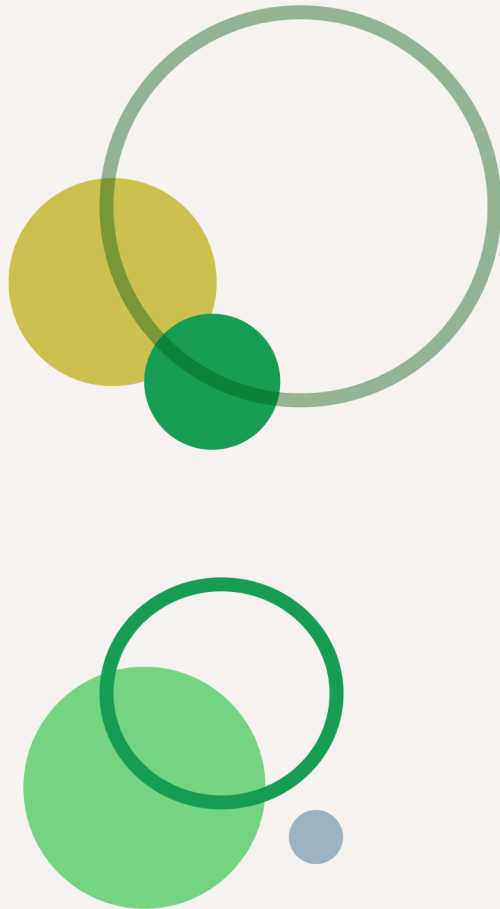




THE OTTAWA **ALL-CANDIDATES SURVEY ON THE ENVIRONMENT** 2022



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We acknowledge that we reside on the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation, the original caretakers of the land and water.

Thank you to 70+ candidates taking time to submit their responses when time is at a premium. This is a testament to how central environmental issues are to our city and the 2022 Ottawa municipal election.

Thank you to local advocacy group Waste Watch Ottawa for partnering on the questions about waste management.

Thank you for reading the results of our All-Candidates Survey on the Environment.

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A LANDMARK ELECTION

Ottawa's landmark election will be pivotal in determining the future of the City of Ottawa and the well-being of its residents for years to come.

- On October 24, citizens will choose not only a new mayor, but also a whole set of new City Council members, effectively changing the face of the government of our nation's capital.
- There exist many possible futures based on who is elected. Some candidates embrace bold ambition on climate and justice, as we know science demands. Some candidates plan to reinforce the status quo, which we can plainly see is crumbling under our feet with climate, housing, and inequity crises that are well underway.
- With this election, we have the power to choose those candidates who will take bold environmental action. In doing so, we can help make our city more liveable, green, and just, and to refuse climate breakdown and instead choose a resilient climate future for Ottawa.
- As our nation's capital, Ottawa must show bold, creative environmental leadership and serve as a model for cities around the country and the world, while improving the well-being of individuals, communities, and the environment.

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ABOUT THE SURVEY

Ecology Ottawa's All-Candidates Survey on the Environment helps voters understand where candidates stand on the environment. This is a comprehensive, multi-issue survey that digs deep on climate commitments with those vying for leadership.

- Every Mayoral and City Council candidate in the 2022 Ottawa municipal election was invited to participate in the survey.
- More than 70 candidates weighed in on 13 questions on a range of critical issues, including energy, housing, public transit, bike lanes, the tree canopy, Indigenous partnership, justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, and more.
- We have also included questions on waste management in partnership with local advocacy group Waste Watch Ottawa.
- Candidates responded to each question with a yes or no answer, and were provided with the opportunity to elaborate on their response with more context in a long answer.
- **Not all “yes” or “no” answers are equal.** Candidates might reply with a yes, but a closer reading of their long answer reveals whether their commitment is resolute, or whether they might lack the political will to follow through on tough but important decisions.
- The devil is in the details, so voters are highly encouraged to go beyond the “yes” and “no” answers to read the long answers and see where candidates stand.

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OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

The survey results show that while there is growing consensus on some issues, there still exists division on critical issues. We believe stronger environmental policies always come with high economic and social benefits, and that we need courageous candidates that will rise to meet the precarious moment at which we find ourselves.

- What emerges through the responses is that environment and climate are front and centre in this campaign, and candidates are keenly aware that there is no path to leadership without a strong climate plan. Whether candidates follow through once elected is the big question - and the long answers in this survey give some clues.
- Some of the survey answers showed stark differences of opinion, such as phasing out of fossil fuels - which science tells us needs to be done with the utmost urgency. For other questions, like reducing waste, there was widespread agreement on the goal but different approaches to how to realize them.
- And of course, expressing a commitment on the campaign trail does not necessarily mean action once elected. Candidates are working to earn votes, and they know that across the entire city, Ottawans are deeply concerned about the environment.

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OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

- 85% of respondents said they would fully fund and implement the City of Ottawa's ambitious Energy Evolution plan, and 87% said they would commit to no expansions of the urban boundary - though these commitments waver in some of the candidates' long answers.
- The strongest consensus - over 90% - came through on climate adaptation, active transit networks, conservation, collecting organic waste, restoring the tree canopy, and working in partnership with Algonquin Anishinaabe and other Indigenous people. For each question, there were details about meaningful commitments that would need to be fulfilled, such as changing relevant by-laws.
- Two questions saw a surprising 100% consensus. The first is committing to building a public transit system that is rapid, reliable, affordable and accessible for all users, with proper transit routes within rural, suburban and lower income communities. The second is bringing Ottawans at all diversity intersections together on environmental issues.
- The most division on any question was around waste management. Asked whether they would support the introduction of a user-pay system for curbside residual waste collection, 56% supported the idea while the rest did not. Amongst both those that agreed and disagreed with the idea, many expressed concern about passing costs along to citizens with the rise of inflation.

