



# City of Nisswa Comprehensive Plan

## Online Community Survey Results

Completed February 21, 2017

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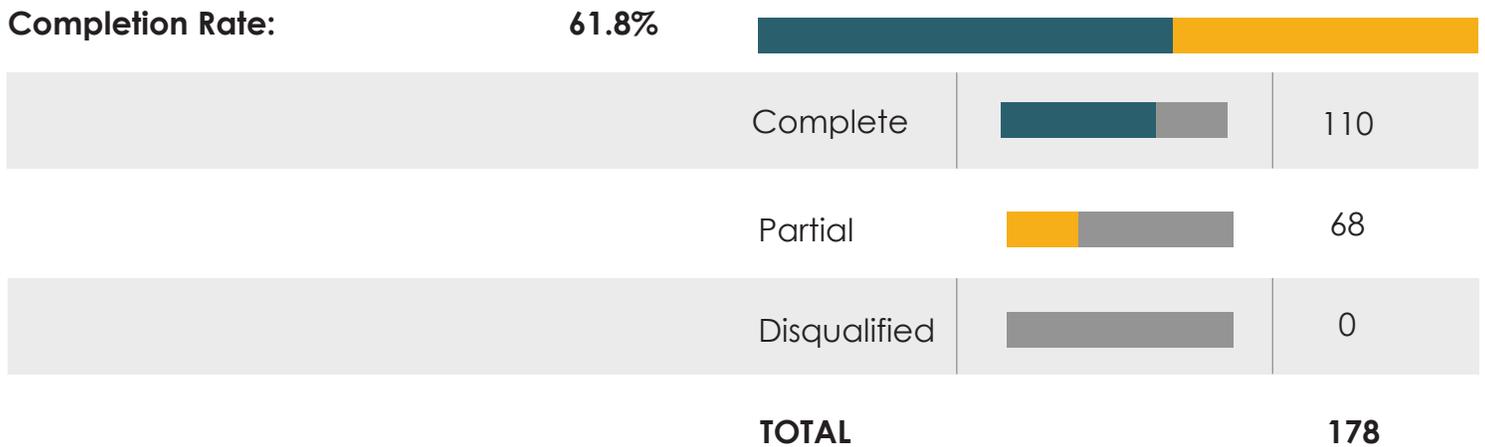


# REPORT FOR NISSWA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY |

An online community survey was published on January 24th, 2017 and was available until February 21st, 2017. **178 people completed the online survey.** The detailed summary of their responses is as follows.

Some comments include sensitive material and may be unpleasant to certain stakeholders, departments, residences, city programs and/or services.

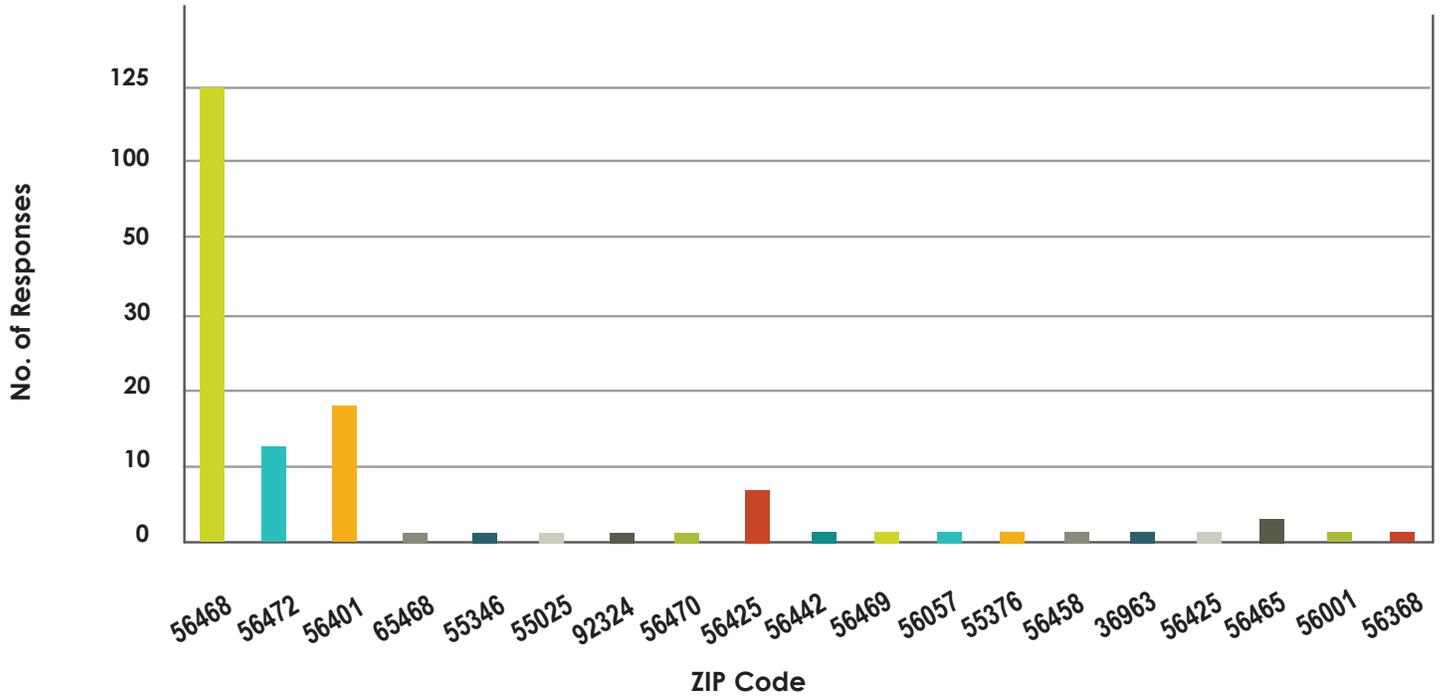
## RESPONSE COUNTS



Note: A summary of responses, charts, and comments are compiled. Slight alterations in the responses to questions 1, 2, and 17 have been included. Responses to these questions have been compiled into graphs and charts, and an error in question 17 has been resolved and recalculated.

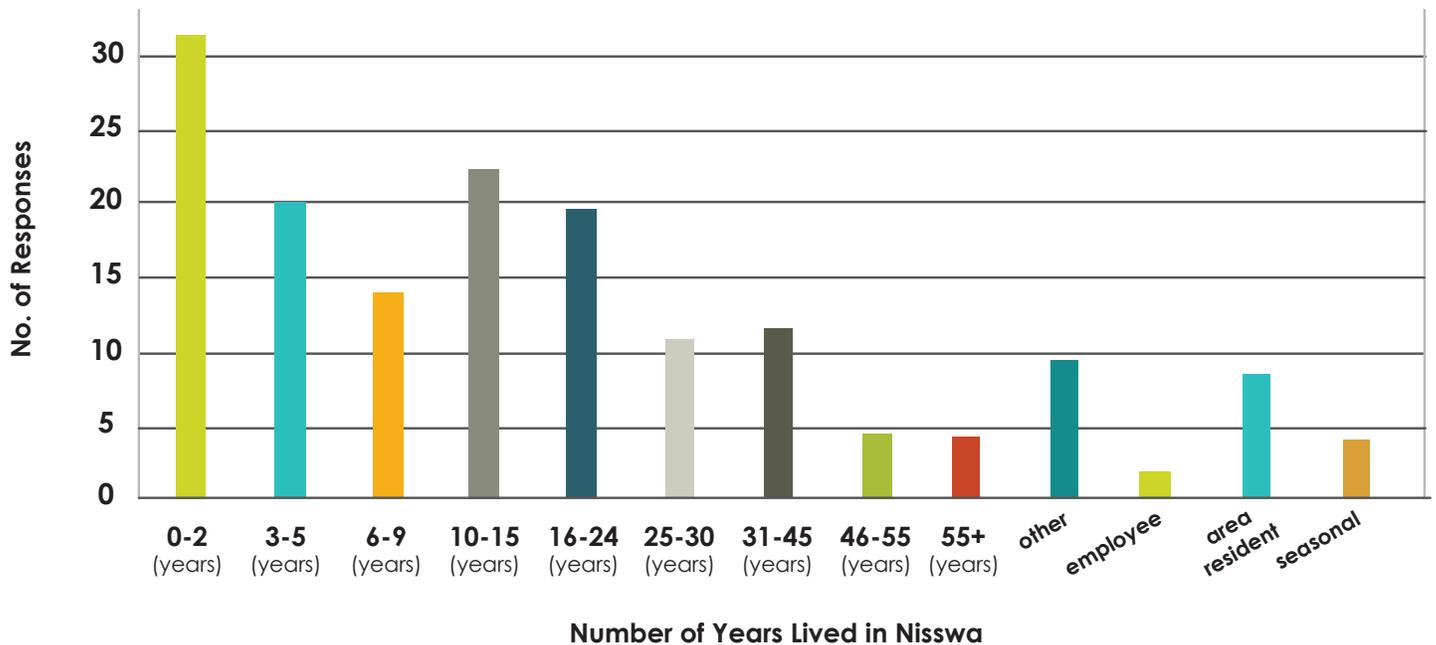
### Q1 In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

Answered: 178 Skipped: 0



### Q2 How long have you lived in the City of Nisswa?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 7



### Q3 What are 3 things that SHOULD NOT change about Nisswa?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 78

#	Responses	Date
1	events small town welcoming	2/21/2017 11:38 AM
2	Ruralness. water quality. Openess to ATVS and Snowmobiles.	2/21/2017 11:02 AM
3	1. Continue to promote Nisswa throughout Minnesota and beyond as the most popular tourist town in the state. 2. Continue to emphasize ALL aspects of recreation in promotional efforts. (i.e. the lakes, the trails, the trees, the fishing, the hunting, the shopping, the golfing, etc. etc.) 3. Continue the activities that focus on children that become magnets for them to encourage their parents to bring them to Nisswa and the surrounding area.	2/20/2017 3:05 PM
4	"Up north" charm Small town feel Year round activity	2/19/2017 9:25 AM
5	!.Nisswa's business district is distinctive. It should should continue to offer stores, restaurants and activities to appeal to visitors. It should not be materially changed.	2/18/2017 1:59 PM
6	1.The tourist destination that it is. 2. All the activities it provides. 3. The friendliness it has.	2/17/2017 12:09 PM
7	Fire dept, road maint, and liquor store.	2/17/2017 11:07 AM
8	water land preservation	2/17/2017 6:05 AM
9	Character as a vacation destination is important. Rural and lakes flavor must be maintained.	2/17/2017 5:18 AM
10	1. Cautious about change but not to the point of avoiding needed changes. 2. Focus on tourism. 3. Small town look and feel.	2/16/2017 9:59 PM
11	Small town atmosphere Sense of community City of lights	2/16/2017 8:45 PM
12	1. Downtown Nisswa 2. Small town, limited stop lights no commercial fast food or chain stores 3. Community activities	2/16/2017 6:34 PM
13	1. Sense of community. 2. Main Street Shops. 3. Fourth of July Parade and activities.	2/16/2017 5:52 PM
14	The small town feel, the pioneer village and neighbors helping neighbors	2/16/2017 5:09 PM
15	downtown area, activities	2/16/2017 4:50 PM
16	small town atmoshere	2/16/2017 4:41 PM
17	Park district & park offerings	2/15/2017 10:30 PM
18	Downtown retail shops, retain our elementary school, keep tourism a priority	2/14/2017 6:23 PM
19	Every thng	2/12/2017 6:05 PM
20	1.The quaintness of downtown shopping 2. The great school 3. Turtle races	2/10/2017 11:22 PM
21	School, Chamber of Commerce, Nisswa Police Department.	2/7/2017 6:10 AM
22	Safe, Small, Smiley town feel. The dates and weekends stay the same of events that have happened in the past. Keep the Miss Nisswa Pageant local.	2/6/2017 9:30 PM
23	Parks and trails. Retail downtown . Community feel in a small town	2/6/2017 4:02 PM
24	retain the small town character	2/4/2017 6:30 AM
25	access to trails for skating and biking; parking near the parks; easy on/off main roads to businesses	2/3/2017 7:36 PM
26	tourist attraction, emphasis on lakes, small downtown	2/2/2017 9:41 AM
27	The Activities, the small town feel, the amazing connection to the youth	2/1/2017 8:43 AM
28	The destination appearance & draw to our downtown area. Small town feeling. Festivals, events to draw tourism.	1/31/2017 8:27 PM
29	The small town atmosphere The opportunities for recreation - parks, trails, lakes etc. Keep the churches and schools.	1/31/2017 4:41 PM
30	downtown people 3. resort friendly	1/31/2017 4:16 PM
31	It's small town character Should NOT develop the Nisswa Lake park - leave it a green space	1/28/2017 9:42 AM

