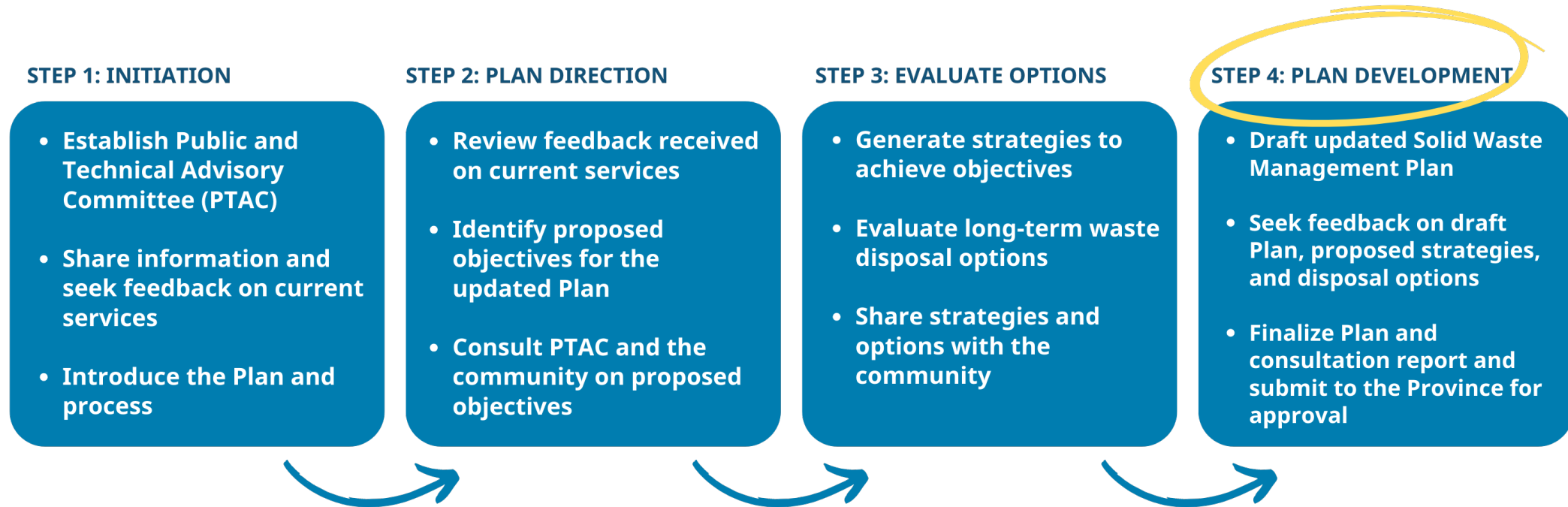




Solid Waste Management Plan Engagement Summary and Final Plan



Reminder: How We Got Here









Four-step planning process for updating Solid Waste Management Plans from the Province's "A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning".

Engagement Summary



From March 2 – April 10 the public provided feedback.

The summary of engagement from April is attached to the PTAC agenda package.

 19,736 postcards mailed.	221  surveys completed.	198 sticky notes of ideas.
3 open houses 2 workshops 11 pop-up info booths }  391 participants.		3729  landfill receipts with project information.
 924 website visits.	 20 social media posts.	

