | 2017-11-27 |
| Subject: | Summary of Open House and Community Feedback |

## Background

The City held an Open House November 8, 2017 from 9am to 7pm. About 75 members of the public attended throughout the day. No one time was the busiest; there was an ebb and flow to the traffic over the ten hours. Staff answered questions about the Official Community Plan, the Zoning Bylaw, Capital Projects, and potential changes to solid waste services, parking, and the speed limit downtown. No residents were outright against the proposed changes to the OCP and Zoning Bylaw. Some requested clarification of the process for allowing detached secondary dwellings but were satisfied with the proposed checks and balances. Residents were curious about the potential 2018 capital projects. Many people asked about the wastewater treatment plant project.

Follow up community outreach was planned and implemented with online surveys for the service change questions, and a public hearing on November 27 for the OCP and Zoning Bylaw changes. Figures 1 through 5 show the results of the questions explicitly asked at the Open House and in the online survey.
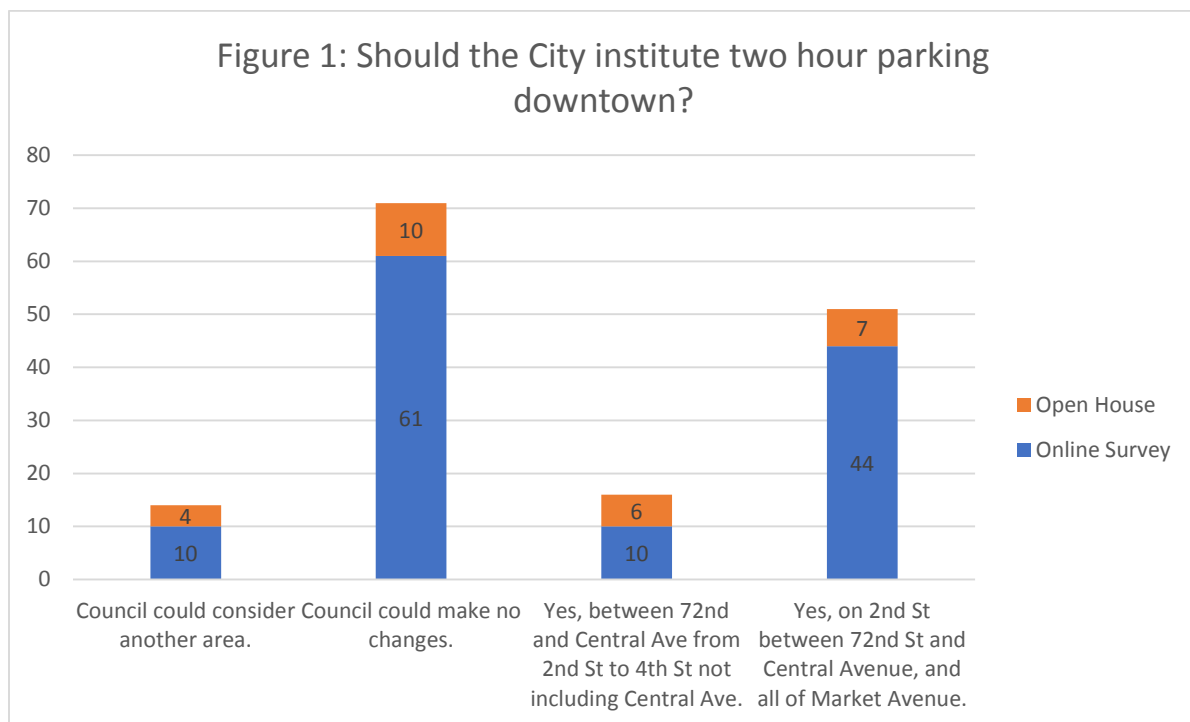