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CALL TO ACTION

Citizens have incredible power to determine the outcome of this election. Here are four actions you can take to help shape the future of Ottawa:

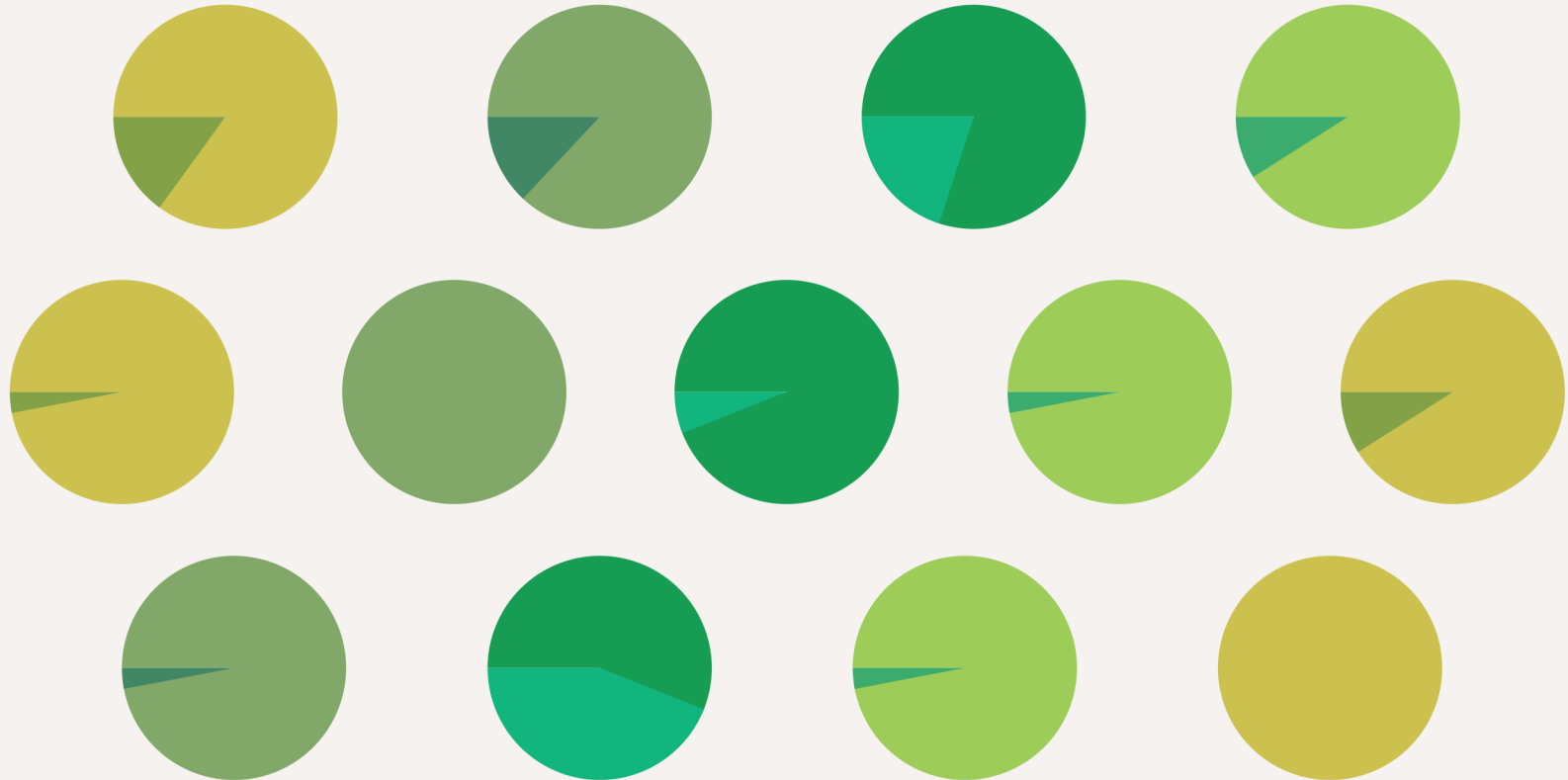
- 1** Visit ecologyottawa.ca/election to read the full survey results. You can select your ward, to see where your candidates stand on key environmental issues.
- 2** Share the All-Candidates Survey on the Environment with your neighbours and friends - in person and online.
- 3** Push your candidates to do more - and keep asking for the bold environmental ambition we need after election day.
- 4** VOTE with the environment and climate justice as top priorities.

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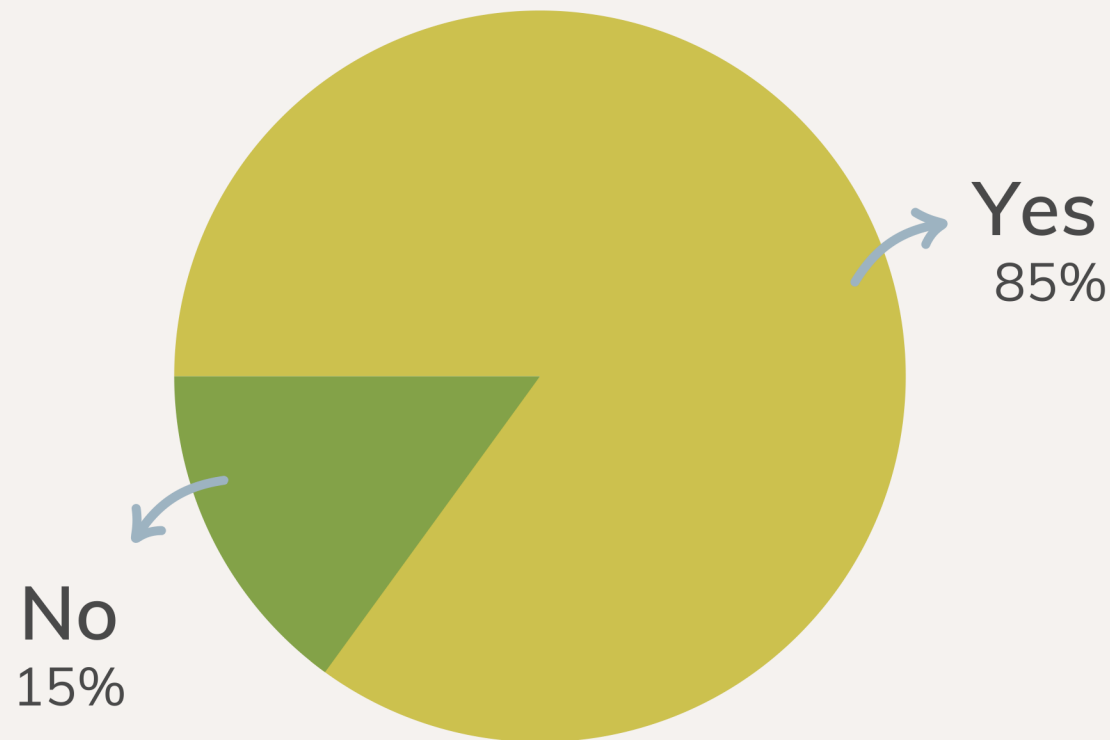
RESULTS BY QUESTION