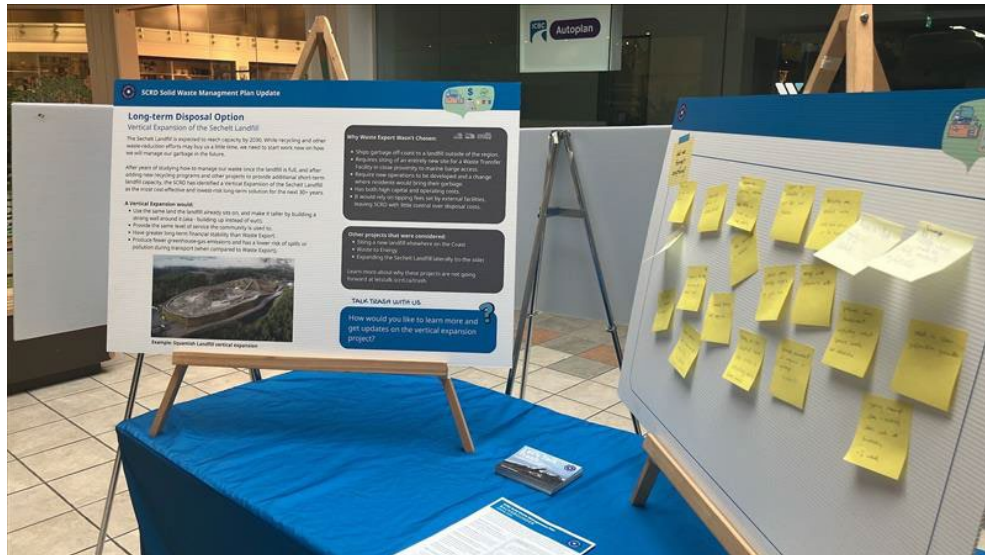
Overall Engagement Summary



Overall public feedback showed alignment with proposed solid waste management strategies.

Themes included:

- Need for accessibility and convenience
- Support for vertical expansion and keeping waste local
- Need for enforcement and regulation for commercial waste
- Responses regarding curbside recycling were polarized in the survey, but one of the top requested services from residents at in person events
- Environmental protection
- Increased education for public and businesses



Engagement Summary

Vertical Expansion



Vertical Expansion and Managing the Landfill

- The MOST prominent theme of resident feedback from all the events, survey and workshops.
- Clear preference for keeping our own waste on coast.

