



VILLAGE OF LYTTON

Young Adult Survey
Summary of Findings

Presentation to Council
August 25, 2026: Regular Council

Overview

Following the OCP Workbook Exercise and Community Conversations series, a gap in representation from young adults (16–35 years) was identified, despite this group comprising a significant portion of the population in the broader community.

The Young Adult Survey (YAS) was designed to engage with, and gain feedback from the young adult demographic to understand how the Village can better consider their needs in future development decisions.

The YAS asked questions from a variety of topics. For example, current household size, housing needs, future employment interests, land use, and facilities in the Village.

Staff saw the YAS as a chance for young adults to explicitly state what they ‘need’ to continue to live in the Village for the foreseeable future.

The responses from the YAS will specifically be used to inform policy directions in the upcoming Official Community Plan Update.

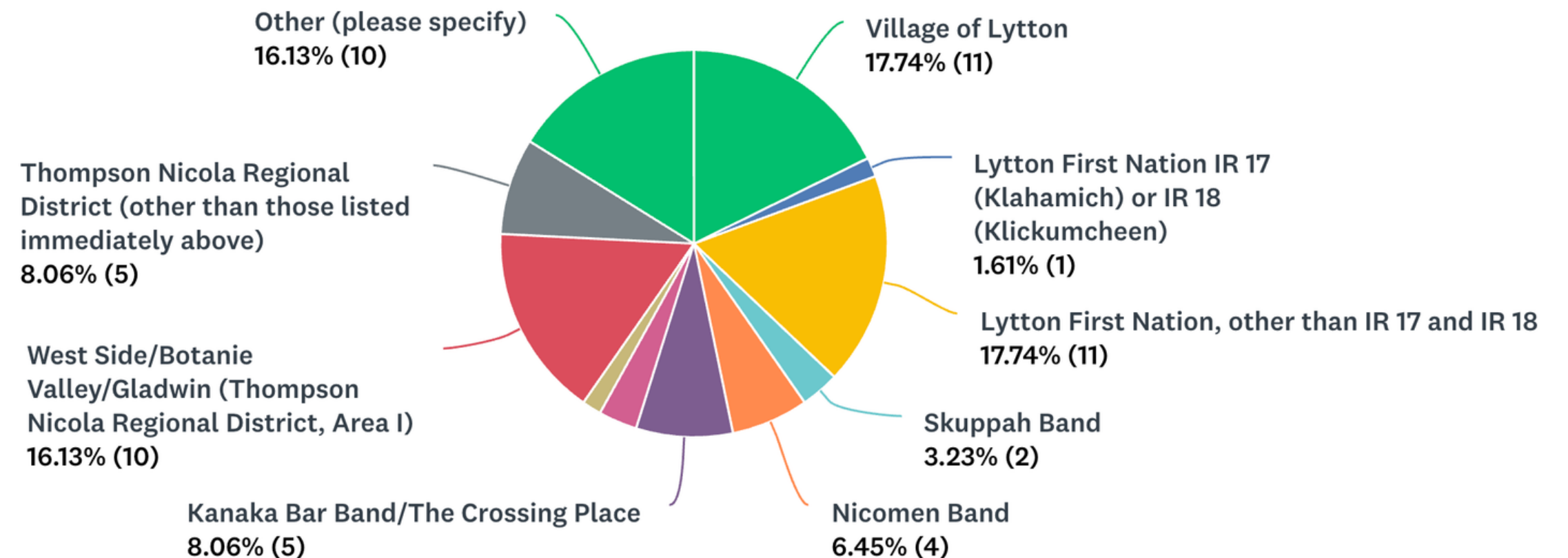
Findings

The YAS saw extensive engagement, receiving 64 responses from young adults from across the greater Lytton area.