See below for results on all 13 questions. Visit ecologyottawa.ca/election for results by ward.

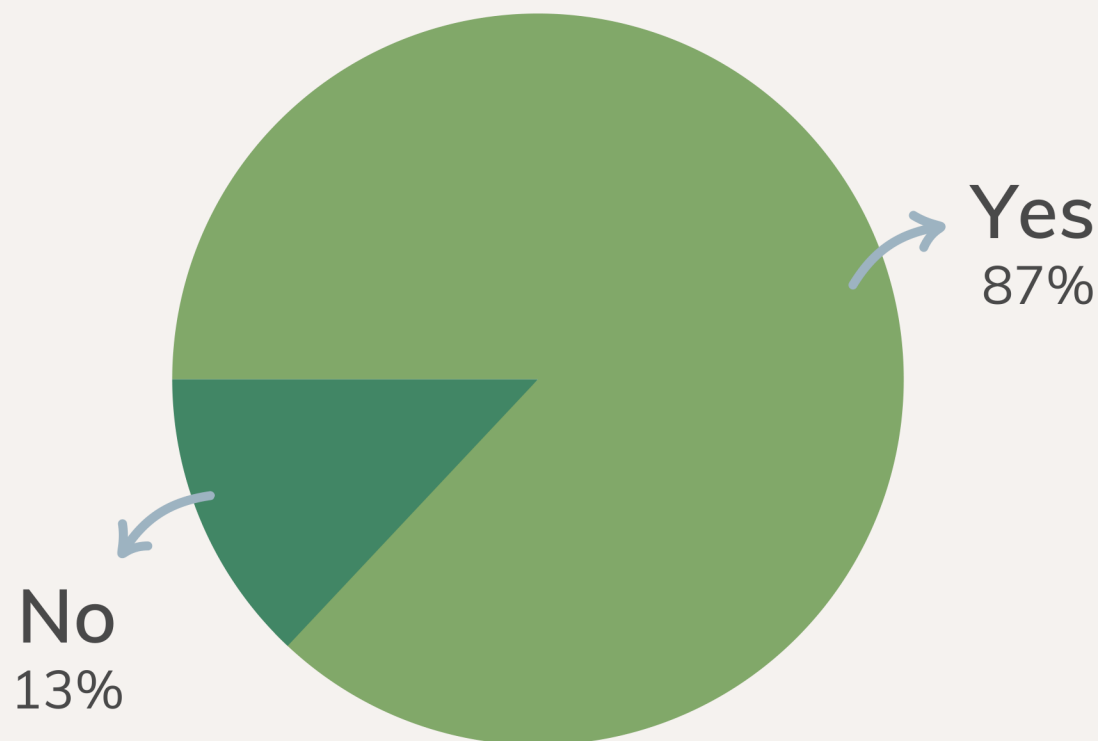


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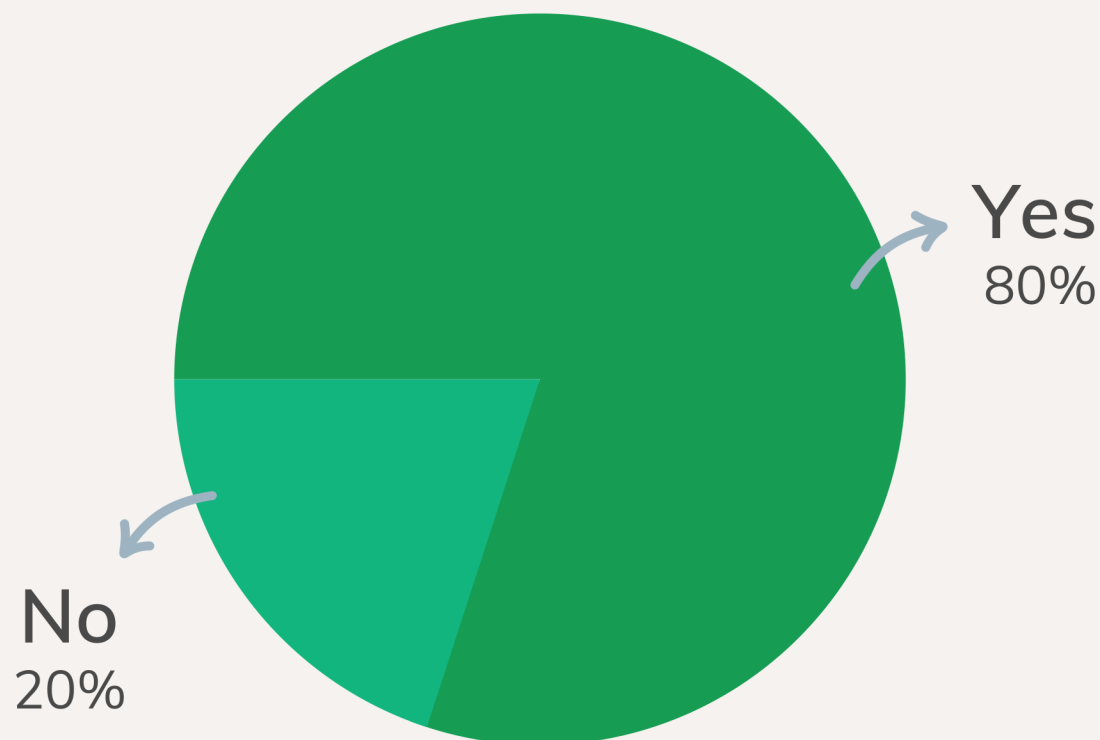
**Q1. WILL YOU COMMIT TO FULLY FUNDING
AND IMPLEMENTING THE CITY OF OTTAWA'S
ENERGY EVOLUTION PLAN?**