Figure 1: Should the City institute two hour parking downtown?
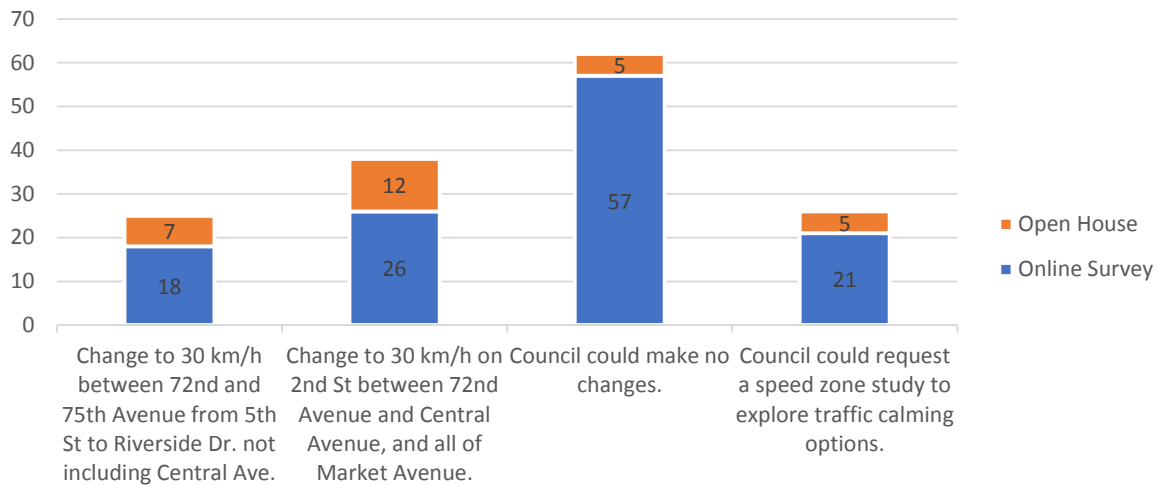
## Figure 2: Should the City change the speed limit downtown?



Bar chart with legend: Open House (orange), Online Survey (blue)

| Category | Online Survey | Open House |
|---|---|---|
| Change to 30 km/h between 72nd and 75th Avenue from 5th St to Riverside Dr. not including Central Ave. | 18 | 7 |
| Change to 30 km/h on 2nd St between 72nd Avenue and Central Avenue, and all of Market Avenue. | 26 | 12 |
| Council could make no changes. | 57 | 5 |
| Council could request a speed zone study to explore traffic calming options. | 21 | 5 |

## Figure 3: Should the City switch entirely to "tag-a-bag" garbage?



Bar chart with legend: Open House (orange), Online Survey (blue)