- Most respondents were between 30-35 years of age. The second largest respondent group were 25-29 years of age.
- Many respondents indicated they were located in Lytton First Nation (17.74%) and the Village of Lytton (17.74%). Another large portion of respondents indicated they were living in Kanaka Bar (8.06%) and the greater Regional District area – notably the West Side, Botanie Valley, and Gladwin (16.13%).

- Those that selected "Other":

- 6 mile
- Alkali
- Cooks Ferry Band
- Kumsheen
- Merritt
- Siska Band

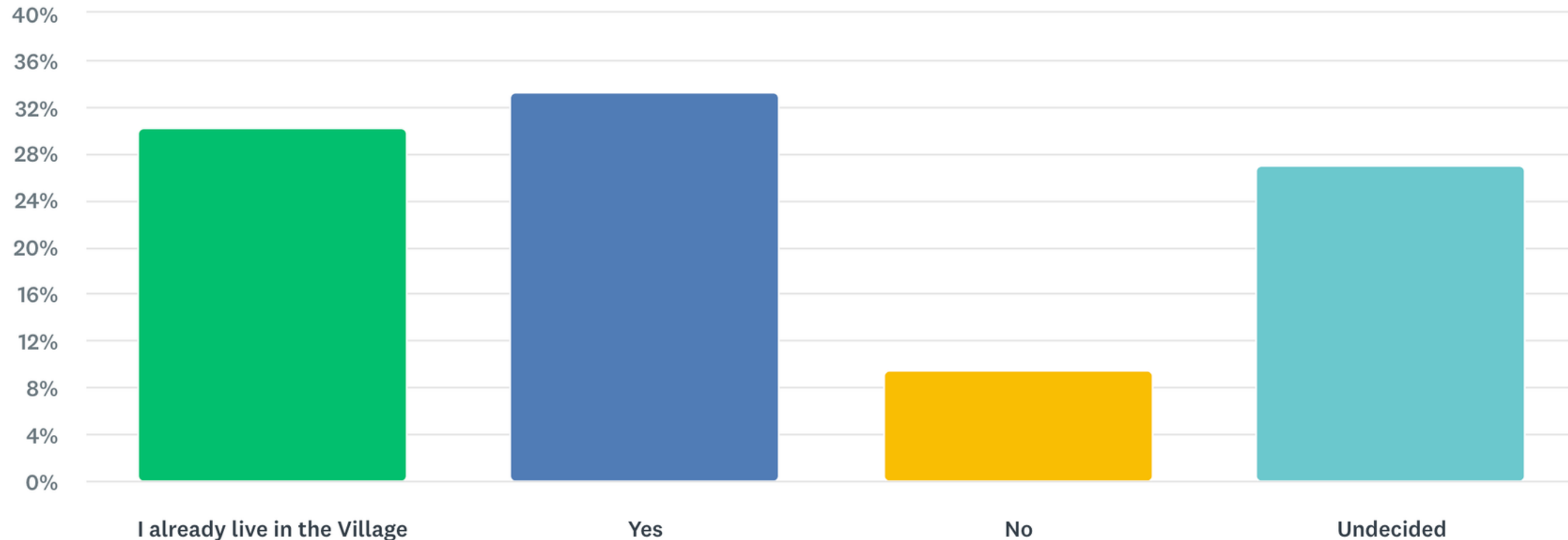


Findings

Interest in moving to Lytton

When prompted, many respondents indicated they were either interested or undecided in moving to the Village in the next five years.

This tells us there is potential for the Village to bring people back and see an increase of younger residents with the right amenities and proper infrastructure.