32	Early childhood in the building Special events (Halloween parade, fire trucks, turtle races, etc) Library	1/26/2017 9:08 PM
33	Lights event for thanksgiving and 4th of july parade	1/26/2017 7:32 PM
34	Small town love! Community involvement	1/26/2017 2:21 PM
35	The town	1/26/2017 2:17 PM
36	Size, Pickle Factory Downtown	1/26/2017 1:17 PM
37	The downtown area/shops Community atmosphere The light show and fourth of July	1/26/2017 1:13 PM
38	The school, the shopping, the events	1/26/2017 12:47 PM
39	1. A "Main Street" just the way it is 2. Small, unique businesses 3. Keep and maintain the Nisswa Gazabo	1/26/2017 7:47 AM
40	parks , water access,Trails	1/26/2017 7:26 AM
41	rural open space community, lots of trees, tourist oriented	1/25/2017 8:44 PM
42	Small town atmosphere Turtle races Chamber of commerce	1/25/2017 7:14 PM
43	size of down town,	1/25/2017 6:49 PM
44	1. Smalltown vacation atmosphere. 2. No big box stores - keep the small boutique shopping atmosphere. 3. Festivals and special events that bring vacationers	1/25/2017 6:23 PM
45	Downtown atmosphere, the Old Pickle Factory and the City of lights.	1/25/2017 3:06 PM
46	Festivals, shopping destination,downtown convience store	1/25/2017 8:50 AM
47	Small town feel Local business structure Activities threowout the year	1/25/2017 7:49 AM
48	Change of aquatic habitat! Urbanization! Nothing corporate	1/25/2017 4:53 AM
49	Law-enforcement, The fire team , The tornado siren	1/25/2017 3:41 AM
50	small town feel, wetlands should be kept intact as water filters, Neighborhood school	1/25/2017 12:17 AM
51	Uniqueness Small home town feel The quaint atmosphere	1/24/2017 10:34 PM
52	Same side of the highway locations, winter activities , uniqueindividual store fronts	1/24/2017 10:31 PM
53	Small town feel, community events, quality of the school	1/24/2017 10:27 PM
54	Quaint atmosphere,	1/24/2017 9:11 PM
55	The annual festivals No big retail chains	1/24/2017 9:02 PM
56	Elementary School, natural habitat, small town "feel"	1/24/2017 9:00 PM
57	Small town feel.	1/24/2017 8:54 PM
58	Community events, Govt should not get direct competition with the local businesses	1/24/2017 8:32 PM
59	Size	1/24/2017 8:20 PM
60	1. A community that supports small and local business. 2. Being stewards of our natural resources and environment. 3. Welcoming visitors to enjoy the area we call home.	1/24/2017 7:32 PM
61	- small town look - up north look - numerous events -	1/24/2017 6:01 PM
62	small town feel, shops, summer vibe	1/24/2017 5:58 PM
63	Stay a rural community.Small town atmosphere. Downtown area is vibrant - unique shops and restaurants - no tattoo or tobacco shops.	1/24/2017 2:32 PM
64	Fresh clean lakes , cute shops , Bars & live music , better food !	1/24/2017 2:29 PM
65	1. Main street full of independent businesses 2. Small-town, quiet atmosphere 3. The town ice rink needs to stay! And have better, more consistent hours.	1/24/2017 2:18 PM
66	Keep main Street Keep it small Shop local	1/24/2017 2:02 PM
67	The turtle races, 4th of July celebrations and the city of lights celebration	1/24/2017 1:49 PM
68	Keep small town feel.	1/24/2017 1:30 PM
69	The name. The hometown school. The library.	1/24/2017 1:27 PM

70	City of Lights Celebration Forth of July Parade Turtle Races	1/24/2017 1:24 PM
71	Light the night	1/24/2017 1:21 PM
72	Variety of retail shops. Quaint, simple friendliness, coffee shops	1/24/2017 1:14 PM
73	1) Maintain some main street events/parades 2) Keep post office downtown 3) Support local school	1/24/2017 1:10 PM
74	The shopping, the quaintness, and friendliness.	1/24/2017 1:02 PM
75	1) Up North Feel 2)City Staff 3)Design standards	1/24/2017 12:49 PM
76	Downtown	1/24/2017 12:22 PM
77	It's character, commitment to lakes, habitat, recreatoin, Friendly people	1/24/2017 12:18 PM
78	1.Lose no more trees (in fact some should be replaced with native type trees (pines, birch) 2. Small town feel, concern for neighbors, etc 3.Open, "wild" spaces, we're losing them too quickly	1/24/2017 12:18 PM
79	The small town feeling Turtle Races Events	1/24/2017 12:00 PM
80	The local owned businesses The holdiaiy festivities The friendly and comunitive atmosphere	1/24/2017 11:58 AM
81	1. Never get rid of the Turtle Races 2. Never build tall buildings or eliminate the "up North" look to the city 3. Don't change the "just right" level of law enforcement in the community	1/24/2017 11:50 AM
82	Small town atmosphere. Family friendly atmosphere.	1/24/2017 11:48 AM
83	The "up north" character. The wooded roadways. The lack of big, gaudy signs.	1/24/2017 11:46 AM
84	Small town	1/24/2017 11:37 AM
85	Downtown nisswa Keep chains out Keep it small	1/24/2017 11:33 AM
86	Gift shops/vacation spot/Forestation	1/24/2017 11:31 AM
87	Community activities! Community spirit! Up north feel.	1/24/2017 11:29 AM
88	main street community event s	1/24/2017 11:05 AM
89	Small town feel,individual business hours, individual business looks(not cookie cutter log like Breezy)	1/24/2017 11:04 AM
90	The ability to walk everywhere. The cute small town feel The school	1/24/2017 11:02 AM
91	Shopping, festivals, chamber employees!	1/24/2017 10:55 AM
92	Downtown Taxes The celebrations	1/24/2017 10:54 AM
93	Tourism!!!! Family feel. The great police department.	1/24/2017 10:49 AM
94	The up north look, the municipal liquor store,	1/24/2017 10:48 AM
95	Small town nice The number of liquor establishments The lighting the day after thanksgiving	1/24/2017 10:37 AM
96	Up north small town feel/appearance.	1/24/2017 10:35 AM
97	Small town atmosphere. Up north feel.	1/24/2017 10:10 AM
98	main street appearance, atmosphere	1/24/2017 9:15 AM
99	Small town shoppes atmosphere Clean lakes and streams Forested areas	1/24/2017 9:10 AM
100	1. The vibrant downtown 2. The abundance of lakes and trees. 3. The unique "up north" feel of structures	1/23/2017 1:10 PM

## Q4 What are 3 things that SHOULD change about Nisswa?

Answered: 97 Skipped: 81

#	Responses	Date
1	small-mindedness of city. opptys for young families with housing and local jobs	2/21/2017 11:38 AM
2	1) Should allow liquor and growler sales on Sunday. 2) Encourage more young people to live here, not just Twin Cities retirees and excessively wealthy people. 3) Need to add a Café back to Sportland Corner	2/21/2017 11:02 AM
3	1. Make extra effort to be sure that Nisswa officials and owners of commercial city property remain on the same cultural and economic page. 2. Understand better that doing everything possible to keep Nisswa as an authentic destination in future years is highly essential. (Much more could be said about this point and the "how to's" of preserving authenticity. 3. Some further thought needs to be given to flow of traffic, parking, and safety considerations. (There are best practices that other tourist towns have incorporated that are worth considering.)	2/20/2017 3:05 PM
4	Diversify economy now that have high speed internet Attract and retain younger year round residents	2/19/2017 9:25 AM
5	1. Banishing MNDot from further highway re-alignments. 2. Working more closely with the lakes association to maintain and improve the quality of the lake water. 3. Nisswa has a nice bike/walking trail, but to bike or walk around the community otherwise is dangerous.(e.g. 77, 371).	2/18/2017 1:59 PM
6	1. Not having some businesses on Main Street ...such as the dentist office, and keeping the Main Street "shopping" shops for tourists. 2. Giving senior citizens a break on sewer bills. 3. Push for a new restaurant at sportland corners.	2/17/2017 12:09 PM
7	Need stricter building codes, too many police officers and public docking on nisswa lake by the business area.	2/17/2017 11:07 AM
8	???	2/17/2017 6:05 AM
9	1. Being open to well planned apartment, retirement housing and / or town homes that tastefully fit the area with suitable landscaping requirements. 2. Commit to a plan to help get the Sportland Corner sold and developed. 3. Keep Nisswa school as part of the community	2/16/2017 9:59 PM
10	More choices for restaurants Abandon ideas for city park City water and sewer from hwy 29 to hwy 18 along 371 corridor	2/16/2017 8:45 PM
11	1. The "bridge to nowhere"	2/16/2017 6:34 PM
12	1. Complete the Nisswa Park area. 2. A non franchise family restaurant that serves more dining choices such as burger, chicken, walleye, sandwiches with sides.	2/16/2017 5:52 PM
13	1. Re-construct failing roads - particularly ...Nashway Road (County #115) 2. Encourage more recycling 3. Reduce wasteful and unnecessary City spending in order to aid in lowering of property taxes	2/16/2017 5:21 PM
14	Encourage citizens that if they see something, say something	2/16/2017 5:09 PM
15	more restaurants, parking	2/16/2017 4:50 PM
16	quit thinking that you can afford to do all things	2/16/2017 4:41 PM
17	Fix the street in front of the post office so we are getting out of our cars & into puddles.	2/15/2017 10:30 PM
18	More highway development, create an indoor hockey rink, create night experience in downtown nisswa	2/14/2017 6:23 PM
19	Lower taxes, more first responders, build a VA hospital.	2/12/2017 6:05 PM
20	1. More and better marked handicap parking on Main Street. 2. Only retail stores allowed on Main street, not businesses such as a dentist, salon, etc. They are great businesses, but they take away from the shopping and bringing people into Nisswa. 3. Enforced no parking on Main street for Trail use. People tie up parking spots all day for bike rides, etc. e	2/10/2017 11:22 PM
21	The Nisswa Lake Park should be finished. Roadside pickup of recycling should be available to all. Parks and Recreation programming should always be a top priority.	2/7/2017 6:10 AM
22	More downtown shops being filled! More late night shopping nights for people who work to have the opportunity to come shop local! More opportunities to get the people of Nisswa to meet one another in social gathering activities, also it could bring Nisswa stores or restaurants the opportunity for business.	2/6/2017 9:30 PM
23	Need a swimming beach Awareness we are a year round destination Less service businesses on main street	2/6/2017 4:02 PM

24	more/better restaurant options in downtown area	2/6/2017 2:16 PM
25	Make it more accessible to non motorized travel. Walking, biking, blading, etc. Bike racks and trail connections really help.	2/4/2017 6:30 AM
26	cycling access to lakes. Bike racks so that we can shop/eat without fear of losing our bikes. Bikes lanes?	2/3/2017 7:36 PM
27	maybe another small manufacturing or business hiring at least 50 employees, Completion of the park on Nisswa Lake Perhaps city water in the future and eliminate the small wells	2/2/2017 9:41 AM
28	We need parking, housing options for all, and roads that are safe (county road 18).	2/1/2017 8:43 AM
29	Add parking area & rest rooms. Develop park & trail systems. Add restaurants (not fast food, different ethnic foods that are not already represented)	1/31/2017 8:27 PM
30	Improvement in streets and maintenance Safe crossings for pedestrians in the downtown area Develop the park at Nisswa lake	1/31/2017 4:41 PM
31	1. downtown, they need to work together better 2. zoning is outdated 3. housing for young families	1/31/2017 4:16 PM
32	Add a decent restaurant or two, build a true community center to serve all ages from young to seniors with a pool, gym, community rooms, ice rink etc. similar to Hallett. Make the entire downtown walking only from the post office to The Dairy Queen.	1/29/2017 10:00 PM
33	It would be nice if Sportland corner could be cleaned up. Should a city be in the liquor/bar business? Need to attract younger families... a more diverse population.	1/28/2017 9:42 AM
34	More classrooms More secure entrance Move the main office near the main entrance	1/26/2017 9:08 PM
35	Add a splash park. More outdoor activities for children under 10 yr	1/26/2017 7:32 PM
36	Downtown parking	1/26/2017 2:21 PM
37	Expanding the school	1/26/2017 2:17 PM
38	Size of school (larger) Better road maintenance/upgrade for outer roads and streets	1/26/2017 1:17 PM
39	Splash park and a kids museum would be awesome for our town and the Brainerd lakes area. Plowing and maintaining of the roads in the winter Nisswa School bigger	1/26/2017 1:13 PM
40	Broader base of people running things, diversity,	1/26/2017 12:47 PM
41	1. Addition of 1-2 restaurants serving liquor (people need a choice beyond Rafferty's for dinner) 2. Outside of Main Street, Nisswa Council should allow another food option such as McDonald's, Panera or Hardy's. The empty building on Hwy. 371 across from Schaefer's Foods is a prime location. 3. If not a restaurant at location mentioned in #2. at least raze that building! It's an eye sore.	1/26/2017 7:47 AM
42	More park programs for non sporting people, finish the park, more companys to town not just tourist stuff	1/26/2017 7:26 AM
43	Less development, less density overall and at resorts, less lighting and pavement	1/25/2017 8:44 PM
44	Finish park on Nisswa Lake. Work harder on plowing in the winter. Planning and zoning rules	1/25/2017 7:14 PM
45	nothing	1/25/2017 6:49 PM
46	1. Lack of nice restaurants. We have to go to Lakeshore or Baxter to eat out. All Nisswa has is pizza and coffee. We need Bar Harbor or Ernie's in Nisswa! 2. We live on Nisswa Lake off of upper Roy Lake Road and it's very dangerous for us to cross over 371 to come to town on a bicycle or walking . It also makes and hazardous if we want to enjoy the Paul Bunyan trail. So there is no good access from Roy Lake, Bass Lake , upper Gull and Edna to town. I heard wonderful plans about expanding a bicycle trail to make Nisswa accessible to lakeshore residents down by Schaeffers food while those of us on the north side of Nisswa have poor access. 3. It is too late now but the expansion of 371 took away a lot of charm from Nisswa. 4. I know it is not attractive to shopkeepers to be open evenings but it would be nice someday to have Nisswa as an evening destination for visitors who have spent the whole day on the lake and want to come in town and enjoy Dinner and shopping. Kind of like when you go to a ski resort in Colorado and at the end of the day you take off your skis and go to town and shop and eat and spend money	1/25/2017 6:23 PM
47	Road improvement, update community center.	1/25/2017 3:06 PM
48	Better Parking, Enhanced Parks and Rec, inclusion of citizens in City Government.	1/25/2017 8:50 AM
49	Access to the lake, with a park Property taxes are very high Schooling options low quality for taxes paid	1/25/2017 7:49 AM
50	Police force, downtown parking, consistent administration in planning and zoning.	1/25/2017 5:33 AM

