



*MUNICIPALITÉ DE*  
***LAC-TREMBLANT-NORD***

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Hello to all!

Thank you to all who completed the recent survey. We had 76 people respond out of 131 sent emails, a 58% participation rate.

It was suggested to me by some citizens that sharing the results could be appreciated. Though the survey is not a scientific measure, it provides our council with an idea of people's views. Thank you to all of you who posted positive and constructive comments.

We have had the chance to work with a summer student Nicolas who is majoring in political science in university; he has been working on preparing our bylaws for revision. It is a long process, requiring lots of discussion within council, with CCU, with our inspector, etc. We have moved quite quickly but it will be impossible to begin the actual formal change process likely until October, meaning that the formal public consultations required for these changes would be in January, which is not ideal for many of our citizens. Given our desire to include as many people as possible in the consultation process, council has decided to hold a preliminary, non-official, public consultation on **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.**, after our council meeting. Details and supporting documentation will follow.

For those unable to make it, some information will be sent out in advance, and there will be a possibility to send comments in writing before or after, as well as throughout the formal process.

Thank you for participating in the composting/organics program. Please remember, **NO PLASTIC BAGS** of any type can be left in the brown bins. Please use paper only. If you need to use a plastic bag for transportation purposes, please empty the contents into the brown bin and recycle or throw out the plastic bag. We encourage your comments regarding this initiative.

On a final note, I want to inform you that I am the subject of ongoing litigation regarding my eligibility to run as mayor. Our municipal lawyers feel my case is very strong, that the complaint is frivolous and we will be defending it vigorously. I have always and continue to work in good faith with the best interests of our citizens at heart. I encourage any of you who have any questions to contact me directly.

Below you will find a summary of the results, as well as some of the comments. Thank you again for your feedback and participation. We had promised more citizen engagement and your participation shows you are interested in the process.

**Question 1- Whether you are a new or long-time resident of our municipality, what makes Lac-Tremblant-Nord special to you.**

- 21 people responded with: quiet or tranquility of its location
- 38 people responded with: nature, environment or landscapes.
- 5 people responded with: the outdoor activity options.
- 4 people mentioned boat only access.
- 6 people responded with the bylaws that ensure large properties, low-density homes
- 9 people mentioned their community, history or family.
- 4 had miscellaneous comments

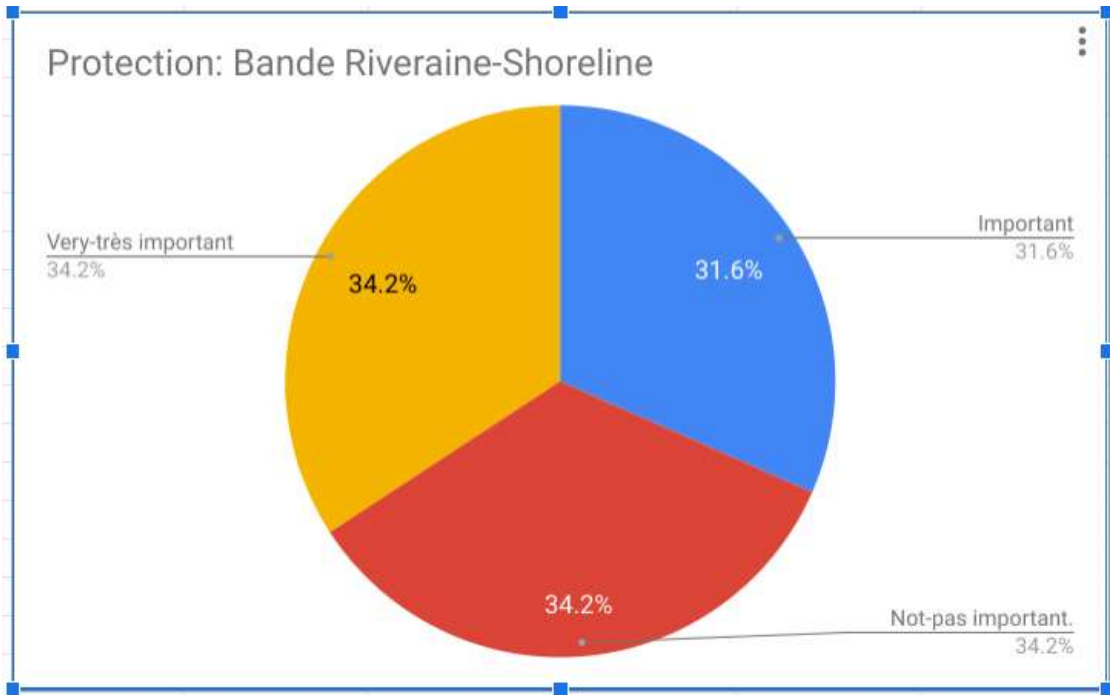
Of note, some people made comments fitting in to multiple categories.