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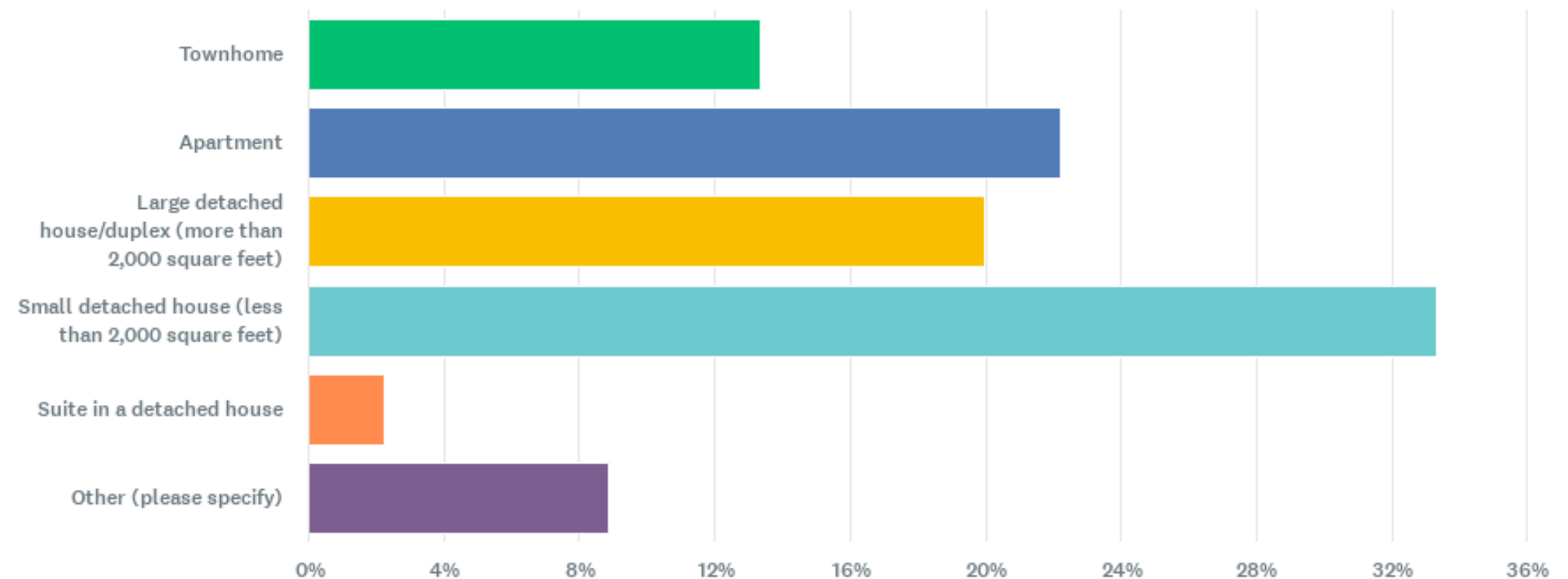
Land Use:

Respondents that indicated they would or were undecided on moving to the Village in the next five years identified the following essential services and gathering spaces as important for their day-to-day needs

- Grocery store
- Bank
- Primary medical centre and pharmacy
- Coffee shop/café
- Sit-down restaurant
- Pub/brewery

Housing:

- Preference towards rental housing
- 53% of respondents would like to live in a detached home (ranging in sizes)
- 22% of respondents indicated they would prefer to live in an apartment