51	Lower home prices, keep up on maintaining city streets, clean up homes around the city	1/25/2017 3:41 AM
52	Additional middle income level housing is needed to attract younger families, More year round employment opportunities are needed, the post office should be located away from downtown (on the service drive or maybe on Hazelwood)	1/25/2017 12:17 AM
53	I like it the way it is!	1/24/2017 10:34 PM
54	Congruent sidewalks, clean up the ally facing 371, food truck night	1/24/2017 10:31 PM
55	The push to expand, there is nowhere to expand the core downtown area. The pressure to fit as many tourists into this little town as possible diminishes the quality of life for residents that live and pay taxes here. Nisswa is a tourist town for a portion of the year and I knew that when I moved my family here but at some point the city needs to acknowledge the capacity of such a small area.	1/24/2017 10:27 PM
56	Wider sidewalks, more parking	1/24/2017 9:11 PM
57	Lake preservation, single family and senior housing, child recreation facility	1/24/2017 9:00 PM
58	More high speed internet availability. Better plowing of roads. Clean up debris from recent storm damage.	1/24/2017 8:54 PM
59	Support businesses that are not located downtown better, finish one project at a time	1/24/2017 8:32 PM
60	More bar	1/24/2017 8:20 PM
61	1. Embrace technological invocation. 2. Investing in long term infrastructure such as parks, trails, beatification of downtown. 3. A local government that works together to raise each other up.	1/24/2017 7:32 PM
62	-	1/24/2017 6:01 PM
63	more in winter, bigger venues in summer (like when we hosted fishing opener), more community-type days	1/24/2017 5:58 PM
64	Stop highway expansion - don't want to live off freeway. Keep main street uniquely Nisswa. No more pocket parks.	1/24/2017 2:32 PM
65	Too late .. highway is obnoxious Get rid of Fast food chains Do something cool w/ Sportland ! Stores open longer at night	1/24/2017 2:29 PM
66	1. Less restrictions on businesses and what they can do with their properties 2. Make it easier for businesses to expand & improve their offerings to the public (less of a hassle with P&Z permits, etc.) 3. Better signage for 371 travelers, BEFORE the Hwy 18 stoplight	1/24/2017 2:18 PM
67	Need a pedestrian walk way More consistent store hours Better signage	1/24/2017 2:02 PM
68	A better business environment welcoming new business to the city. Less building restrictions for both residential and commercial. A better water and sewer system.	1/24/2017 1:49 PM
69	Change attitude that we need to grow.	1/24/2017 1:30 PM
70	move car traffic to current pbt alignment through downtown and run the pbt right up Main Street. Add parking away from Main Street. Build a park on Nisswa lake	1/24/2017 1:27 PM
71	Nothing - it is a great town	1/24/2017 1:24 PM
72	No commercial offices on Main Street. Congestion around post office is challenging	1/24/2017 1:14 PM
73	1) parking -- get the parking OFF main street to allow more walking/shopping 2) park access -- expand the Nisswa Lake Park & Rec Area and strengthen the park/community center land/space 3) Fix the "new" street -- what is up with all those big, deep puddles!	1/24/2017 1:10 PM
74	Slower speed limit on main Street during summer months, finish the tunnel park, promote the areas next to the tunnel	1/24/2017 1:02 PM
75	1) Finish the park 2) Allow greater mix of housing including apartments 3) More bike trails	1/24/2017 12:49 PM
76	Looking to more diverse economy (good to see things like Micronet come in and would like to see more) With a diverse economy, show a genuine openness to a more diverse population Find a path for quality housing that is affordable to build own and operate.	1/24/2017 12:18 PM
77	1.Housing for younger families 2.Need rec building/pool/community fitness area that could be used throughout the year 3.Fix up downtown, streetlamps, roads (mess in front of post office, etc), walking map/info	1/24/2017 12:18 PM
78	The lack of cleanliness Have an area for dogs Better crosswalks	1/24/2017 12:00 PM
79	Quicker plowing	1/24/2017 11:58 AM

80	1. There should be for-pay camping sites in Fritz Loven park that could be reserved. This would help generate revenue for the city and also help get rid of the standing dead wood in the area. 2. More nature trails to help reflect the culture of the area and people who live here. 3. Finish developing the tunnel under 371 and the walking trail to the docks, build a lakeside park there.	1/24/2017 11:50 AM
81	Be open to change. Focus more on young families in the community. Offer more access to our natural resources.	1/24/2017 11:48 AM
82	The former Sportland Cafe corner -- it needs responsible development. Right now it's an eyesore. Historic Main Street should become a pedestrian-friendly mall area.	1/24/2017 11:46 AM
83	Make sure garbage in Nisswa cans are emptied on busy weekends.	1/24/2017 11:37 AM
84	Got nothing..love it!!	1/24/2017 11:33 AM
85	Keep roads safe and upgraded. Stop Edinification of the area Stop the light pollution on Gull Lake at night	1/24/2017 11:31 AM
86	higher end restaurant in downtown area. affordable housing in walking distance of downtown better park facility with lake access	1/24/2017 11:05 AM
87	Sidewalks, Pretty Good Shopping sign, speed limit on Main Street	1/24/2017 11:04 AM
88	more variety for nightlife, more parking options during events,	1/24/2017 11:02 AM
89	Pretty Good Shopping sign	1/24/2017 10:55 AM
90	More eaterys	1/24/2017 10:54 AM
91	The tunnel to no where. More city support for community and tourism events. Speed limit between two sets of lights should be 50. Making it safer for entering traffic and possibly make businesses between more visible due to slower speed.	1/24/2017 10:49 AM
92	More affordable housing,	1/24/2017 10:48 AM
93	Parking Wider road on Church st More activities year round	1/24/2017 10:37 AM
94	1- finish the park 2-life cycle housing including apt buildings 3- more connected bike paths	1/24/2017 10:10 AM
95	mayor	1/24/2017 9:15 AM
96	More bike trail connections and routes Build Nisswa Lake Park with help from the city Look for other location to offer outdoor open-space recreation.	1/24/2017 9:10 AM
97	1. Backage road that extends Hazelwood Drive down to County Road 77 2. A trail to connect Nisswa to Lake Shore. This would be beneficial to the residents of Nisswa, Grand View Lodge, Nisswa downtown businesses, Nisswa Lake Park, and Lake Shore restaurants (Zorbaz, Bar Harbor) 3. Nisswa Lake Park should be developed	1/23/2017 1:10 PM

## Q5 How would you describe Nisswa's character?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 78

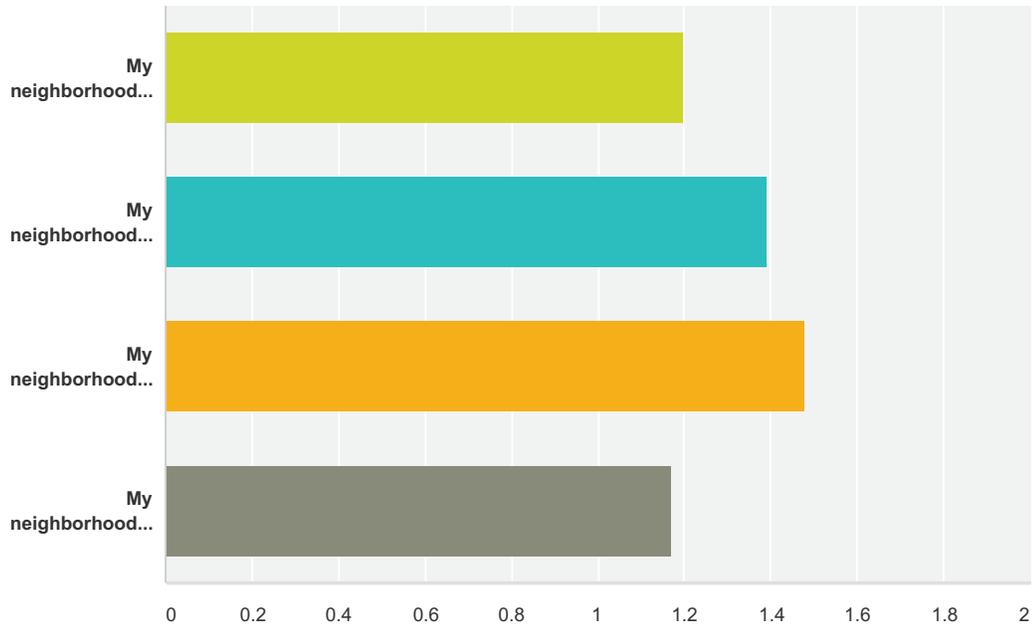
#	Responses	Date
1	unfortunately retired-minded folks run the town and want to keep it what is used to be, not looking for growth. too many rules limiting my property-rights.	2/21/2017 11:41 AM
2	Clicky, There are distinct groups such as native Nisswa residents, Transplants, wealthy, nonwealthy, etc.	2/21/2017 11:04 AM
3	It is a special north country multi-seasoned small town that has a fascinating history and has grown or evolved into an attractive tourist location.	2/20/2017 3:11 PM
4	I find Nisswa to be very charming and welcoming. Would like to see more of this atmosphere aimed at attracting permanent residents and not just focus on tourism.	2/19/2017 9:28 AM
5	Friendly and inviting.	2/18/2017 1:59 PM
6	Charming	2/17/2017 7:13 PM
7	great	2/17/2017 6:09 PM
8	VERY FRIENDLY	2/17/2017 12:09 PM
9	Tourist trap.	2/17/2017 11:08 AM
10	desirable	2/17/2017 6:06 AM
11	Vacation area	2/17/2017 5:19 AM
12	small	2/17/2017 5:00 AM
13	Small town lake country charm	2/16/2017 10:01 PM
14	People want to visit here and I am proud to live here.	2/16/2017 8:46 PM
15	Nisswa is a charming town with caring people who enjoy life.	2/16/2017 6:35 PM
16	Family. Safe. Interesting.	2/16/2017 5:53 PM
17	Small town with high class	2/16/2017 5:10 PM
18	quaint	2/16/2017 4:51 PM
19	a perfect place to raise a family	2/16/2017 4:42 PM
20	Quaint tourism community	2/14/2017 6:23 PM
21	Down home and comfy. Certainly a destination town.	2/12/2017 6:08 PM
22	Welcoming, unique and clean	2/7/2017 6:12 AM
23	Small Town, great shopping & food, known for Turtle Races, and an amazing Elementary school!	2/6/2017 9:32 PM
24	Quaint, small town, a feeling of togetherness in the community	2/6/2017 4:02 PM
25	Quaint	2/6/2017 2:17 PM
26	unique shopping and entertainment, very little franchise footprint.	2/4/2017 6:32 AM
27	Nice blend of small town, businesses and outdoor activity.	2/3/2017 7:37 PM
28	Welcoming small town appeal	2/3/2017 6:45 PM
29	maintained a welcoming nature to tourists. The local community is divided - some would like to see improved roads, the Nisswa Lake Park, investment in infrastructure. Others are determined to not spend any funds and lower taxes.	2/2/2017 10:23 AM
30	Charming up north lakes area destination	1/31/2017 8:28 PM
31	center of the areas tourism universe	1/31/2017 4:17 PM
32	Sweetest town ever	1/29/2017 10:01 PM