**Question 2 – In your opinion, what is the most important for the future well-being of our municipality?**

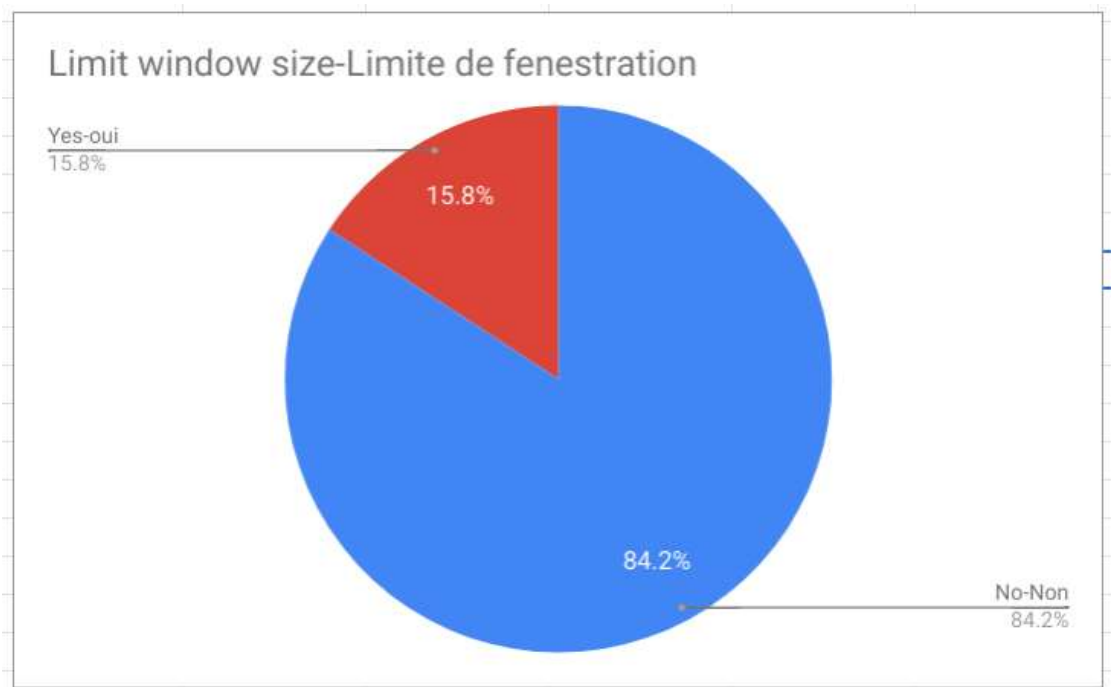
	Total:
Protecting the environnement	48
Protecting our lakes	51
Updating our urbanism bylaws	14
Services to citizens	6
All of the above	1

There were a few additional comments regarding: improving internet services, ensuring respect of our bylaws, energy efficient homes, having a plan for vehicular access, low taxes, insect control and restricting boat traffic and size of boats that lead to pollution.