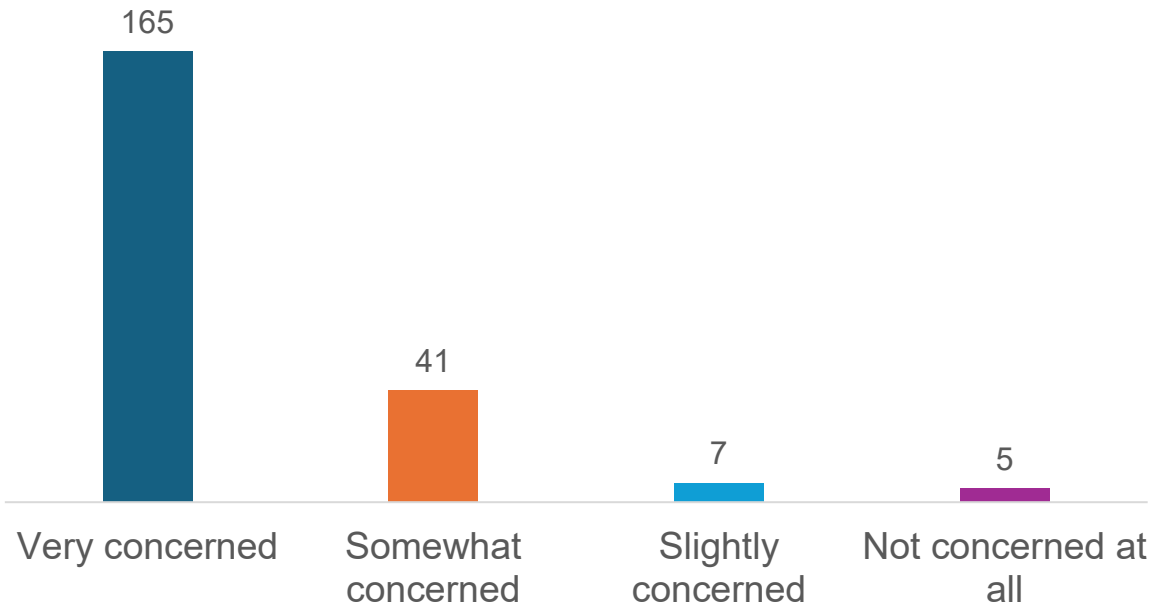


Survey Findings

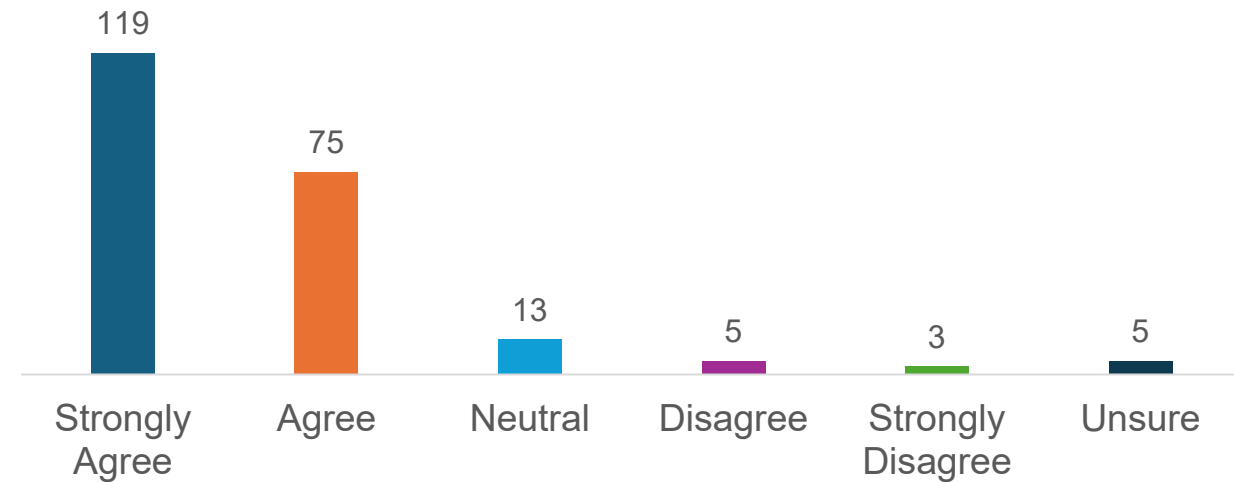


Most survey respondents are very concerned about running out of landfill capacity. The majority strongly agreed or agreed in support of vertical expansion, in comparison to waste export.

Responses to Question 4: Level of Concern About Garbage Disposal Capacity Within the Next Six Years



Responses to Question 5: Support for Vertical Expansion of the Sechelt Landfill Compared to Waste Export



Engagement Summary

Commercial and Business Waste



- In the survey residents regularly chose preventing businesses waste as a high priority.
- At in person events this was mirror with residents noting inconsistent access to recycling at businesses and a need for better and consistent recycling.
- Workshop feedback received was consistent with survey feedback. Businesses expressed:
 - Improving access to recycling would greatly improve diversion ex. plastic film.
 - Support for provincial extended producer responsibility access for commercial recycling.



Engagement Summary

Curbside Services and Recycling Access



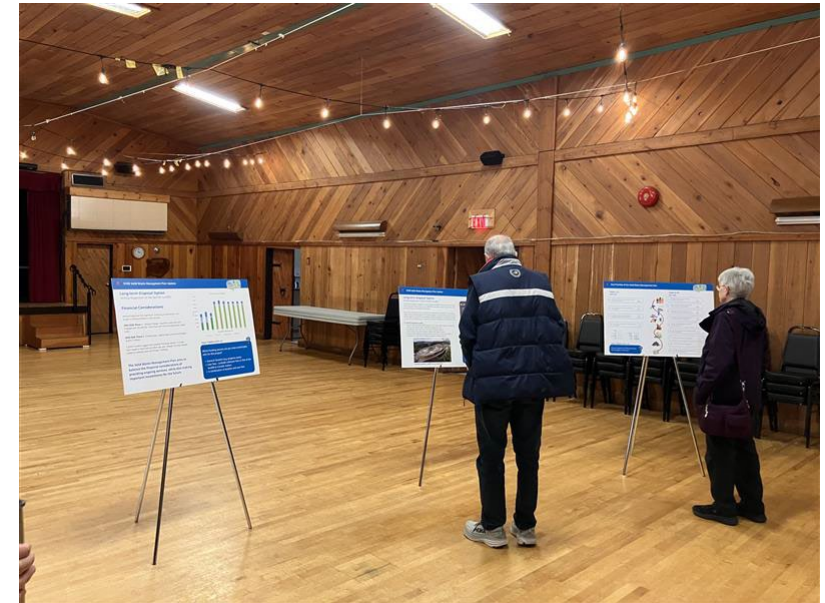
- Curbside recycling in rural areas was consistently requested as a service improvement at in person events.
- Survey responses were more mixed about curbside with more emphasis on producer responsibility (EPR).
- At in person events residents expressed the following:
 - Most who wanted the service also wanted expanded options, ex. Flexible plastics collected at the curb.
 - Some would also like yard (green) waste to be collected.
 - Valued convenience and accessibility, especially for seniors or those without vehicles.
- Comments regularly expressed concern that without curbside service materials would end up in the garbage.