33	A unique small town atmosphere with lots of friendly, helpful neighbors & business folks. I the atmosphere to stay as is & not add big box stores.	1/28/2017 12:27 PM
34	Small town. Quaint.	1/28/2017 9:43 AM
35	Ama	1/26/2017 11:33 PM
36	Heart of our community	1/26/2017 9:09 PM
37	Family oriented	1/26/2017 7:32 PM
38	Quaint and lovable	1/26/2017 2:22 PM
39	Kind amen classy	1/26/2017 2:18 PM
40	Not as charming as it used to be	1/26/2017 1:17 PM
41	Warm and inviting	1/26/2017 1:14 PM
42	ideal place to raise a family	1/26/2017 12:47 PM
43	A charming destination for visitors as well as a friendly business community for residents who call Nisswa "home."	1/26/2017 7:49 AM
44	Friendly small town !	1/26/2017 7:30 AM
45	a rural tourist seasonal town	1/25/2017 8:45 PM
46	Small town community.	1/25/2017 7:15 PM
47	small town	1/25/2017 6:50 PM
48	A quaint summer vacation lakes town.	1/25/2017 6:25 PM
49	Very unique, definite tourist stop but also suffices your everyday citizens needs.	1/25/2017 3:08 PM
50	Small Town with distinct local flair.	1/25/2017 8:52 AM
51	Friendly, small town charm	1/25/2017 7:49 AM
52	Touristy	1/25/2017 5:33 AM
53	Warmcute town	1/25/2017 4:54 AM
54	A great vacation spot and a nice town to live in	1/25/2017 3:44 AM
55	Seasonal, friendly, charming	1/25/2017 12:20 AM
56	Small Home Town friendly atmosphere	1/24/2017 10:35 PM
57	Safe and sound	1/24/2017 10:32 PM
58	Cute but tends to be snobbish	1/24/2017 9:11 PM
59	Quaint and cute	1/24/2017 9:03 PM
60	Up north feel	1/24/2017 9:01 PM
61	Hometown feel!! Clean and family oriented	1/24/2017 9:00 PM
62	Easy going.	1/24/2017 8:55 PM
63	A up north destination to shop and play.	1/24/2017 7:33 PM
64	Quaint	1/24/2017 6:02 PM
65	charming, friendly	1/24/2017 5:58 PM
66	Unique - good mix of people - quiet - interested in the community as a whole.	1/24/2017 2:35 PM
67	Was .. acquaint up N town But it's losing its character as MNDOT invades with Roads , & it becomes commercialized	1/24/2017 2:32 PM
68	A close-knit up north town that places an emphasis on family values and appreciating the simple things in life.	1/24/2017 2:18 PM
69	Small , fun, quaint,	1/24/2017 2:03 PM
70	Small and outdated	1/24/2017 1:50 PM
71	Nisswa has a home town character. We don't need to offer more than what is already here to retain that.	1/24/2017 1:30 PM
72	Touristy	1/24/2017 1:27 PM

73	Charming, Friendly - Like a Normal Rockwell city	1/24/2017 1:25 PM
74	Fun ,friendly, welcoming	1/24/2017 1:15 PM
75	Small town nice. Friendly. Helpful. Up north style.	1/24/2017 1:11 PM
76	Friendly and a destination for shopping, and Getaway Place.	1/24/2017 1:07 PM
77	Small town Up north	1/24/2017 12:50 PM
78	Quaint	1/24/2017 12:22 PM
79	quaint, up north, progressive, lake country, recreational	1/24/2017 12:19 PM
80	The retreat "upnorth". Small, quaint, fun shops & truly nice people.	1/24/2017 12:19 PM
81	A friendly and community oriented small town.	1/24/2017 11:59 AM
82	Woodsy, up-North and cozy, with a wild side in the Summer.	1/24/2017 11:51 AM
83	Quaint up north town.	1/24/2017 11:49 AM
84	small town with a unique downtown area and many tasteful, "up north" designed businesses outside of downtown.	1/24/2017 11:49 AM
85	Its a place that all generations can share past memories, turtle races,shopping , the candy store. It's also a place for new people the area can make new memories with their young families. It always been family friendly.	1/24/2017 11:45 AM
86	Charming, quiet, fun	1/24/2017 11:34 AM
87	A quaint, vacation town in the northwoods.	1/24/2017 11:32 AM
88	Happy, close knit community family, feel welcomed	1/24/2017 11:30 AM
89	Friendly and very inviting!	1/24/2017 11:07 AM
90	friendly. unique	1/24/2017 11:07 AM
91	Unique, nostalgic, welcoming	1/24/2017 11:06 AM
92	Charming small town that welcomes visitors	1/24/2017 11:03 AM
93	Beautiful and friendly.	1/24/2017 10:57 AM
94	Unique, charming	1/24/2017 10:55 AM
95	Hometown Charm	1/24/2017 10:54 AM
96	Boutique	1/24/2017 10:49 AM
97	Quaint	1/24/2017 10:38 AM
98	A tightly knit community that focuses on serving it's people	1/24/2017 10:34 AM
99	Up north, small-town atmosphere. Big trees and lots of lakes. A place people come to smile and be young again.	1/24/2017 9:11 AM
100	Small town, unique looking structures that have an "up north" feel, lots of great natural resources, lots of retirees, lots of tourism	1/23/2017 1:14 PM

### Q6 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree to the following statements regarding Nisswa's sense of place.

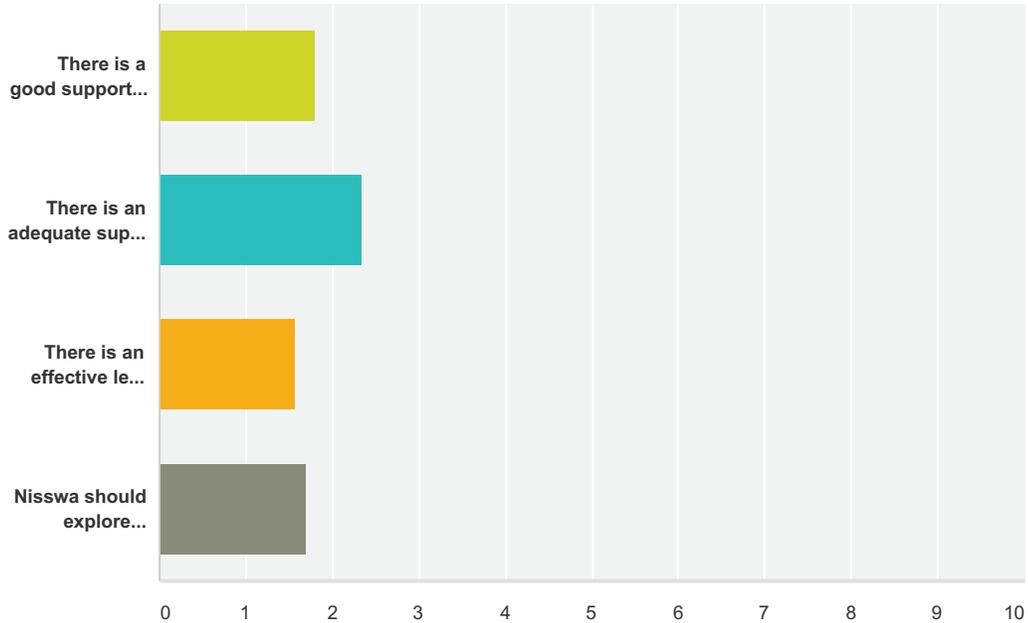
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	agree	neutral	disagree	Total	Weighted Average
My neighborhood reflects pride of ownership	83.05% 98	13.56% 16	3.39% 4	118	1.20
My neighborhood is walkable	71.79% 84	17.09% 20	11.11% 13	117	1.39
My neighborhood is located within biking distance to downtown	69.23% 81	13.68% 16	17.09% 20	117	1.48
My neighborhood is located within walking distance of a lake, stream, or natural resource	85.34% 99	12.07% 14	2.59% 3	116	1.17

### Q7 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding Nisswa's economic development.

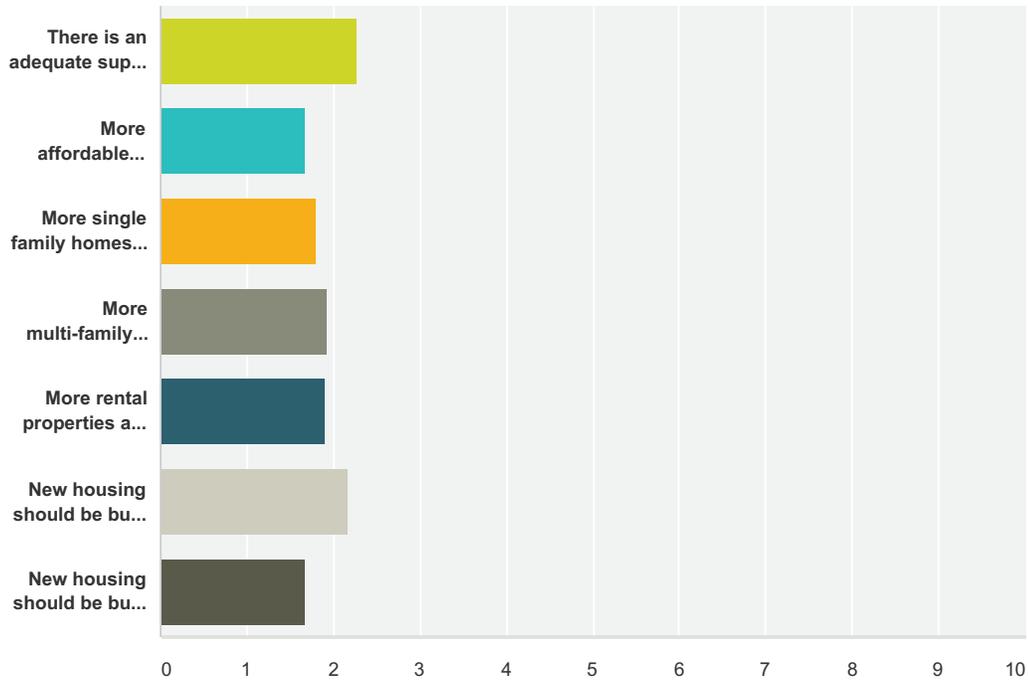
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	agree	neutral	disagree	Total	Weighted Average
There is a good support system in place for entrepreneurs and new businesses	29.82% 34	60.53% 69	9.65% 11	114	1.80
There is an adequate supply of living wage jobs	12.28% 14	41.23% 47	46.49% 53	114	2.34
There is an effective level of cooperation between Nisswa and its neighboring communities	52.63% 60	38.60% 44	8.77% 10	114	1.56
Nisswa should explore business or industry recruitment options	46.09% 53	37.39% 43	16.52% 19	115	1.70

### Q8 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding Nisswa's housing stock.

Answered: 112 Skipped: 66



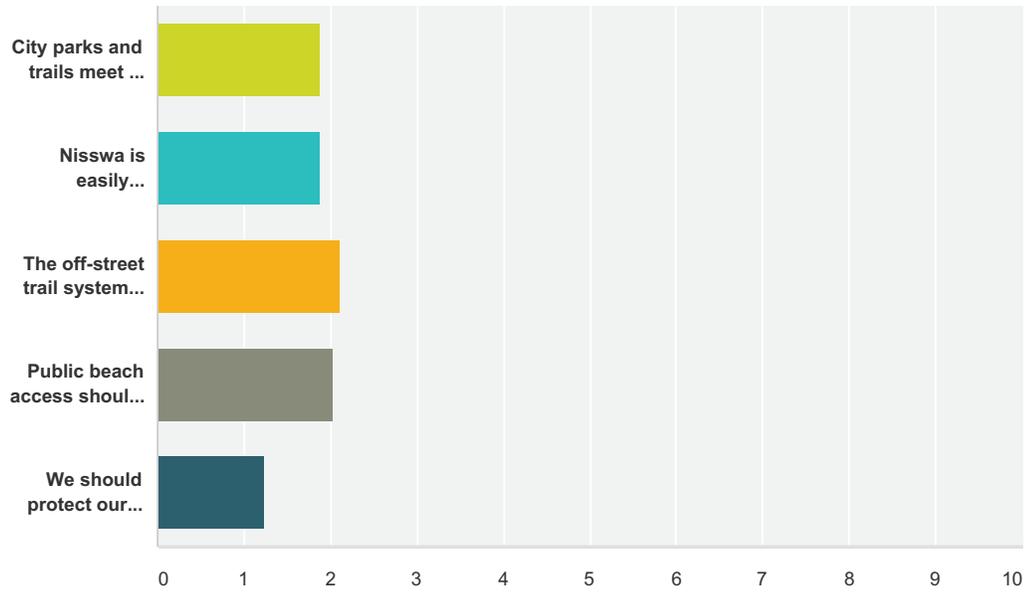
	agree	neutral	disagree	Total	Weighted Average
There is an adequate supply of quality housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, and stages of life	22.73% 25	27.27% 30	50.00% 55	110	2.27
More affordable housing options are needed	51.35% 57	31.53% 35	17.12% 19	111	1.66
More single family homes are needed	38.18% 42	44.55% 49	17.27% 19	110	1.79
More multi-family options are needed	34.23% 38	38.74% 43	27.03% 30	111	1.93
More rental properties are needed	34.23% 38	40.54% 45	25.23% 28	111	1.91
New housing should be built in and around the Central Business District	23.21% 26	36.61% 41	40.18% 45	112	2.17
New housing should be built within existing neighborhoods	44.64% 50	43.75% 49	11.61% 13	112	1.67

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	loosen the rules so developers and businesses (besides retail) want to invest into Nisswa	2/21/2017 11:42 AM
2	More working family homes are needed. I don't see a need for rent controlled apartment type housing	2/21/2017 11:07 AM
3	I have not been a resident long enough to answer some of the questions about housing that are being asked.	2/20/2017 3:18 PM