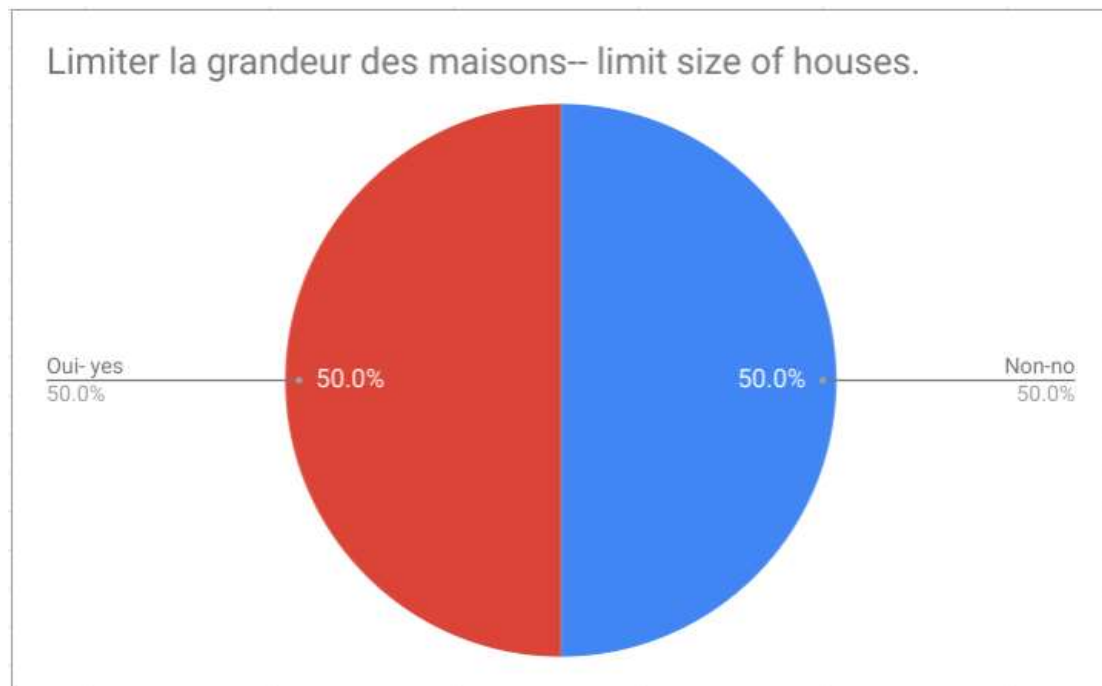
**Question 3 : While the shoreline protected zone (bande riveraine), 15 meters from the high water line at MLTN keeps our lakes clean and healthy, it also camouflages our cottages from lake view. How important is this camouflage to you?**



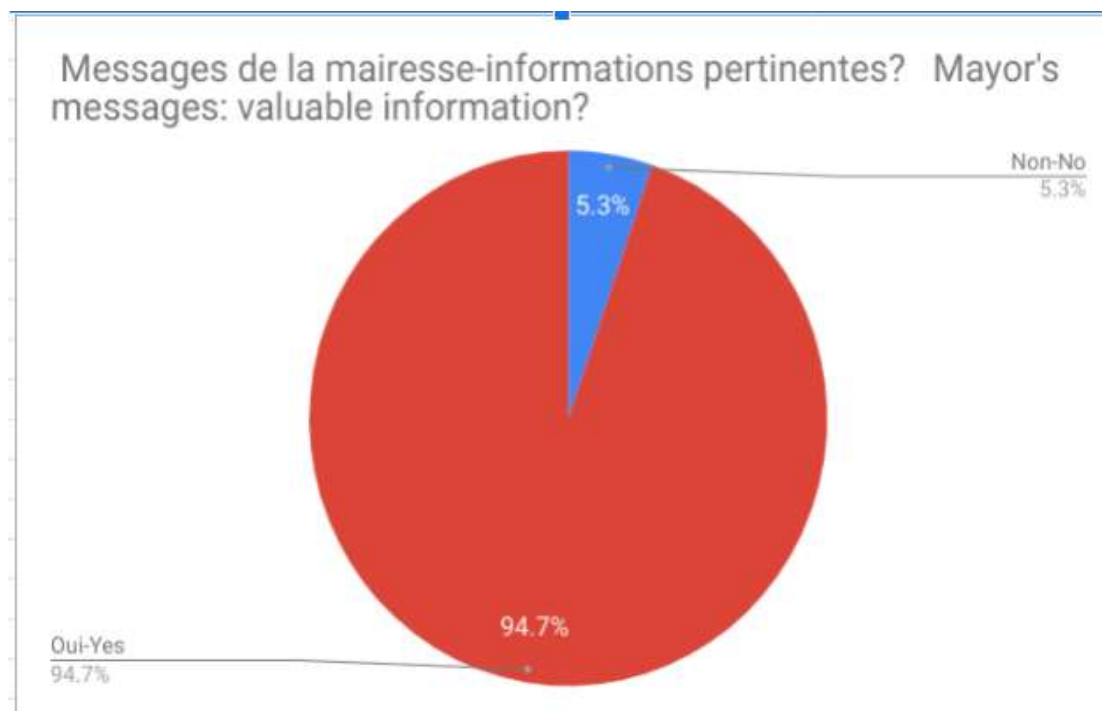
**Question 4: Do you believe there should be restrictions on the surface area that windows cover on homes in MLTN?**