Engagement Summary

Education and Priority Investment Areas for Services



- At events residents regularly expressed need for more education on recycling and where it goes.
- In the survey similar views were expressed but investing in long term disposal and expanding diversion programs were rated with higher priority.
- Interest about landfill tours at in person events to help demonstrate the limited resource of landfill capacity.

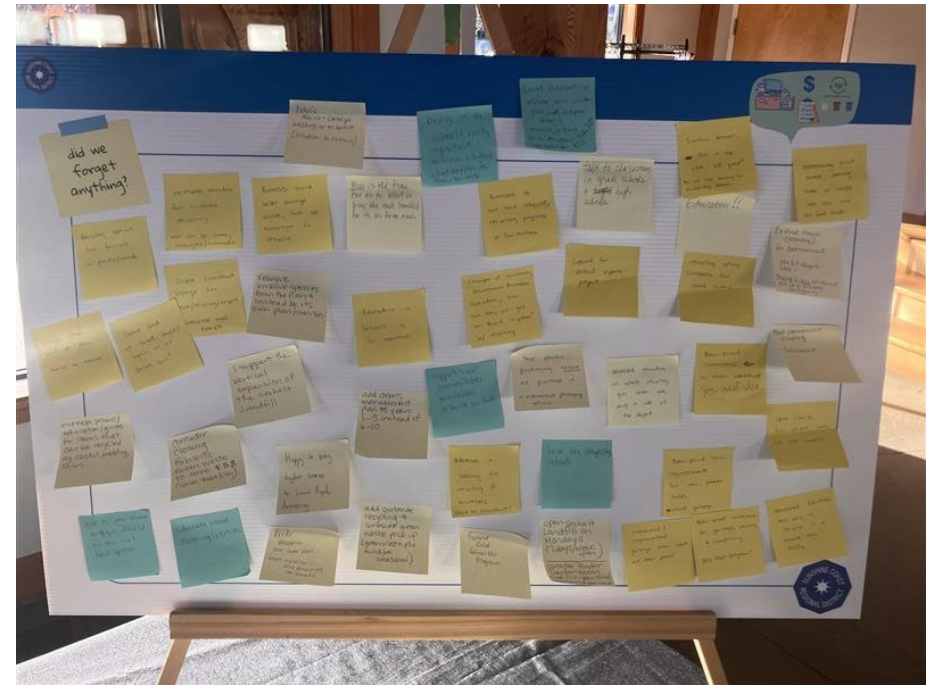


Engagement Summary

Reuse and Equity



- Feedback about reuse, access and equity were consistent at in person events and in survey.
- Residents support reuse initiatives and support for offering more opportunities.
- Concerns about access for seniors, residents without vehicles and those in more rural areas.