4	Housing should be built that serves the needs of those who work here but cannot afford to live here. It would be great to have more life cycle options so people can stay in the community as they age or family needs change. This would help open housing stock for younger families who want to move in.	2/19/2017 9:39 AM
5	New housing is too expensive for middle income families. It is an affluent neighborhood, but middle class should not be forgotten about.	2/16/2017 8:48 PM
6	There should be more bike paths to all the surrounding towns.	2/12/2017 6:13 PM
7	My husband and I recently moved here and are renting while we look for a house. Houses on the market are old and in need of substantial care yet can be very expensive. They are seemingly emotionally priced and targeted specifically towards wealthier secondary homeowners. However, newer residents (or those considering a move) likely haven't formulated a perspective and will be reluctant to pay large amounts of money to renovate (i.e. to take on an enormous risk) without some sort of goodwill showing that the community is doing what it can to boost local economy. Sadly, gone are the opportunities that were present here for our parents' generation (in the 80's and 90's). Younger generations simply cannot afford to move here/back here without a significant risk (no jobs, no affordable housing). Those who were born and raised here are now forced to either move away (displacement) or accept the reality of a considerably poorer quality of life, including any and all physical and mental unrest from lack of jobs and/or job turnover.	2/6/2017 2:44 PM
8	I agree with additional housing if it matches current zoning.	1/31/2017 8:32 PM
9	There are currently several platted developments for individual home construction and seemingly opportunities for multi family units development without creating a housing district downtown. That's precisely the thing we don't want to happen. Develop the areas that are already planned for development.	1/31/2017 4:45 PM
10	different kinds of housing needs to built in different areas, I do not see any benefit to concentrating housing around downtown other than walking to the school. residents do not use downtown that much	1/31/2017 4:19 PM
11	multi unit housing should be in Baxter and Brainerd. Nisswa should remain a tourist rural type community.	1/25/2017 8:47 PM
12	Taxes are very high on lake property	1/25/2017 7:50 AM
13	Not sure where new housing should be developed, but water quality must be considered whenever any new building projects are considered. That means we need to be sure folks are either on city sewer or inspections are timely and violations are remedied immediately. And wetlands must be protected because we need their filtering properties to keep our water clean; wetlands should not be filled in to build roads, homes, businesses or parking lots!	1/25/2017 12:32 AM
14	I think there is great opportunity for Nisswa to become an innovative leader in housing through smart communities or welcoming no traditional structures such as quality tiny home developments.	1/24/2017 7:36 PM
15	Please don't tear down any More of the woods that make the Nisswa area beautiful. The trees are why we chose the area	1/24/2017 2:34 PM
16	More single level senior friendly housing	1/24/2017 1:29 PM
17	Because of the uniqueness of who Nisswa is, I'm for more sm all businesses, but not so much for industry. Save that for Brainerd.	1/24/2017 1:13 PM
18	as stated in things to change, quality housing that is affordable to build, own, and operate.	1/24/2017 12:20 PM

### Q9 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements about Nisswa's park, trails, and open space.

Answered: 112 Skipped: 66



	agree	somewhat agree	neutral	somewhat disagree	disagree	Total	Weighted Average
City parks and trails meet my, or my families, daily recreational needs	45.95% 51	35.14% 39	8.11% 9	6.31% 7	4.50% 5	111	1.88
Nisswa is easily accessible using the existing trail system	52.68% 59	27.68% 31	6.25% 7	6.25% 7	7.14% 8	112	1.88
The off-street trail systems should be improved/extended	42.73% 47	20.91% 23	25.45% 28	5.45% 6	5.45% 6	110	2.10
Public beach access should be improved/extended	55.36% 62	14.29% 16	15.18% 17	2.68% 3	12.50% 14	112	2.03
We should protect our natural resources and environment for future generations	88.18% 97	4.55% 5	4.55% 5	1.82% 2	0.91% 1	110	1.23

## Q10 What specific park amenities or trail do you feel are needed (where) within the City?

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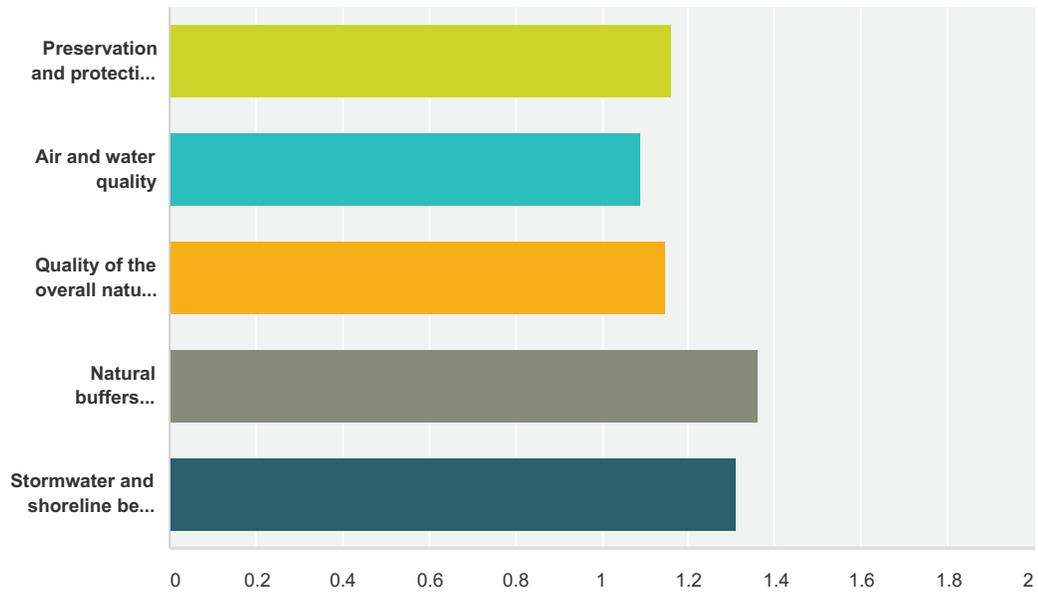
#	Responses	Date
1	don't understand why the City keeps fighting and not supporting the Nisswa Lake Park. the City should be celebrating it; without the lakes, Nisswa is just another little MN town	2/21/2017 11:44 AM
2	More off road opportunities for ATVs and snowmobiles.	2/21/2017 11:08 AM
3	After a few more years of living in Nisswa, I may be better prepared to answer this question.	2/20/2017 3:21 PM
4	Better connections are needed to safely link those who live on the west side of 371 to the rest of the community. I would love to be able to walk or bike across to town and would certainly love to have my kids and future grandkids do so. It's doable this time of year if it isn't icy, but there's no way once tourist traffic picks up.	2/19/2017 9:44 AM
5	The public beach access on Nisswa Lake should continue to be developed.	2/18/2017 2:07 PM
6	From Gull lake to the Paul Bunyan trail.	2/17/2017 12:15 PM
7	Boat docking on nisswa lake.	2/17/2017 11:11 AM
8	???	2/17/2017 6:08 AM
9	The property set aside on Nisswa Lake for a park should be brushed out, 8-10 picnic tables placed, few garbage cans along with a tar path from the tunnel. This would be a great start, with minimal cost to determine if it needs to be taken to the next level...	2/16/2017 10:06 PM
10	A foot bridge across 371 at hwy 29. I foresee many accidents at the new intersection.	2/16/2017 8:49 PM
11	Planned development of Nisswa Lake and Beach.	2/16/2017 5:56 PM
12	It would be nice to have bike lanes on most roads like Nashway and Ojibwa.	2/16/2017 5:16 PM
13	we already have a sufficient system	2/16/2017 4:46 PM
14	Every location. The more the better.	2/12/2017 6:15 PM
15	Have signs identifying the landscaping around the downtown tunnel area and maybe in the flower boxes, etc. It's always nice to know the name of a flower or tree or plant.	2/10/2017 11:26 PM
16	We need to develop the Nisswa Lake property for family use and boat dockage.	2/9/2017 1:36 PM
17	A paved trail connection between the 371/13/77 intersection in Sportland to Hazelwood Drive would offer a perfect gateway to Nisswa Lake Park when it is finished. A more pedestrian/bike friendly intersection at the 371/13/77 junction would also be wonderful. Nisswa Lake Park public access with boat slips that allow boaters to visit downtown Nisswa should be a priority.	2/7/2017 6:33 AM
18	Keep the pavement of the Paul Bunyan trail as smooth (pavement) and clean (rocks, sand, leaves, etc) as possible. Makes it hard for rollerbladers.	2/6/2017 9:38 PM
19	Beach, boat access	2/6/2017 4:04 PM
20	(1)Make Nisswa more "Bicycle Friendly", 2) Finishing the Detail Design and Constructing of the land donated for "Nisswa Lake Park" in a way that is encourages recreation, 3) Having the City of Nisswa complete a Feasibility Study to connect the east end of Lake Shore's extension of the Gull Lake Trail from approximately Cty 77 @ Bar Harbor to the west side of the Nisswa Tunnel under Hwy 371 and 4) Connecting (paving) the northern most end of Hazelwood Drive to the West Side Entrance of Nisswa Tunnel under Hwy 371.	2/4/2017 6:35 AM
21	Bike parking within the city and at the parks.	2/3/2017 7:39 PM
22	It would be nice to be able to get from Bar Harbor to the town of Nisswa safely on a bike	2/3/2017 6:49 PM
23	Access to the Lake. Specifically Nisswa Lake. This will happen when the DNR puts in an access and there will be access to the lakes and the bike trails.	2/2/2017 10:25 AM
24	Connect all current & future park land with walk/bike trail system. All future development must provide green space & future trail access.	1/31/2017 8:36 PM

25	Would be wonderful to have some artery trails to get safely in and out of Nisswa in that could connect to the paul Bunyan in town. Out Hwy 18 to the east needs a bike lane.	1/31/2017 4:46 PM
26	bike trail around gull lake	1/31/2017 4:19 PM
27	Ability to get to Schaefer's safely from downtown Nisswa via bike	1/29/2017 10:06 PM
28	If city park near tunnel is developed it should be nature oriented but not add many buildings, amphitheatres or parking lots. Only natural trails.	1/28/2017 12:32 PM
29	I would like for the Nisswa Lake park to be a passive (green space) park. More bike and walking trails would be nice but are they needed? It comes down to cost.	1/28/2017 9:49 AM
30	Dog park	1/26/2017 11:36 PM
31	Splash pad	1/26/2017 7:34 PM
32	Splash park and access to Lake - community beach	1/26/2017 1:23 PM
33	Swimming area (lake)	1/26/2017 1:19 PM
34	Better crossing of 371 from the West at 29, Fritz Loven, Upper Roy area Splash pad Public Beaches	1/26/2017 12:49 PM
35	Nisswa park so we don't have a tunnel that goes no place!	1/26/2017 7:36 AM
36	Keep it simple. The park on Nisswa Lake should have a couple picnic tables, a dock and a port potty. No need for pavilion etc. Downtown park is good as is. This is not Edina.	1/25/2017 8:48 PM
37	Bike trails on roads into Nisswa. Add shoulders for biking and walking.	1/25/2017 7:21 PM
38	We need safe walking across 371 at upper Roy Lake Road. Hey dog park would be a wonderful amenity near the baseball field	1/25/2017 6:28 PM
39	I think the city is moving in the right direction. The lakeside park could be a nice addition if done right	1/25/2017 3:12 PM
40	Handicapped accessible playground equipment at the city park!	1/25/2017 2:15 PM
41	We need to have a safer trail for Biking/Walking along Co Rd 13 and Lower Co Rd 77 linking to Paul Bunyan Trail and Downtown. Lower Roy lake Road as well only if land owner are ok with it.	1/25/2017 9:00 AM
42	Lake access would be great for city and businesses even though it would impact my lake home traffic	1/25/2017 7:52 AM
43	Parking for this and local business	1/25/2017 5:35 AM
44	More public bathrooms, update the picnic area	1/25/2017 3:58 AM
45	I cannot say--my yard is my park and my neighborhood is quite walkable.	1/25/2017 12:46 AM
46	There are multiple lakes within the city limits of Nisswa and the only access is through boat ramps, there is a lack of easy access and family space. I am hopeful that the new land across from downtown is beneficial to residents and tourists alike.	1/24/2017 10:38 PM
47	Bathrooms along the PBT	1/24/2017 9:14 PM
48	Class 2 trails	1/24/2017 9:05 PM
49	Class 2 trails are needed	1/24/2017 8:57 PM
50	I'd like to see a trail or a way to get safely from downtown nisswa without having to cross the highway to smiley road north which is near the business of the northland center down to shaeffer's	1/24/2017 8:37 PM
51	A park at the end of the tunnel to nowhere	1/24/2017 6:06 PM
52	Good as is.	1/24/2017 2:37 PM
53	Again ... stop cutting down trees Stop encouraging fishing contest.. the boat traffic is ruining Lakeshore and polluting waters.	1/24/2017 2:36 PM
54	Nisswa Lake Park - I'm hoping this is still in progress. City Park - add tennis courts Otherwise, I think the existing park system is meeting our needs.	1/24/2017 2:19 PM
55	Swimming	1/24/2017 2:05 PM
56	A new playground, water pad across from train on Main Street	1/24/2017 1:53 PM
57	Public park on Nisswa lake. Splash pad and pickle ball at current park	1/24/2017 1:31 PM
58	none	1/24/2017 1:31 PM