**Question 5: Should the size of a house be limited?**

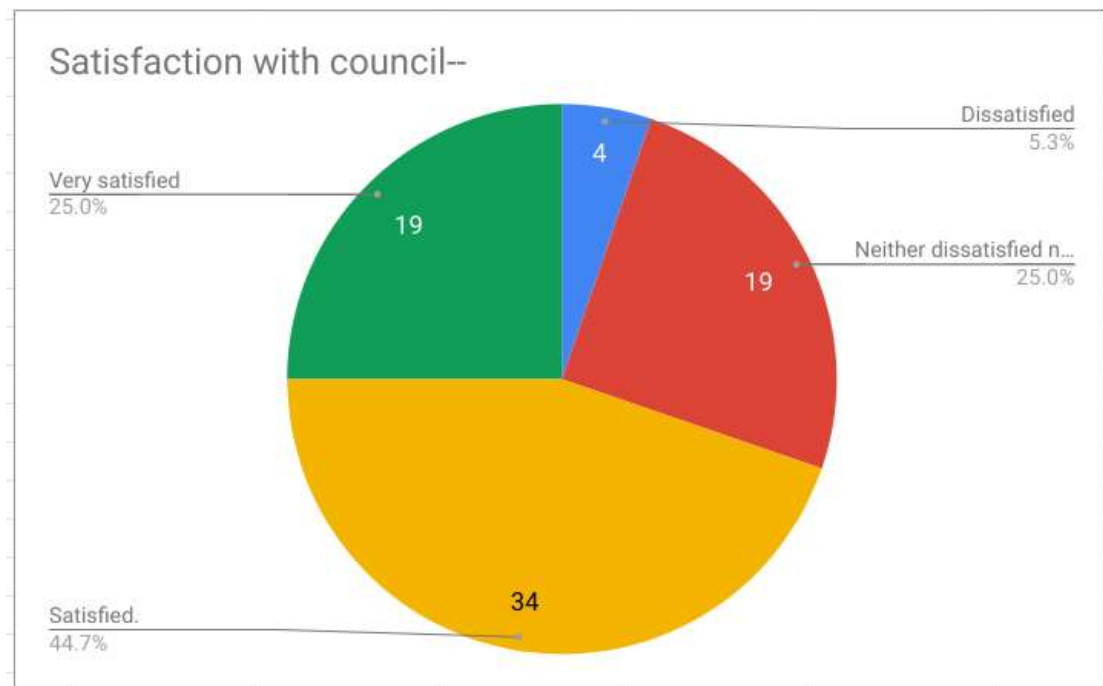


**Question 6: Kim, our mayor, has been sending citizens regular communications. Do you find the information she shares to be of value to you?**



Comments included: a desire for tax reduction measures, more detailed agenda, limiting bureaucracy and improving future planning.

**Question 7: What is your level of satisfaction with the work of your council since the election held in November 2017?**



**Question 8: Do you have comments you would like to share with your council?**

We got a majority of positive comments. Thank you!