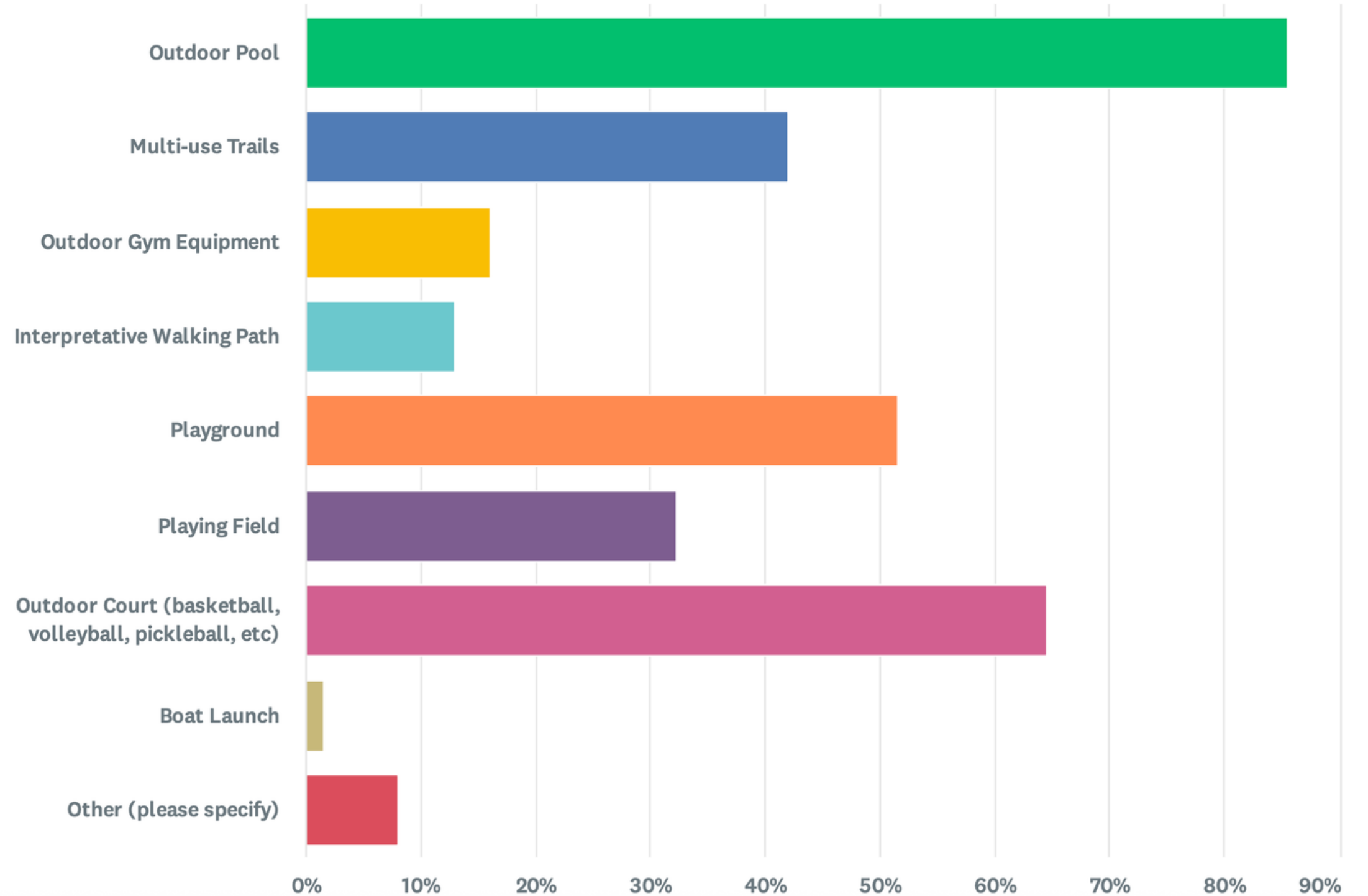


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Parks, Trails, Recreation:

A key point of interest was outdoor recreation. Respondents indicated a strong interest for a variety of outdoor recreation amenities.

- Outdoor pool
- Fitness centre (weight room)/sport courts (indoor and outdoor - for basketball, volleyball, etc)
- Playground
- Multi-use trails
- Mountain bike park
- Running track
- Skate park