59	It would be fun to have city docks in the park so if you're boating you can come into town for dinner	1/24/2017 1:23 PM
60	Tunnel park finished with public beach and docks.	1/24/2017 1:15 PM
61	More bike racks. Need sidewalk/access to Nisswa lake and to help people access tunnel area. Roof over ice rink. Upgrade warming house and bathrooms	1/24/2017 1:13 PM
62	Finish the park on Nisswa Lake	1/24/2017 12:51 PM
63	1.bike trails connecting to other area trails, 2.rec center/pool, there are numerous beaches in the area that are nice, Pelican, East Twin, Cullen, Upper Cullen, scratch the Nisswa Lake debacle, sell the land and put the money into something we could use.	1/24/2017 12:26 PM
64	Roads leading to downtown, to the bike trail or to the park need paved shoulders that are safe for pedestrians and biking people; especially with younger children	1/24/2017 12:22 PM
65	Establish 3 or 4 for-pay reserve-first camp sites in Fritz Loven park, generate park funds and also gradually eliminate standing fuel left from the storms. There are areas of the park that would make good sites for camping, where you could have fire rings in safe spots. The other obvious benefit is families being able to have a family friendly place they can bring their kids to have a classic Minnesota camping experience, something that reflects the culture of the area. Perhaps we could give local residents priority, or have a week in the Summer for local only. Another potential camping spot could be the lakeside area near the public dock, on the other side of 371 from the "commerce area". Imagine spending an evening in the city and being able to walk under the tunnel to a reserved camping spot by the lake. Just some ideas, I don't think it would cost a lot to implement them.	1/24/2017 12:03 PM
66	I would like to see trail access increased, being able to bike from downtown to Shaefers in designated bike lines whether on Hazelwood or 13 from the PBT would be ideal. Continue plans for the park on Nisswa lake. Not everyone has access to lakes/beaches. it seems silly to live in the heart of the lakes area without providing a public beach. We need to look to the future in providing this access and maintaining public land around the lakes as more resorts sell and become private and more lake lots are developed as private homes. This is a huge opportunity.	1/24/2017 11:54 AM
67	Better maintenance on the ones we have.	1/24/2017 11:36 AM
68	don't know	1/24/2017 11:34 AM
69	A bicycle or walking trail along County rd 77. People are always walking and riding bike there and you're almost getting hit by cars it's a very dangerous spot for both drivers and pedestrians	1/24/2017 11:33 AM
70	lake access. something which can be a respite for bikers, local families and tourists.	1/24/2017 11:12 AM
71	Signage	1/24/2017 11:08 AM
72	Bike path around Gull Lake	1/24/2017 10:51 AM
73	Public beach	1/24/2017 10:40 AM
74	A public sand beach	1/24/2017 10:35 AM
75	Lake park access	1/24/2017 9:20 AM
76	Build Nisswa Lake Park Add additional walking and biking trails with appropriate signage and bike lanes. And by Clinton County 13 and county 18. And connect to the Gull lake bike trail system.	1/24/2017 9:14 AM
77	-Trail connecting Nisswa to Lake Shore -Nisswa Lake Park developed -Trail to allow people on the north side of Nisswa, on the west side of 371, to get to downtown Nisswa	1/23/2017 1:18 PM

### Q11 Please rate the level of importance of the following natural resource factors:

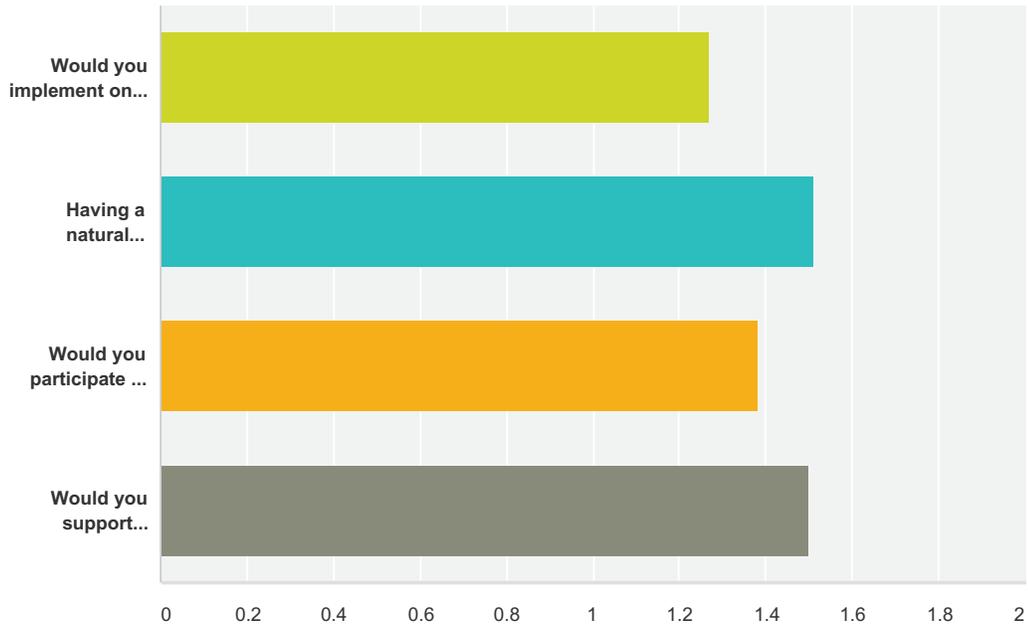
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	very important	somewhat important	not very important	not important at all	Total	Weighted Average
Preservation and protection of natural resources (rivers, lakes, streams, public lands, forest tracts, etc.)	85.05% 91	14.02% 15	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	107	1.16
Air and water quality	91.51% 97	7.55% 8	0.94% 1	0.00% 0	106	1.09
Quality of the overall natural environment, wildlife, and habitat	85.98% 92	13.08% 14	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	107	1.15
Natural buffers adjacent to natural resources	68.22% 73	28.04% 30	2.80% 3	0.93% 1	107	1.36
Stormwater and shoreline best management practices	73.58% 78	22.64% 24	2.83% 3	0.94% 1	106	1.31

### Q12 Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding water quality best management practices.

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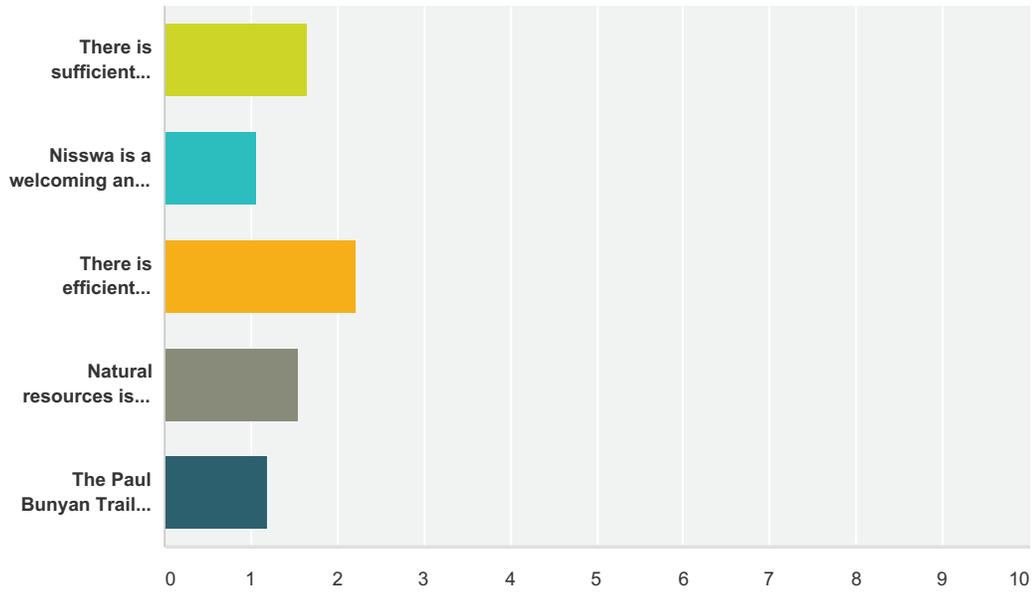
	agree	neutral	disagree	not applicable	Total	Weighted Average
Would you implement one of the following basic principles to help improve water quality and shorelands: filter strips, natural landscapes, reduce fertilizer application, treat stormwater runoff, and correct erosion problems.	80.77% 84	11.54% 12	7.69% 8	0.00% 0	104	1.27
Having a natural vegetation buffer around a lake is a great way to protect water quality. Is this something you would consider if you owned shoreland property?	66.35% 69	19.23% 20	11.54% 12	2.88% 3	104	1.51
Would you participate in efforts to improve water quality and shorelands?	69.23% 72	25.00% 26	3.85% 4	1.92% 2	104	1.38
Would you support stricter buffer requirements in an effort to preserve the lake quality?	65.69% 67	20.59% 21	11.76% 12	1.96% 2	102	1.50

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	this implies that lake shore owners aren't responsible enough to take care of their lakes. education is far more useful than a heavy hand of rules	2/21/2017 11:47 AM
2	It is hard to say "no" to many of these environmental questions. There may be mitigation solutions to these concerns that are not being considered or suggested in this survey.	2/20/2017 3:30 PM
3	Finding a house on a healthy lake was critical when we bought here. We found many other homes we loved, but the lakes were green in June! There are plenty of conservation practices available that are easy to buy into. People have to realize that they can't have their cake and eat it too. If you want to live on a lake, you must become its steward.	2/19/2017 9:49 AM
4	Successful voluntary implementation of water quality best practices will require concerted joint leadership by the city and GCOLA to educate and motivate property owners.	2/18/2017 2:17 PM
5	I am already doing these things.	2/16/2017 6:37 PM

6	Shoreline should be regulated by the County and State, not City of Nisswa.	2/9/2017 1:38 PM
7	I am in favor of conservation over preservation. I would support a public beach, but it doesn't need to clear 300 ft. Of lakeshore. Natural shoreline buffers should be highly encouraged to all and required in vulnerable areas where runoff is high and/or shoreline is weak.	2/7/2017 6:37 AM
8	all this needs to apply to everyone not just someone improving there lakeshore lot. make it universal or do not do it, having one or two people a year do these things such as buffers, makes the ordinance designers feel better but does not do squat to help the situation.	1/31/2017 4:22 PM
9	It doesn't appear that protecting our lake was on anyone's mind when they decided to expand 371	1/25/2017 6:30 PM
10	Planting natural buffers that would hinder land owners maximum use of their lake shore/beaches would be a no go for me. We can and should strike a balance. restricting fertilizer with in a specified distance of lakes, streams, rivers or planting vegetation that filter out the maximum amount of fertilizer should be considered.	1/25/2017 9:06 AM
11	It's expensive and a lot of work for shoreline owners, so some type of tax incentive like resorts get would help	1/25/2017 7:55 AM
12	I have a Shoreline project but after all the money spent boat Waves are killing it. Fishing contests the worst. We need more no wake zones ..	1/24/2017 2:39 PM
13	I am not familiar enough with the existing regulations, if we do not have issues with the cleanness of or waters now, maintaining a present standard is good with me.	1/24/2017 1:21 PM
14	Must be carefull to balance property rights and the enviroment.	1/24/2017 12:52 PM
15	Most all of the best practices listed are already implemented on our lake property and we still have a small sandy beach!	1/24/2017 12:25 PM
16	As a business owner with property on a lake within Nisswa I could not feel more strongly about this. Tourism is our biggest industry and our lakes are the biggest draw to the area. We do these things already but do not see a lot of participation from other lake owners.	1/24/2017 11:55 AM

### Q13 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements about Nisswa's tourism industry:

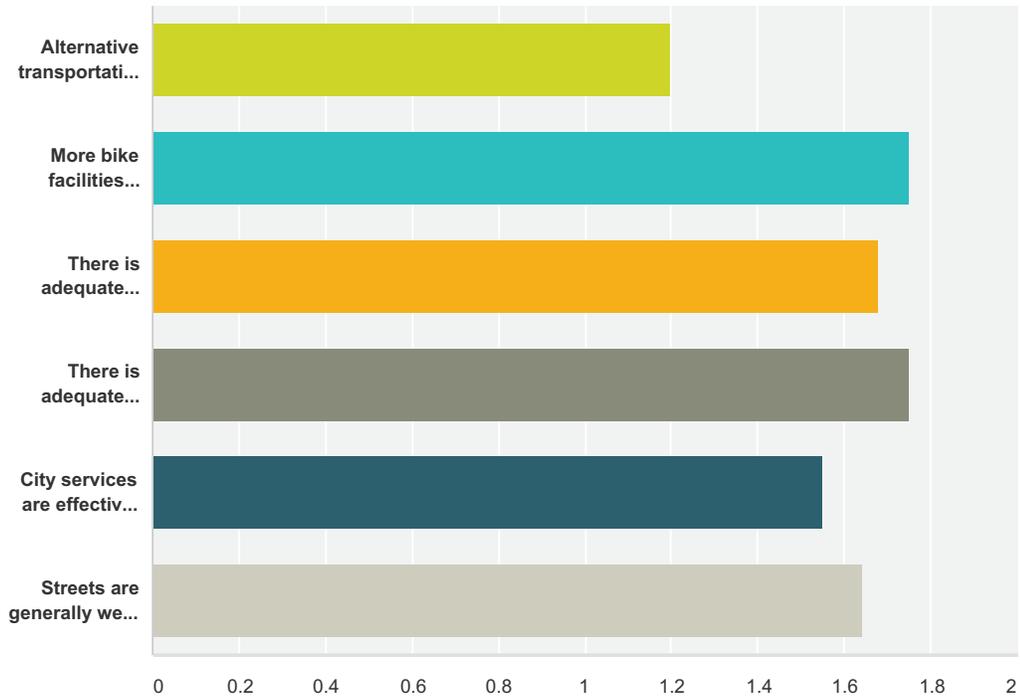
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	agree	neutral	disagree	Total	Weighted Average
There is sufficient wayfinding and signage for tourists to locate city amenities	58.88% 63	17.76% 19	23.36% 25	107	1.64
Nisswa is a welcoming and attractive place for visitors	93.46% 100	6.54% 7	0.00% 0	107	1.07
There is efficient parking in the Downtown	27.62% 29	22.86% 24	49.52% 52	105	2.22
Natural resources is one of the main reasons why people visit Nisswa	60.75% 65	23.36% 25	15.89% 17	107	1.55
The Paul Bunyan Trail is an amenity in attracting tourists and visitors	85.05% 91	12.15% 13	2.80% 3	107	1.18