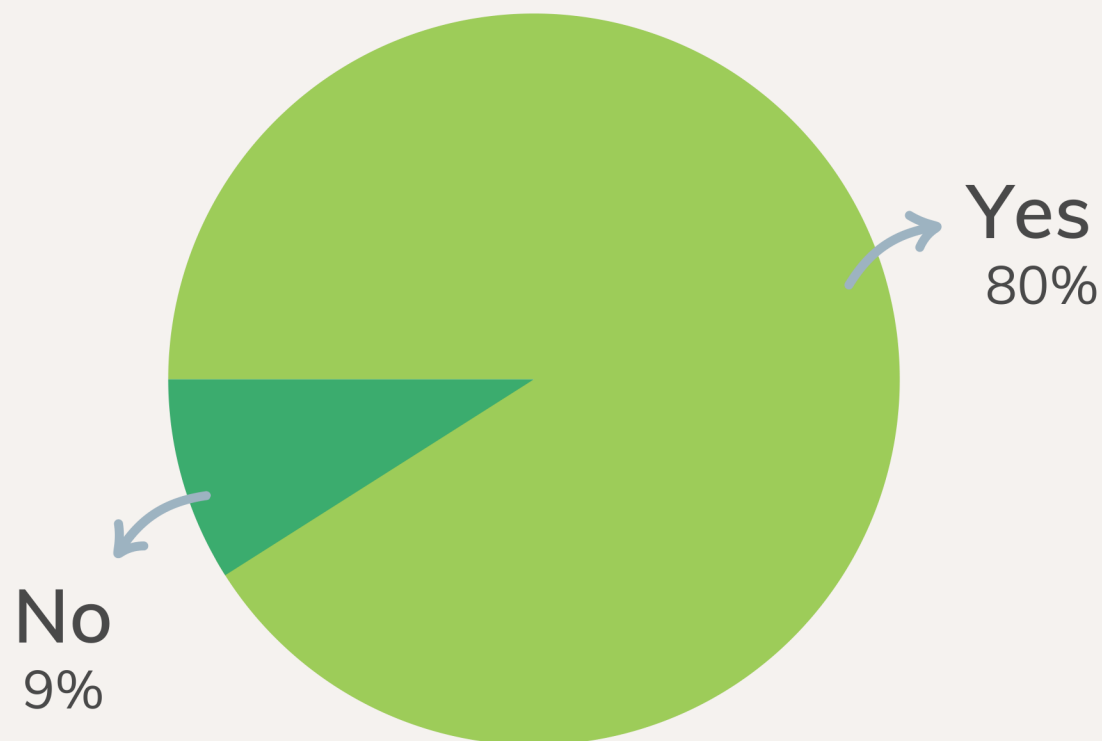
Q2. WILL YOU COMMIT TO NO MORE EXTENSIONS OF THE URBAN BOUNDARY, AND SUPPORT BUILDING MORE 15-MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOODS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF OTTAWA, NOT JUST IN THE URBAN CORE?



Q3. WILL YOU COMMIT TO PHASING OUT NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRIORITIZE CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY OVER NEW, RENEWED OR EXPANDED GAS INFRASTRUCTURE?

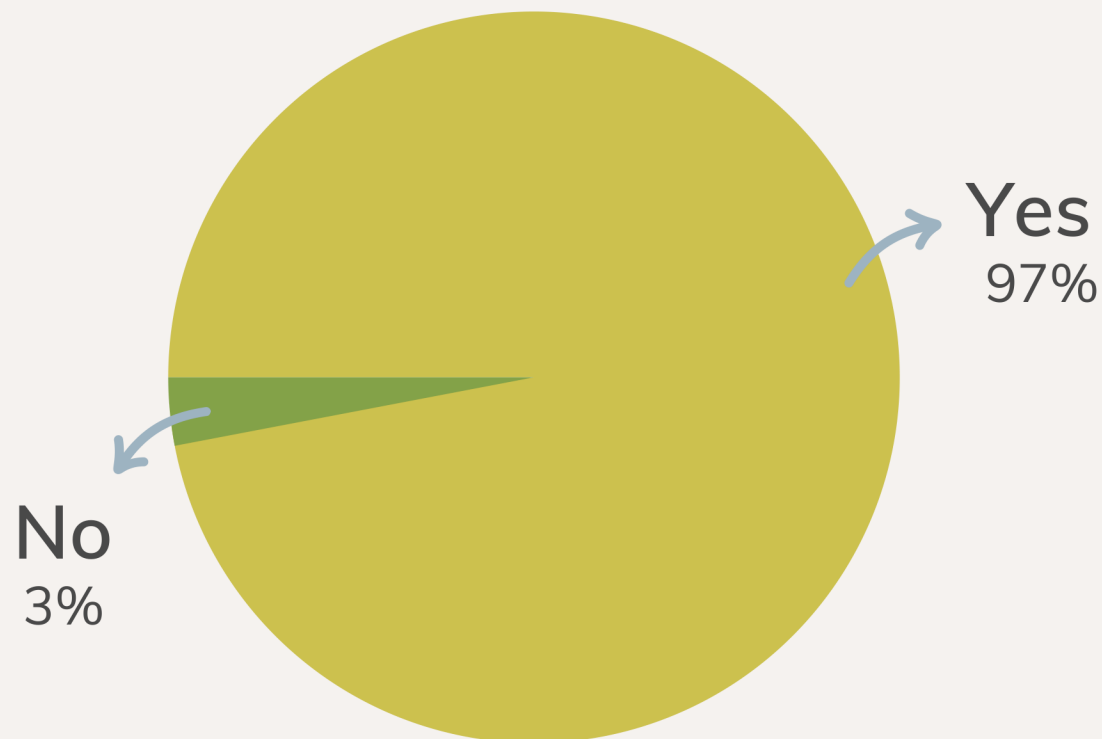


Q4. WILL YOU COMMIT TO INVESTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENT HOUSING FOR LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES, AND ENSURING THAT THE COSTS OF RETROFITS ARE NOT PASSED DOWN TO TENANTS?