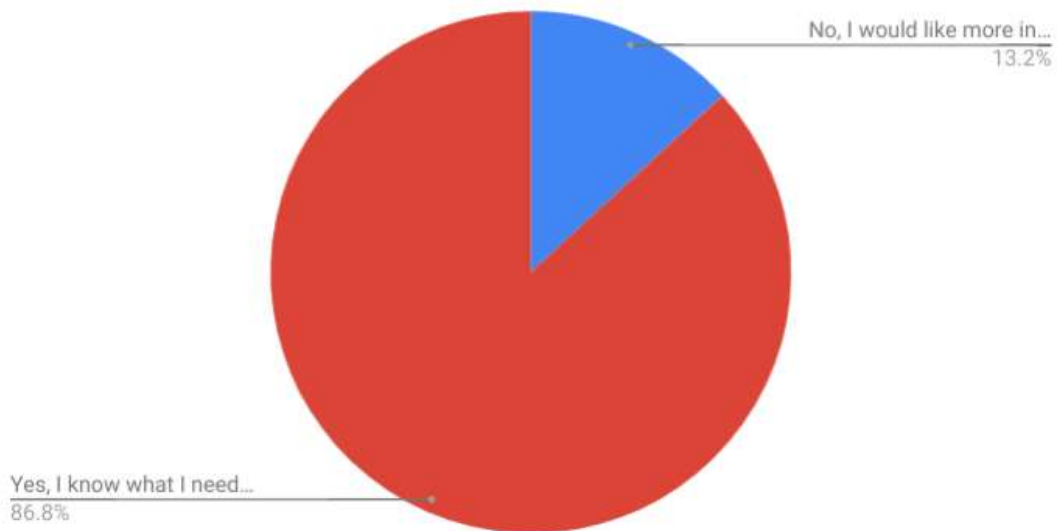
Some suggestions included:

- 8 comments on improvements needed in the Dark sky policy as well as the application of it.
- 2 comments on the need to better control wakeboard boats
- 2 comments on the high water levels
- 4 comments regarding the updating of bylaws, most in favor of more efficient homes and the modernization of bylaws
- 10 general comments, including, minimizing taxes, ensuring access to the hiking trails, problems with run down properties and docks, improving the application of our bylaws, visual impact of large homes, cutting of trees for the new guardian home, asking for help for improving the quality our bande riveraine, improving the maintenance of gravel roads or paving them.

**Question 9: Your council has been working diligently with CRE Laurentides, the MRC, Ville de Mont Tremblant and PLTN regarding the protection of our lakes from invasive species. Do you find you have enough information regarding this subject to do your share to help with this effort?**

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Information regarding protecting our lakes from invasive species:



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I was very pleased by the extensive comments in the survey as it helps to understand what people's priorities are. Below are a few responses I have to some of the questions that arose:

#### **Water levels**

I continue to work with the Ville on this issue. We have discussed it regularly; there have been 3 studies and document reflecting the opinion of our municipality including the comments and photos from our citizens. A special meeting has been called to make a final decision on this on September 12; I have been invited to participate.

PLTN has bylaws regarding the maximum size of wakeboard boats allowed through the marina, 21 foot maximum, unless the boat is on the grandfather list since before 2015.

- There remain private entrances on the south end of the lake, as the Ville does not have a bylaw restricting launches on private property.
- Once the boat is on the water, there is nothing that can be done about the boat itself, unless there are dangerous boating practices, loud music or boating in proximity to the shoreline. I encourage you to call the police in these cases, and if possible, note the registration of the boat, but at minimum a description of the boat.
- PLTN and MLTN are in continuous discussions regarding this issue, but solutions for the moment are limited.

### **Bylaw application**

- As you all know, we have had a lot of movement in inspectors this past year. Stephan has been in place for over a month and has been trying to be as present as possible on the lakes, both for current construction sites as well as working to improve existing infractions.
- Please know that many infractions have been deposited to the courts for various reasons, and Stephan is working diligently to ensure respect of our bylaws by all.

### **Shoreline protection**

- Last year, our student Elizabeth did a complete shoreline assessment on both Lac Tremblant and Lac Bibite, including recommendations for improvement. Sharing this information with citizens will be a priority for next year.
- In an effort to improve shoreline quality, there will be increasing information provided. Please note this is a provincial regulation.
- In your tax bill this year, you received a pamphlet regarding this. Our inspector is well versed in this, therefore anyone who is interested in meeting with him one on one to discuss is welcome to contact the municipality to discuss.

### **Dark sky**

This element will be a central point in our bylaw changes. Much research has been done on what is being done elsewhere, including outside the province of Quebec. We will have a number of suggested changes coming and will therefore be able to better enforce this bylaw.

### **Trail systems**

The 11 new lots in Baie des Ours will not prevent access to the hiking trails. MLTN negotiated a transfer of the lots behind the 11 lakefront lots, to ensure its protection and continued access to the trails.

Thank you all for your continued support and I wish you a beautiful fall.

Kim Meyer and your council.