### Q14 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements about Nisswa's transportation and infrastructure.

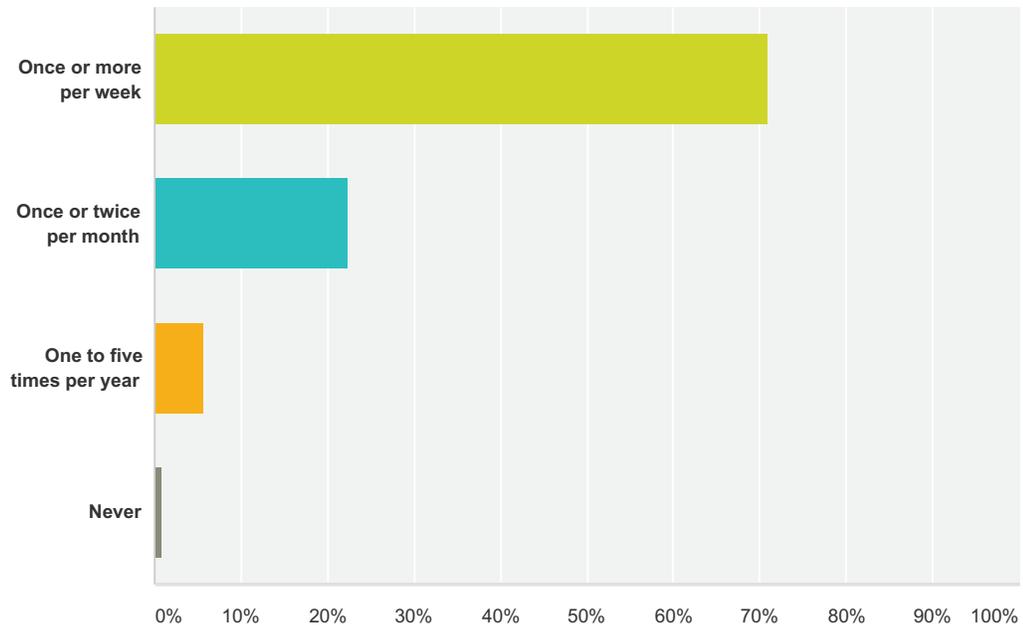
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	agree	neutral	disagree	Total	Weighted Average
Alternative transportation modes (walking, biking, etc.) are important	83.18% 89	14.02% 15	2.80% 3	107	1.20
More bike facilities (bike lanes, bike parking, etc.) are needed within the city	49.53% 53	26.17% 28	24.30% 26	107	1.75
There is adequate collector and frontage roads connecting the City of Nisswa	47.66% 51	36.45% 39	15.89% 17	107	1.68
There is adequate bicycle signage and speed limit signs	42.99% 46	39.25% 42	17.76% 19	107	1.75
City services are effectively provided	56.07% 60	32.71% 35	11.21% 12	107	1.55
Streets are generally well maintained	55.14% 59	25.23% 27	19.63% 21	107	1.64

### Q15 How often do you visit downtown Nisswa?

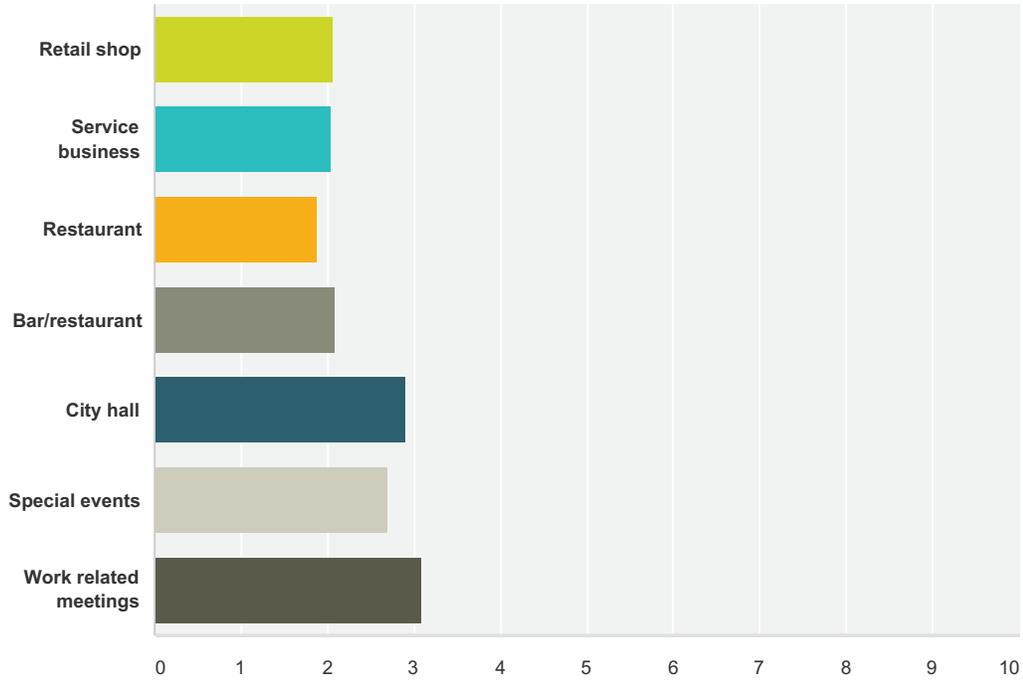
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Once or more per week	71.03%	76
Once or twice per month	22.43%	24
One to five times per year	5.61%	6
Never	0.93%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>107</b>

### Q16 How frequently do you visit the following?

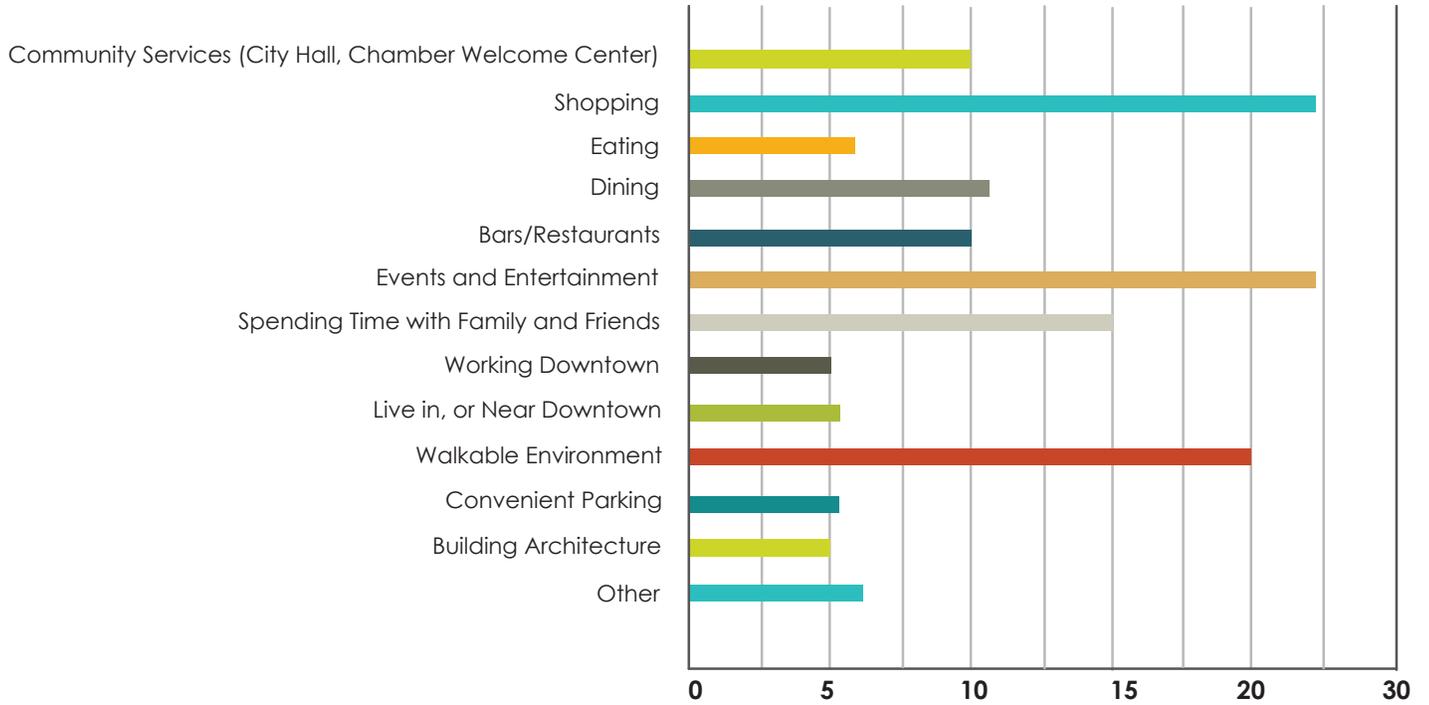
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	once or more per week	once or twice per month	one to five times per year	never	Total	Weighted Average
Retail shop	28.97% 31	40.19% 43	27.10% 29	3.74% 4	107	2.06
Service business	35.85% 38	32.08% 34	23.58% 25	8.49% 9	106	2.05
Restaurant	33.02% 35	47.17% 50	18.87% 20	0.94% 1	106	1.88
Bar/restaurant	25.96% 27	45.19% 47	24.04% 25	4.81% 5	104	2.08
City hall	4.76% 5	18.10% 19	58.10% 61	19.05% 20	105	2.91
Special events	1.90% 2	31.43% 33	61.90% 65	4.76% 5	105	2.70
Work related meetings	12.38% 13	15.24% 16	22.86% 24	49.52% 52	105	3.10