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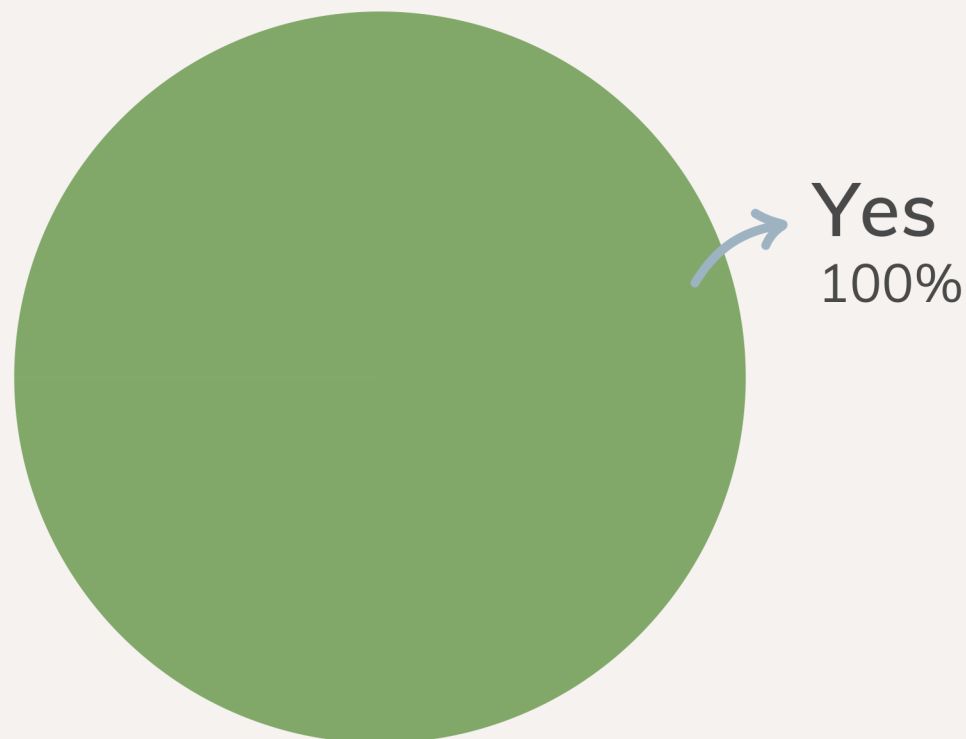
Q5. WILL YOU COMMIT TO PRIORITIZING CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING FOR THE CITY, INCLUDING MEASURES TO PROTECT PEOPLE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CITY SERVICES, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE CITY'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ARE SUPPORTED DURING EXTREME CLIMATE EVENTS?



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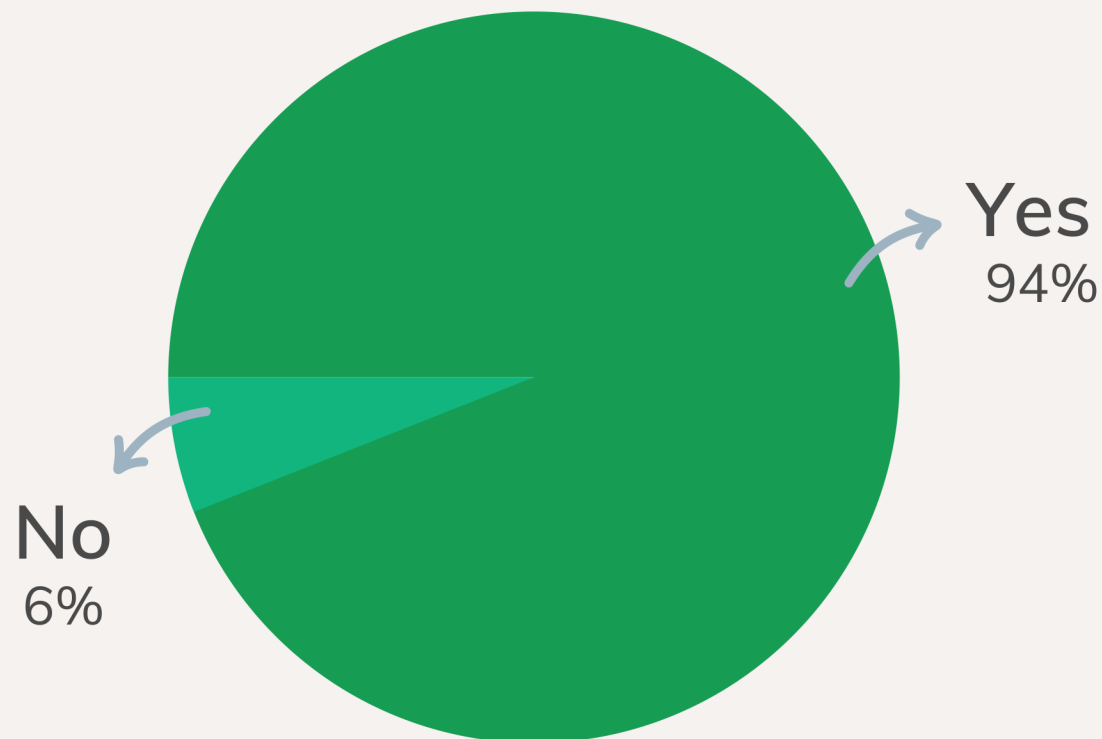
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Q6. WILL YOU COMMIT TO BUILDING A PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT IS RAPID, RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL USERS, WITH PROPER TRANSIT ROUTES WITHIN RURAL, SUBURBAN AND LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES?