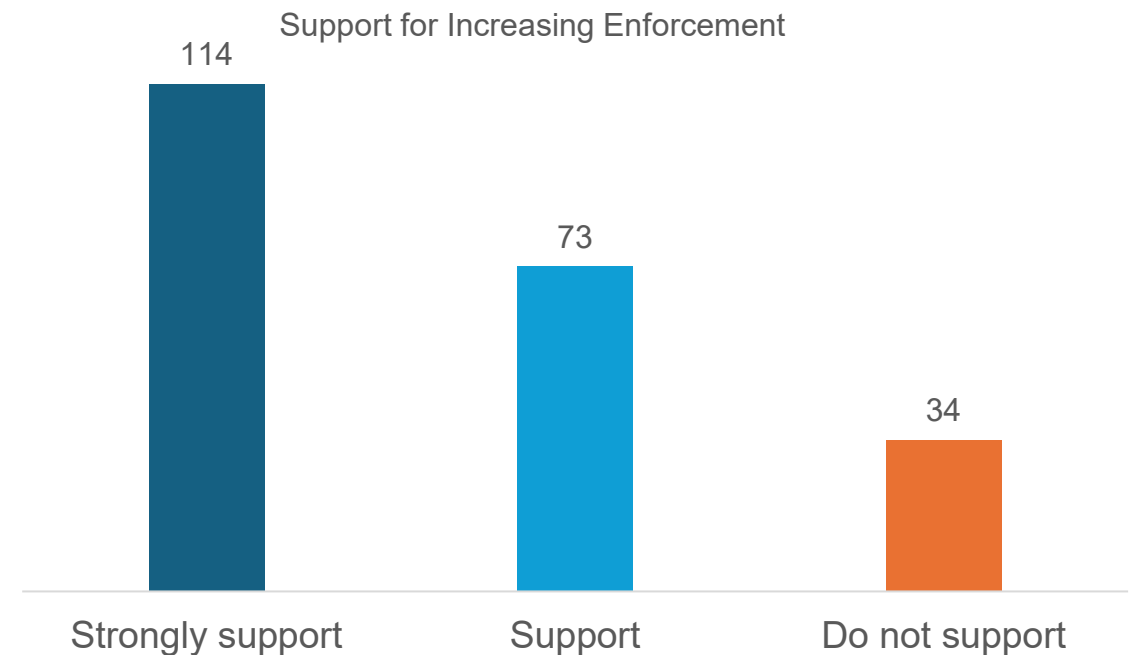
Engagement Summary

Enforcement



- In the survey and at in person events respondents indicated strong support for the use of enforcement measures as part of waste reduction measures.
- At the workshop dedicated to businesses there was agreement that increased enforcement for all businesses is needed to create greater accountability.

Responses to Question 10: Support for Increasing Enforcement to Reduce Waste



Engagement Summary

Environmental concerns – non-jurisdictional priorities



- Mitigating conflict with wildlife, such as with bear-proof containers and stricter enforcement of attractants (especially in stratas) were common themes
- At the dedicated workshop participants expressed concerns around illegal dumping and specifically expressed:
 - Costs of the system may be impacting accessibility.
 - Community groups are available and willing to collaborate with the SCRD.
- In the survey, funding for environmental concerns was more commonly ranked lower, with residents preferring new funding to be spent on expanding diversion and long term disposal.
- The responses to the survey showed a preference for funding illegal dumping and marine debris compared to wildlife, invasives and emergency response planning.

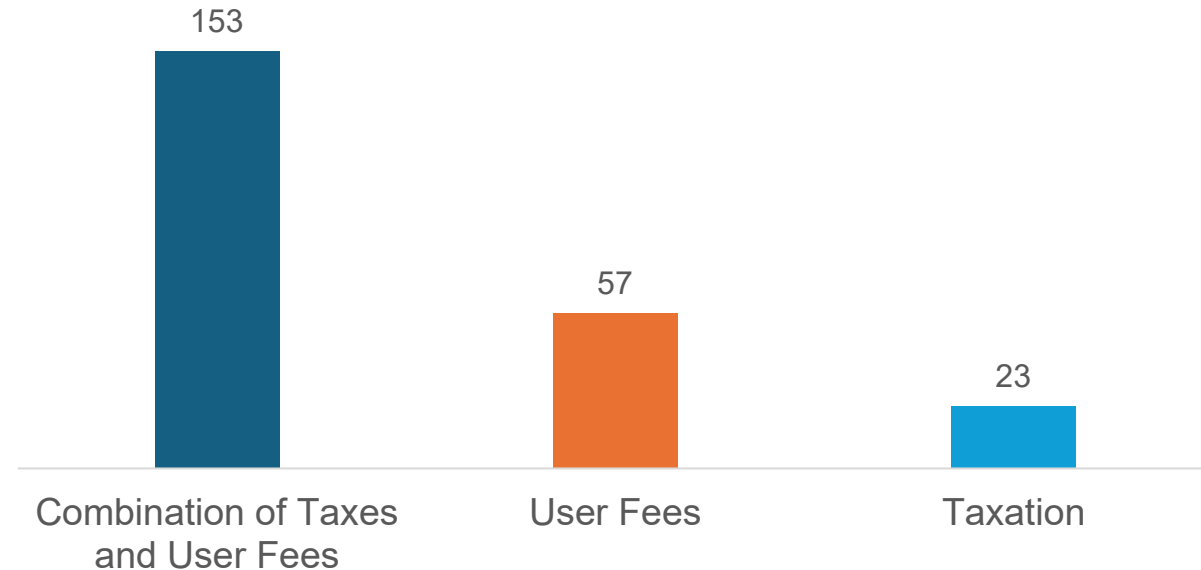
Engagement Summary

Costs and Funding



- Residents understand that more services are needed but affordability was a common concern.
- In person at events and in the survey residents expressed a preference for funding services with a mix of user fees and taxation.