### Q17 What do you value most about downtown? (up to three)

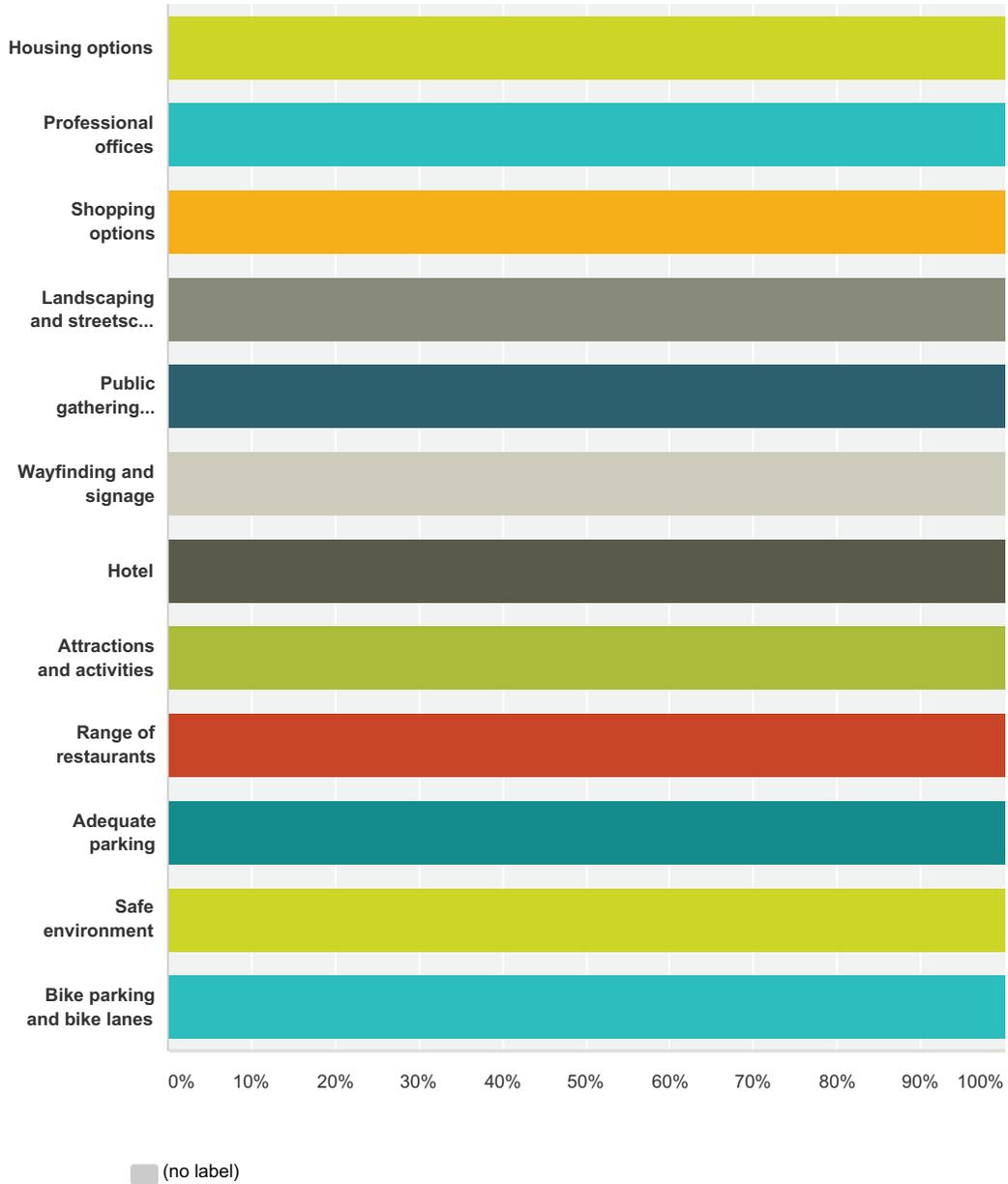
Answered: 105 Skipped: 73



	(no label)	Total
Community services (City hall, Chamber Welcome Center)	100.00% 6	6
Shopping	100.00% 21	21
Eating	100.00% 5	5
Dining	100.00% 7	7
Bars/Restaurants	100.00% 7	7
Events and Entertainment	100.00% 17	17
Spending time with family and friends	100.00% 11	11
Working downtown	100.00% 4	4
Live in, or near downtown	100.00% 5	5
Walkable environment	100.00% 13	13
Convenient parking	100.00% 5	5
Building architecture	100.00% 4	4

### Q18 What do you feel is missing from the downtown? (check all that apply)

Answered: 96 Skipped: 82



	(no label)	Total
Housing options	100.00% 17	17
Professional offices	100.00% 8	8
Shopping options	100.00% 16	16
Landscaping and streetscape (boulevard trees, plantings, etc.)	100.00% 41	41

Public gathering spaces (plaza, pocket park, town square)	<b>100.00%</b> 27	27
Wayfinding and signage	<b>100.00%</b> 19	19
Hotel	<b>100.00%</b> 7	7
Attractions and activities	<b>100.00%</b> 12	12
Range of restaurants	<b>100.00%</b> 59	59
Adequate parking	<b>100.00%</b> 44	44
Safe environment	<b>100.00%</b> 4	4
Bike parking and bike lanes	<b>100.00%</b> 23	23

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I know no one wants to see it, but Nisswa needs a parking ramp.	2/21/2017 11:50 AM
2	ATV access	2/21/2017 11:13 AM
3	The sidewalks that exist need to be wider.	2/19/2017 9:53 AM
4	Too many not retail spots...Edward Jones, hair salon, dentist. They tie up parking as well.	2/16/2017 6:47 AM
5	Ground transportation ( local bus service to near by towns and communities) 75 cents for veterans and seniors (65 and older) and \$1.75 for others for a one way ticket	2/12/2017 6:33 PM
6	the pickle, the post office, city hall, the school and the churches drive the most traffic to downtown, not a very good list above	1/31/2017 4:26 PM
7	A medical branch of Essentia Health would be outstanding.	1/26/2017 8:02 AM
8	Non Tourist retail	1/26/2017 7:44 AM
9	Arts & Entertainment, the Grassroots concerts & art shows are nice, but we need a venue with accoustics and a proper stage for a variety of shows.	1/25/2017 1:06 AM
10	I am an avid biker. The Paul Bunyan Trail works perfect for moving through town. I don't believe there is a need for dedicated street lanes. However, more bike infrastructure such as racks, lockers, water, etc would be nice.	1/24/2017 7:42 PM
11	The character of 1960's Nisswa	1/24/2017 2:44 PM
12	Remove steps in pocket park Make pocket park ampetheatre	1/24/2017 1:36 PM
13	I feel Nisswa already offers everything needed.	1/24/2017 1:31 PM
14	All in all, it is a wonderful downtown. For professional services, add a "Quick clinic" somewhere - Schaeffers or in the immediate downtown	1/24/2017 12:31 PM
15	A lakeside park, with reservable camping spots. (near the public dock, through the tunnel under 371)	1/24/2017 12:07 PM
16	Would like to see Nisswa get land back from the state on the hill by stop lights and put up a shopping sign with arrow that you can see at light. Most heard comment. Need better parking for Brewery on Main Street. Those customers park in front of other shops all day and night. They say they won't park in front of Brewery so police don't see cars there all night. Using customer parking others need.	1/24/2017 11:15 AM

## Q19 What are other long range issues the comprehensive plan update should address?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 122

#	Responses	Date
1	more flexible building codes to invite businesses and residents to invest. Sportland Corner is a perfect example, this blighted bldg is our welcoming sign. City staff has always been stuck on the impervious coverage, no one is going to invest thousands of \$ on a site plan only to have p&Z turn down a variance. Everyone is way too stuck on rules, AKA the brewerys, etc. Dumb	2/21/2017 11:53 AM
2	Road repair funding and central sewer system expansion	2/21/2017 11:15 AM
3	1. Find more ways to bring the history of Nisswa to the attention of visitors. 2. Consult townspeople by including sessions with them in the planning process. (Perhaps this survey is an indication that this is already taking place.)	2/20/2017 3:49 PM
4	What are the plans for sewer and water maintenance/extension? How to better connect a community that is divided by a big highway?	2/19/2017 9:56 AM
5	Water quality, water quality, water quality.	2/18/2017 2:28 PM
6	Fixing Nashway Road. It's a disaster! Someone could get hurt, as there are a lot of bicycles, walkers and runners that go on it. ....Also, it shakes a car apart, it is so ruff.	2/17/2017 12:30 PM
7	Balance plan that to allow resonable growth for housing, manufacturing, business development and tourism growth along with a clear understanding of the needed infrastructure and responsible budgeting plan.	2/16/2017 10:17 PM
8	The new hwy	2/16/2017 8:53 PM
9	The "Bridge to Nowhere" is a big problem for me. A lot of money was spent building it and redesigning 371 and it lead to an empty park. I do not want Nisswa to become commercial with any fast food or box stores. Please keep the lakes clean and the Paul Bunyon trail and all roads maintained. Thank you	2/16/2017 6:41 PM
10	Highway 371 is too close and extremely noisy! Plant trees or create a berm.	2/16/2017 6:03 PM
11	live within your means. Meaning, do not tax us any more than it takes to do the basic city functions. Find funding for the frills	2/16/2017 4:54 PM
12	I think you covered it all in the survey. Oh, what about putting in more car washes and auto detailing. It would help more cars and trucks from rusting.	2/12/2017 6:38 PM
13	The charm and character of Nisswa should remain a small town atmosphere. Avoid "box like" commercial structures in the downtown area.	2/9/2017 1:44 PM
14	Keep the parks & Rec program going strong. Kids need those activities, it will help them in their futures. "Children are the future!" Don't expand the (new Nisswa Lake addition) Parks and trails to much where we can't maintain. We don't want to get in over our head, and not be able to keep things safe, clean and neat. Or worse create a space and not use it to its full capacity.makes me sad to see graffiti or things rusting, not in the best condition, or forgotten.	2/6/2017 9:58 PM
15	water parks, activities	2/3/2017 7:43 PM
16	Access to Nisswa Lake. Make certain there is a schedule for road improvements and followed. Continued concern for the lakes. Continued awareness of the economic impact of tourism.	2/2/2017 10:32 AM
17	Environmental protection Planned development in appropriate areas Bringing career level jobs to the area	1/31/2017 4:51 PM
18	business and development friendly 371 land use ordinance, multi family ordinances rewritten, your questions on the environment are slanted to get the response you are looking for.	1/31/2017 4:28 PM
19	Ensure that big box retailers do not come in. Control signage downtown and highway businesses. Offsite parking with shuttles to downtown.	1/28/2017 12:39 PM
20	The comprehensive plan should not lose sight that the majority of Nisswa is a bedroom community. And that is okay.	1/28/2017 10:00 AM
21	Lowering taxes	1/26/2017 1:23 PM
22	Some type of encouragement/incentive to building contractors to build quality TOWNHOME COMMUNITIES. Work with Essentia to establish a medical facility or presence within Nisswa.	1/26/2017 8:05 AM

23	More reasons to come to Nisswa in the off months	1/26/2017 7:45 AM
24	Keep trails along existing corridors so natural areas are untouched	1/25/2017 8:53 PM
25	Nisswa Lake park Downtown parking Road improvements Bike lanes	1/25/2017 7:27 PM
26	When we go out on the boat through the chain our destination is usually somewhere else that has a restaurant and not Nisswa. The current plan To build docks and make a city park on Nisswa Lake would definitely draw more money to town.	1/25/2017 6:35 PM
27	Expansion of the Sewer, Public works funding, business park to allow for downtown devoted to retail.	1/25/2017 9:14 AM
28	Tourism comes for shopping, dining, and activities and Nisswa main income is tourism	1/25/2017 8:07 AM
29	Cleaning up homes or tearing down homes were people don't live anymore and cleaning up around homes where they look trashy	1/25/2017 4:05 AM
30	Type of development allowed along Highway 371 just south of Holiday, Selling the Nisswa Lake Park property rather than developing it, County Rd 77 traffic safety around Grand View's entrance, Elder care and transportation since it appears Nisswa's population has a high percentage of older folks	1/25/2017 1:25 AM
31	Long range I think the frontage road homes and spaces adjacent to Nisswa Lake under the tunnel should be developed into a variety of businesses. It would extend Main Street with boutiques, small spa options, for example, some are day time, some would be night time establishments. It would attract more culture.	1/24/2017 10:49 PM
32	Water tower	1/24/2017 10:43 PM
33	Better Internet please!!! Fiber optics. ATV trails.	1/24/2017 9:12 PM
34	High Speed Internet and class 2 ATV trails	1/24/2017 9:01 PM
35	We all know that nisswa is a huge tourist town but as a business owner who needs success from local permanent residents it would be nice to see more support from the town for businesses like mine who need the locals. Have the town support the local businesses even if they have a more national name then going into brainerd.	1/24/2017 8:45 PM
36	Technology, recycling, a possible city sales tax that is reinvested in long-term beautification and park projects.	1/24/2017 7:44 PM
37	Much more parking options	1/24/2017 6:11 PM
38	Keeping the lakes from over population & traffic. Once they are dead the people will leave.	1/24/2017 2:45 PM
39	Maintaining roads.	1/24/2017 2:41 PM
40	Ensure continuance of "small-town" feel without sacrificing opportunity for growth (this will be a difficult balance to strike). More industry --> more living wage jobs. Ensure the continuance of Nisswa Elementary School and its emphasis on a good, solid primary education for our kids.	1/24/2017 2:23 PM
41	Keep it small and friendly	1/24/2017 2:10 PM
42	Fix the everlasting puddle in front of the post office. Get the sidewalk shoveled from black ridge bank to the school. Slow down car traffic in downtown area. Extend true Broadband to every home and business.	1/24/2017 1:41 PM
43	Remember, Nisswa doesn't need to offer all the big town amenities already available in Brainerd!	1/24/2017 1:32 PM
44	Changes in population (aging community)	1/24/2017 1:17 PM
45	As you look at affordable housing... make sure it is QUALITY affordable housing that will carry its value from one generation of owners to the next. Don't allow short term housing needs to turn into long term housing problems. There is a balance!	1/24/2017 12:33 PM
46	The sewage system	1/24/2017 12:30 PM
47	Making sure we don't forget what makes this area great, making sure we don't just turn it into another place people make "runs into town" to, that we are all about the outdoors and sitting by fires lakeside. Don't make it too convenient or suburban, AKA don't let Nisswa go the way Baxter went :) No offence Baxter, there's just only so much of that we can find useful up here.	1/24/2017 12:11 PM
48	Options for young, college aged adults to live within Nisswa	1/24/2017 12:04 PM
49	Keep roads n bike trail maintained	1/24/2017 11:43 AM
50	more affordable housing	1/24/2017 11:19 AM
51	Speed limit sign Main Street, Main Street Brewery parking maybe behind, Nisswa shopping sign in hill by highway lights that state currently owns.	1/24/2017 11:16 AM

52	Invasive species in our lakes	1/24/2017 10:59 AM
53	Sidewalks are needed on side streets	1/24/2017 10:53 AM
54	Nisswa residents need more than tourism to depend on for livelihood. More industry should be allowed into the city.	1/24/2017 9:35 AM
55	Promotion of native plants, rain water gardens, and butterfly/pollinator gardening.	1/24/2017 9:19 AM
56	Land that the City owns near the roundabout	1/23/2017 1:23 PM