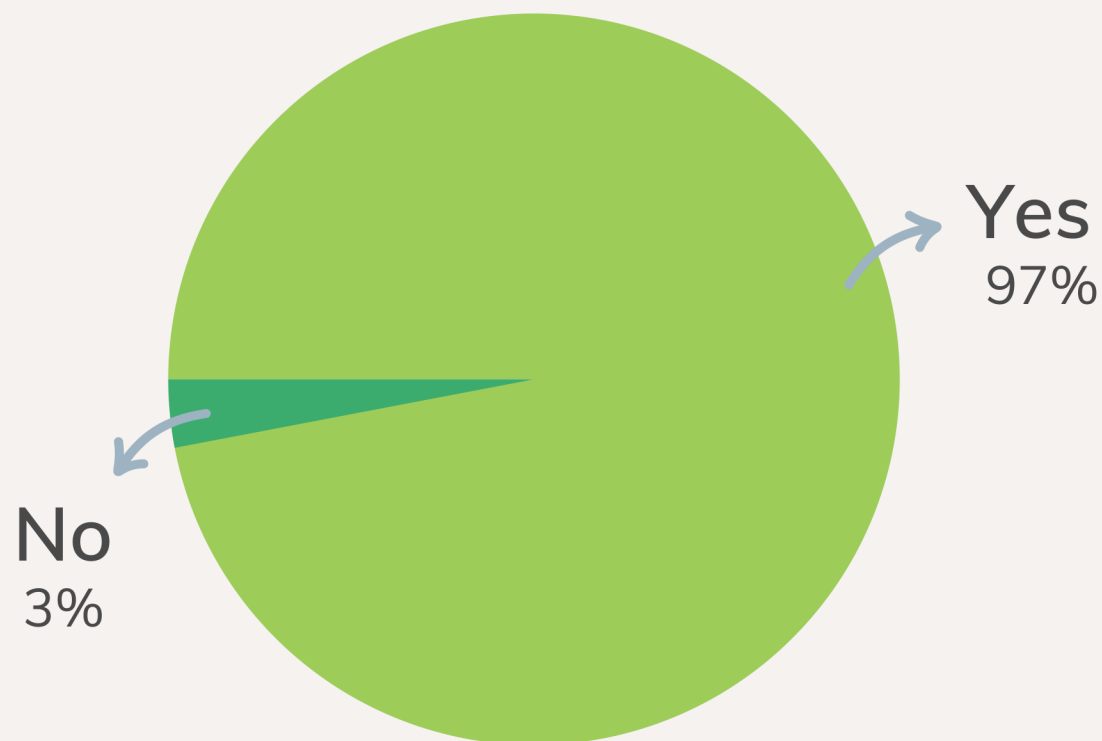
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Q7. WILL YOU COMMIT TO AN ACTIVE TRANSIT NETWORK WITH INTERCONNECTED AND PROTECTED BIKE LANES AND MULTI-USE PATHS CITY-WIDE (NOT JUST IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE)?



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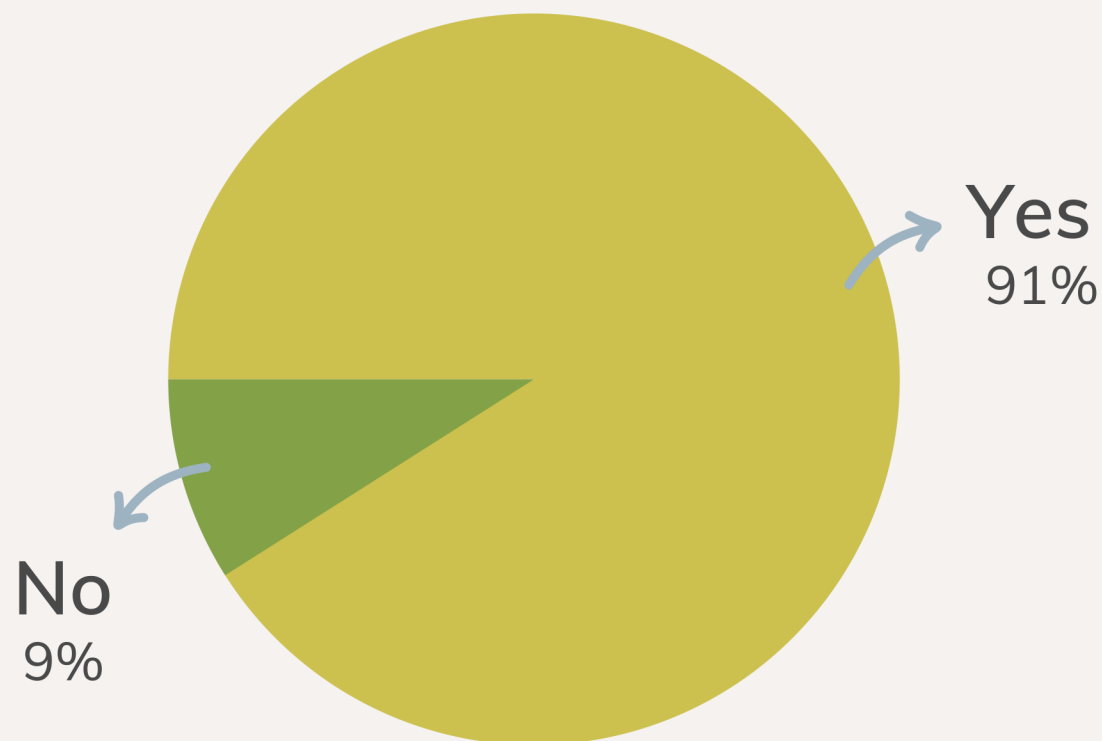
Q8. WILL YOU SUPPORT OUR TARGET FOR A 40% TREE CANOPY COVER PER NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PROTECTION OF MATURE TREES THROUGH THE NEW TREE PROTECTION BY-LAW?