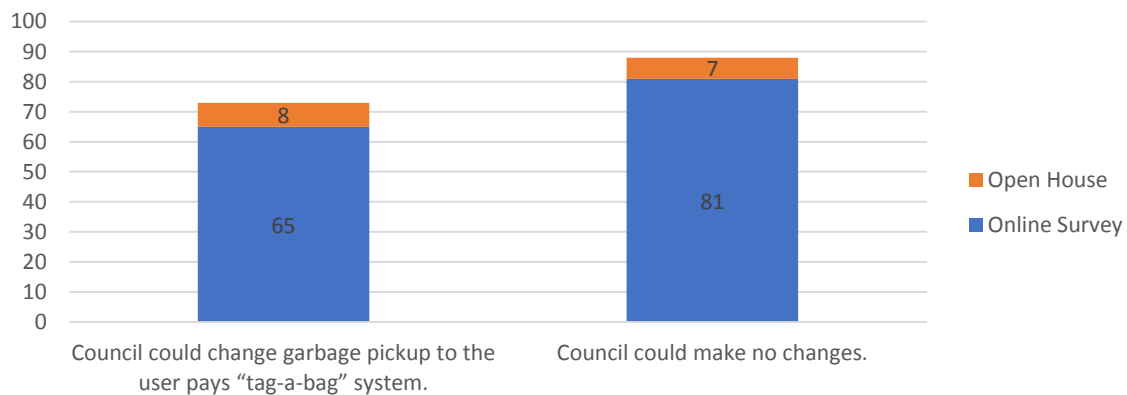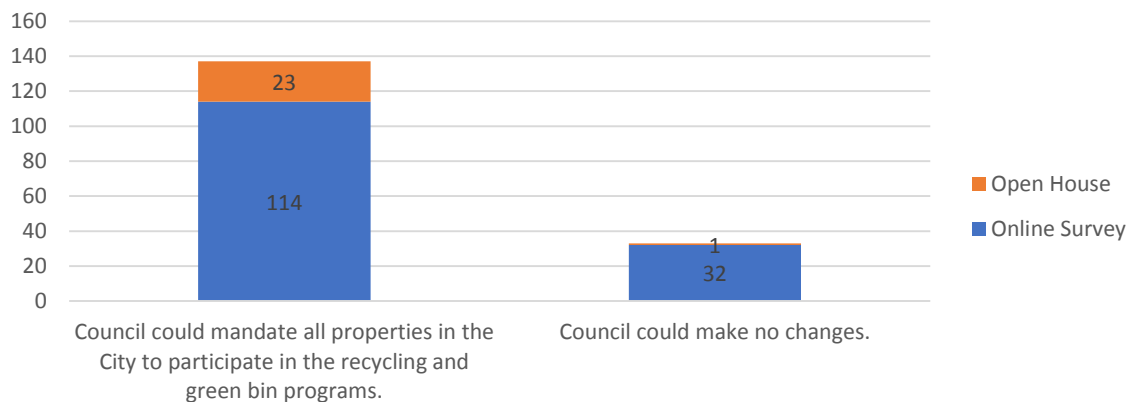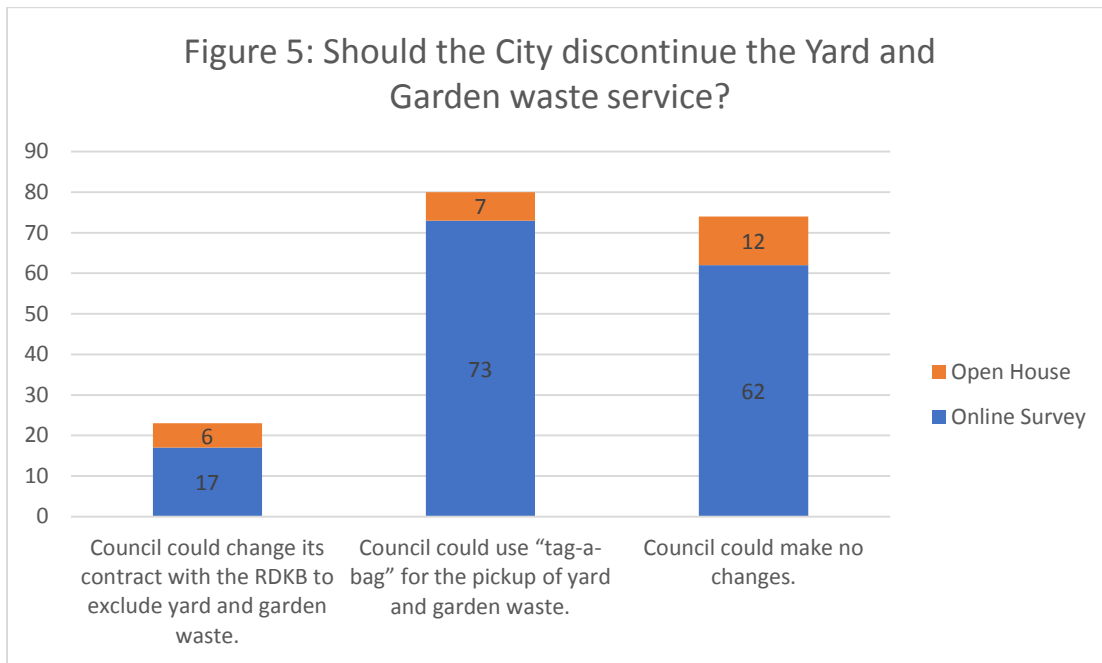| Category | Online Survey | Open House |
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| Council could change garbage pickup to the user pays "tag-a-bag" system. | 65 | 8 |
| Council could make no changes. | 81 | 7 |

## Figure 4: Should Commercial and Multi-Family Residential (apartments, condos, etc.) properties be required to recycle and use green bins?



Bar chart with legend: Open House (orange), Online Survey (blue)

| Category | Online Survey | Open House |
|---|---|---|
| Council could mandate all properties in the City to participate in the recycling and green bin programs. | 114 | 23 |
| Council could make no changes. | 32 | 1 |

Figure 5: Should the City discontinue the Yard and Garden waste service?

| Response | Online Survey | Open House |
|---|---|---|
| Council could change its contract with the RDKB to exclude yard and garden waste. | 17 | 6 |
| Council could use "tag-a-bag" for the pickup of yard and garden waste. | 73 | 7 |
| Council could make no changes. | 62 | 12 |

# Benefits or Impacts

## General
The results from this community engagement will help to make decisions relating to the topics at hand including traffic downtown, solid waste, the OCP and Zoning Bylaw.

## Strategic Impact

### Community Engagement
Determine new, innovative, and meaningful ways to engage the public.
Leverage every opportunity for community engagement.

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