Responses to Question 6: Preferred Funding Sources for the Vertical Expansion Project

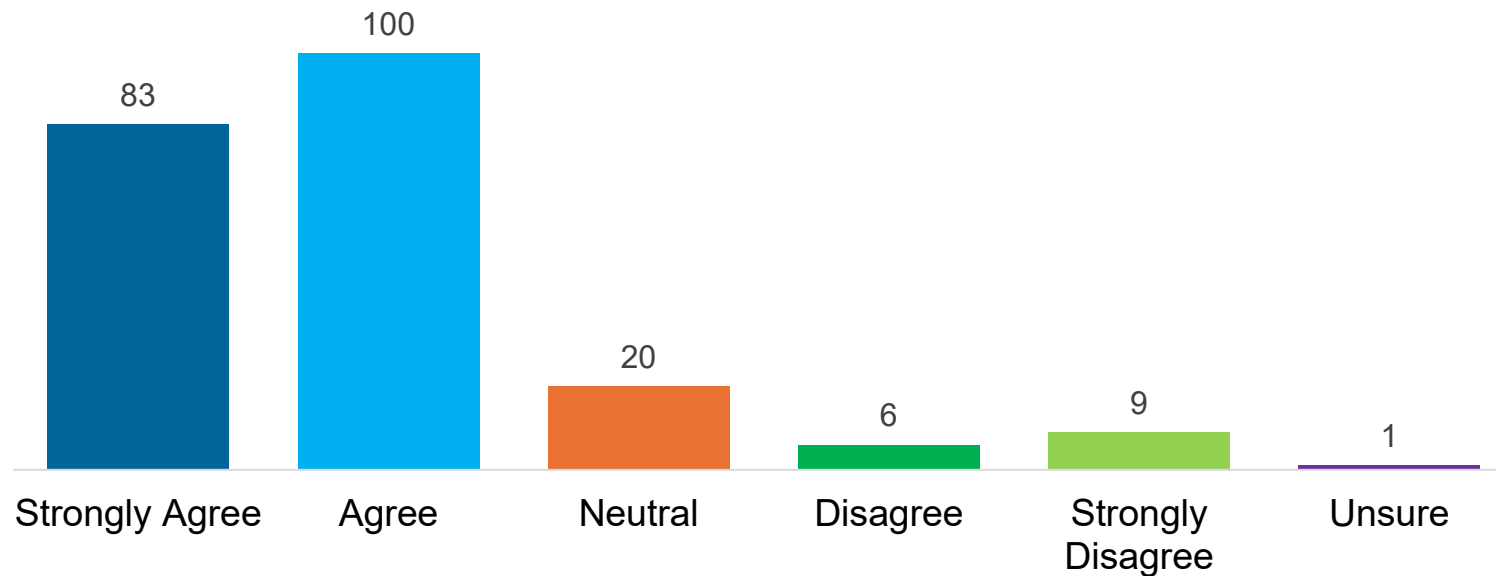


Survey Findings



Respondents indicated support for the implementation timeline in the plan.

Responses to Question 16: Support for the Proposed Waste Reduction Strategies in the First Five Years of the Plan



Questions?



Next Step

We Made It!



Feedback received supports the plan in its current iteration and no changes to the plan are recommended after engagement.

Board Approval and Submitting the Plan

- Staff will be presenting the engagement summary and the final Plan for the Board to endorse and direct staff to submit to the Province.
- With the budget approved in 2026 we will start working towards vertical expansion design so we can get going on construction as soon as the Plan is approved.

THANK YOU!



Thank you everyone!

Thank you for committing the past three years to seeing this project through to the finish.

Your time, insight, and thoughtful contributions were essential to bringing this plan to completion.

Thank you for representing the Sunshine Coast throughout this process.

One more
thing....

Next Opportunity

Let us know!



PMAC – Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee

Once the plan is approved, we will need to establish PMAC.

Like the name suggests it will monitor the implementation of the SWMP.

Email us if you're interested in being kept in the loop!