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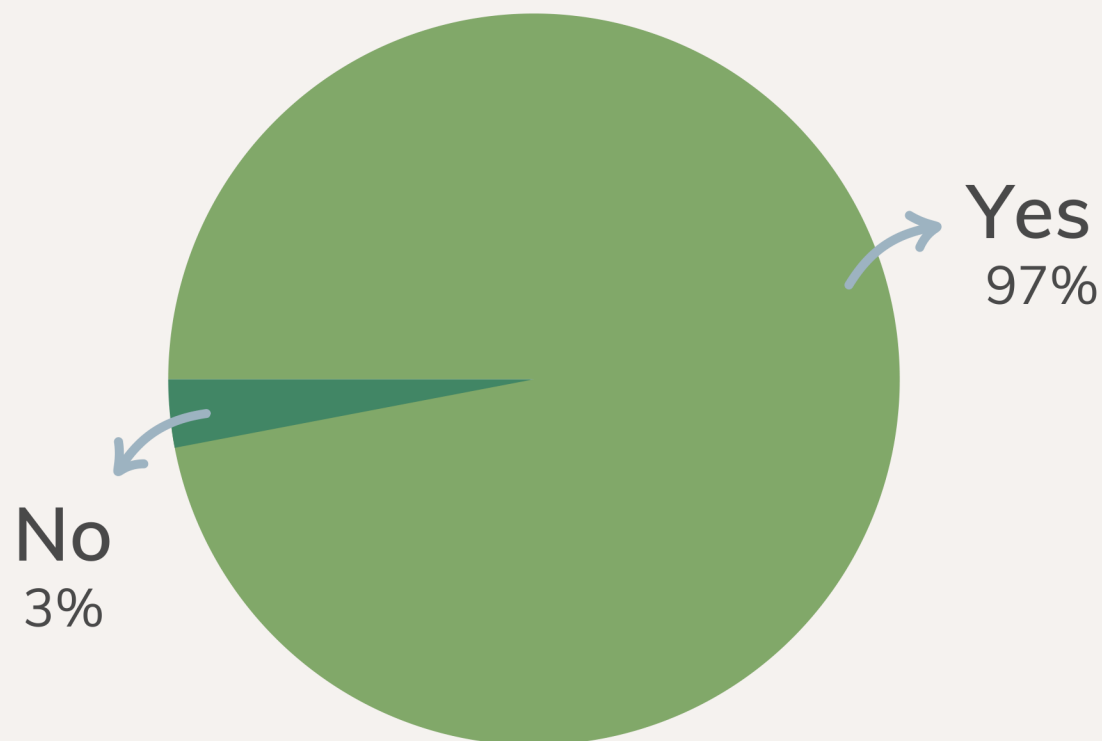
Q9. WILL YOU ENSURE THAT THE CITY OF OTTAWA PRIORITIZES THE CONSERVATION OF EXISTING GREENSPACE, AS WELL AS BIODIVERSITY ON BOTH CITY AND PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS BY ACTIONING THE FOLLOWING: AMENDING THE PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW, AS WELL AS INCREASING TARGETS FOR AND ALLOCATING MORE FUNDS TOWARDS NATURALIZATION?



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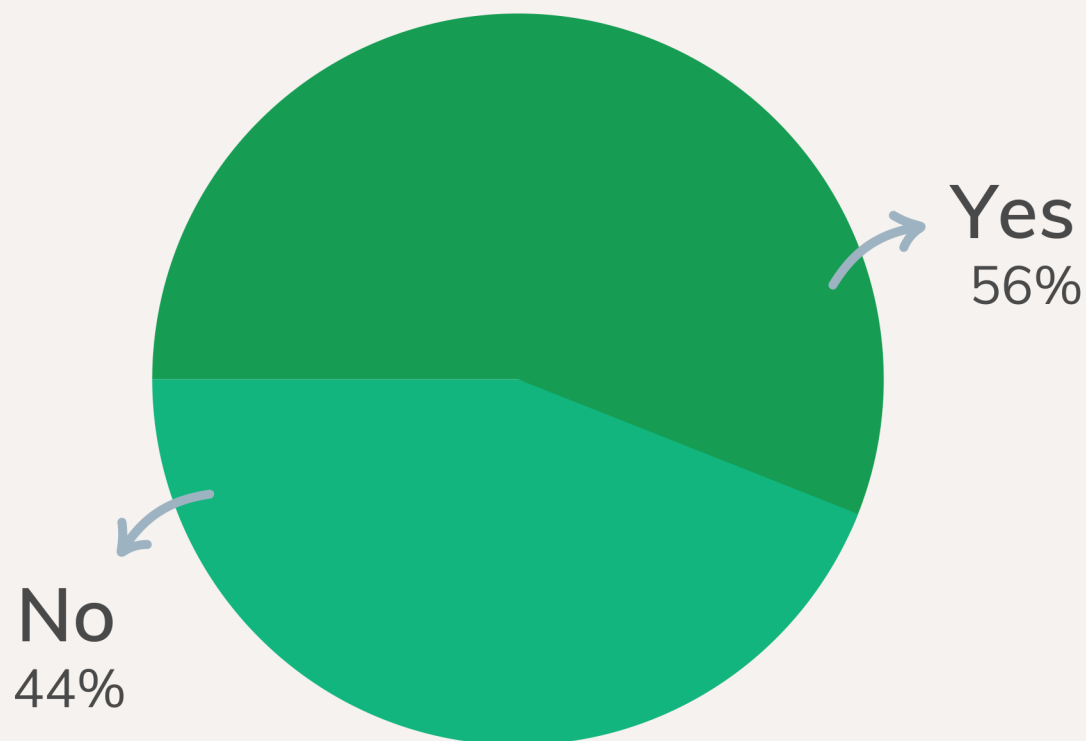
Q10. IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING RECYCLING, WILL YOU SUPPORT AMBITIOUSLY COLLECTING ORGANIC GREEN BIN WASTE FOR COMPOSTING IN MULTI-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AS WELL AS CURBSIDE, TO ENSURE THAT OTTAWA CAN AVOID REPLACING THE TRAIL ROAD LANDFILL SITE WITH EITHER A NEW LANDFILL OR AN INCINERATOR FOR RESIDUAL WASTE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?



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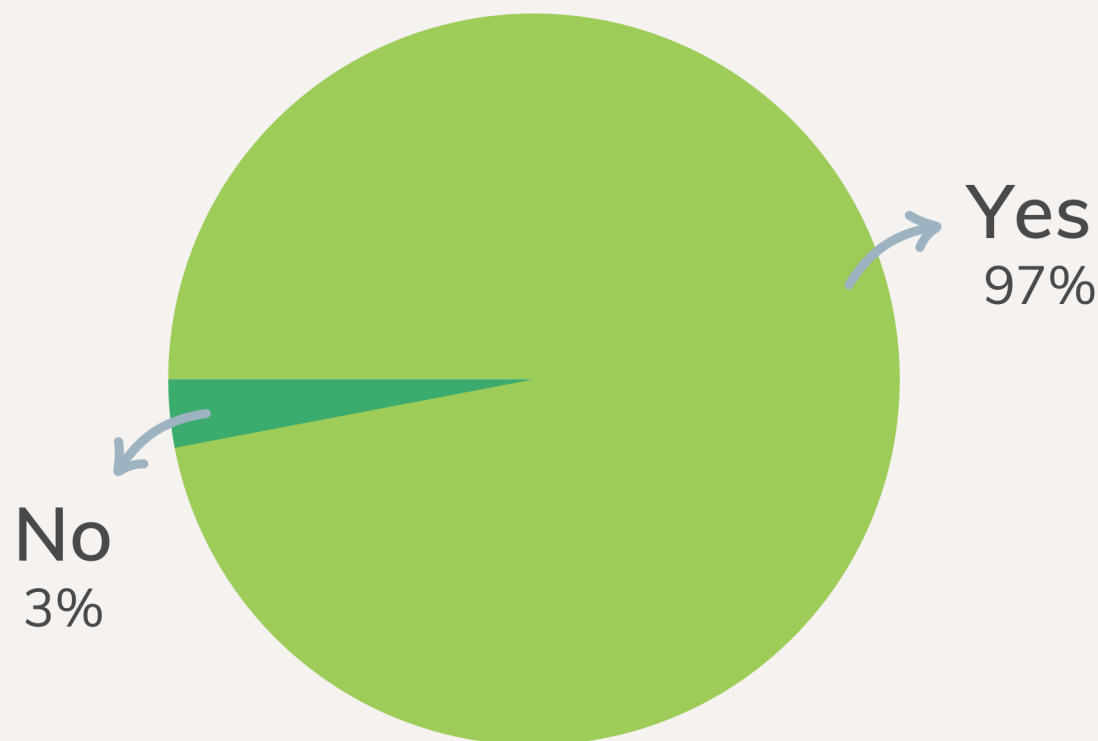
Q11. WILL YOU SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION OF A USER PAY SYSTEM FOR CURBSIDE RESIDUAL WASTE COLLECTION, WHERE RESIDENTS PAY FOR THE BAGS OR CONTAINERS THAT THEY PUT OUT FOR COLLECTION, ACCORDING TO THE ACTUAL LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT THEY USE?



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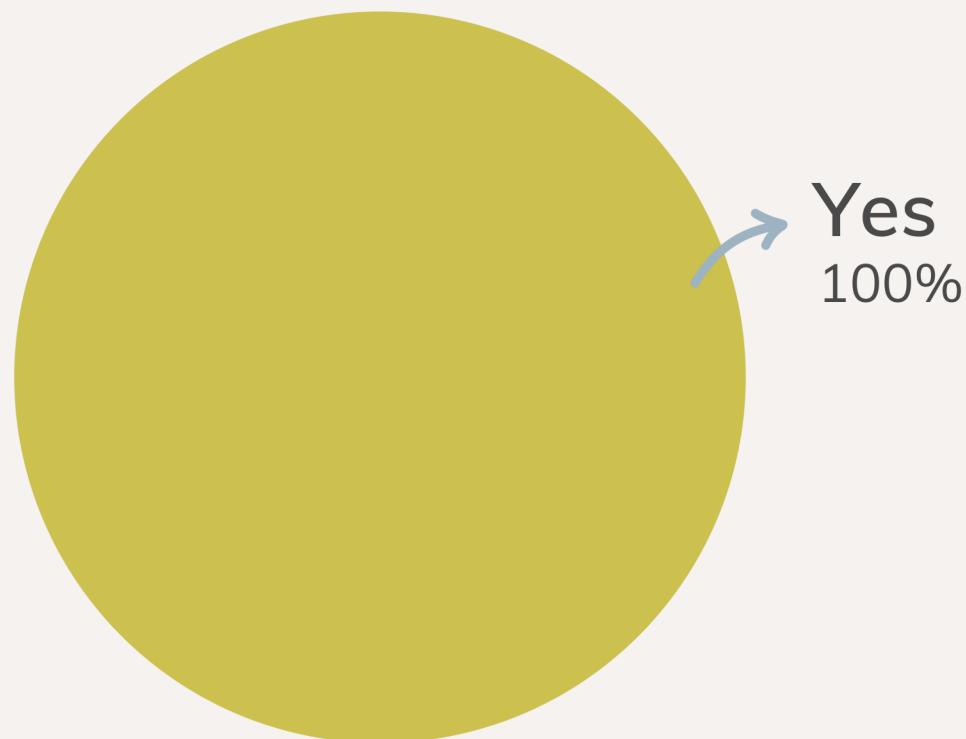
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Q12. IF ELECTED, WOULD YOU INTENTIONALLY INCLUDE, AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH, THE ALGONQUIN ANISHINAABE PEOPLE AND OTHER INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES?



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**Q13. WILL YOU COMMIT TO DEVELOPING STRATEGIES
THAT BRING OTTAWANS AT ALL DIVERSITY
INTERSECTIONS TOGETHER ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES?**



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