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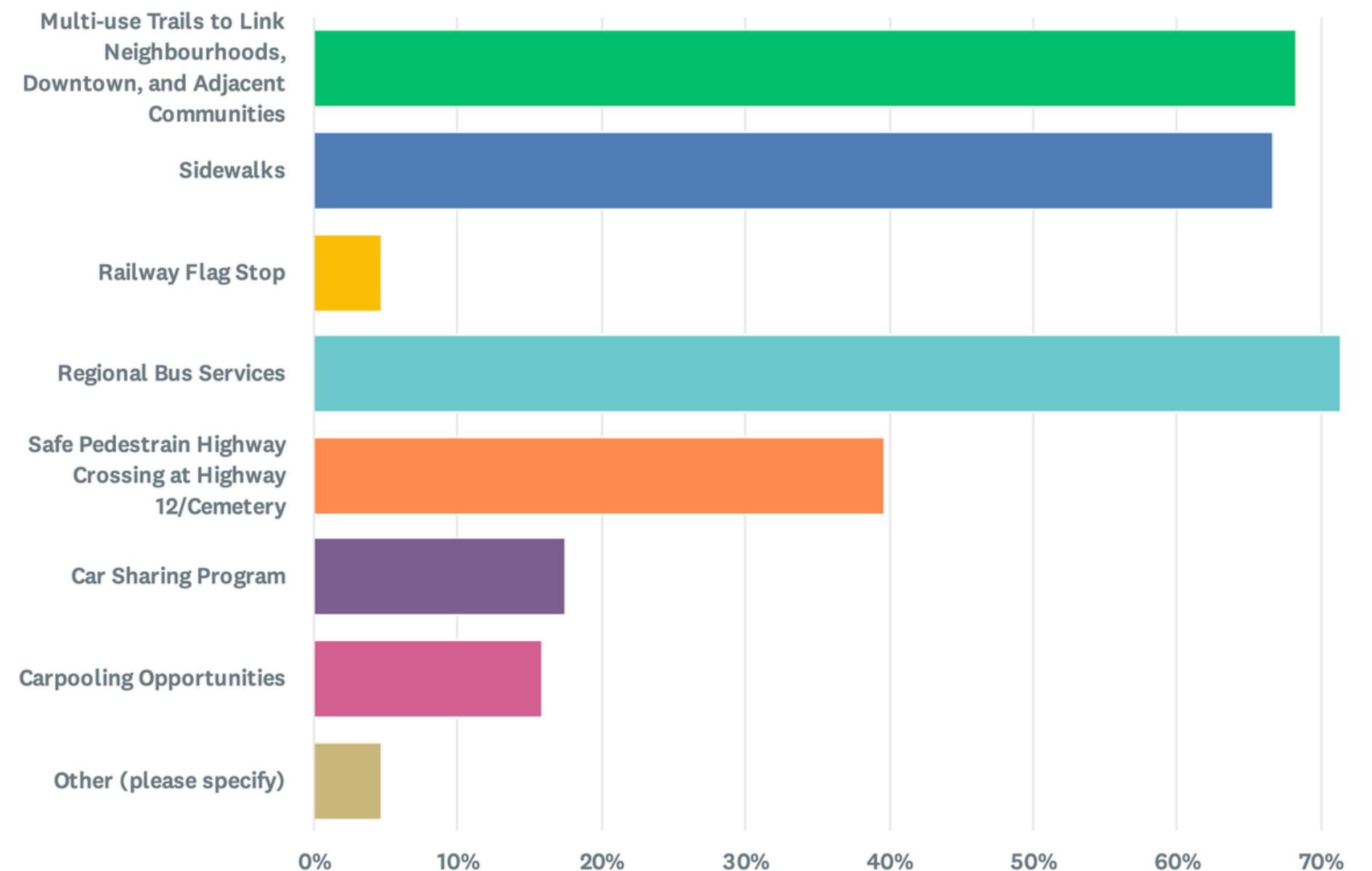
Village Facilities:

Village-owned/operated spaces that respondents would like to see:

- Festival, Powwow, and Event Space, including space for Farmers' Market
- Multi-use room (yoga, crafts, meetings)
- Library
- Community garden
- Youth centre

Mobility:

- Regional bus services
- Multi-use trails linking neighbourhoods with downtown/adjacent communities
- More and improved sidewalks
- Pedestrian Highway Crossing at Hwy 12

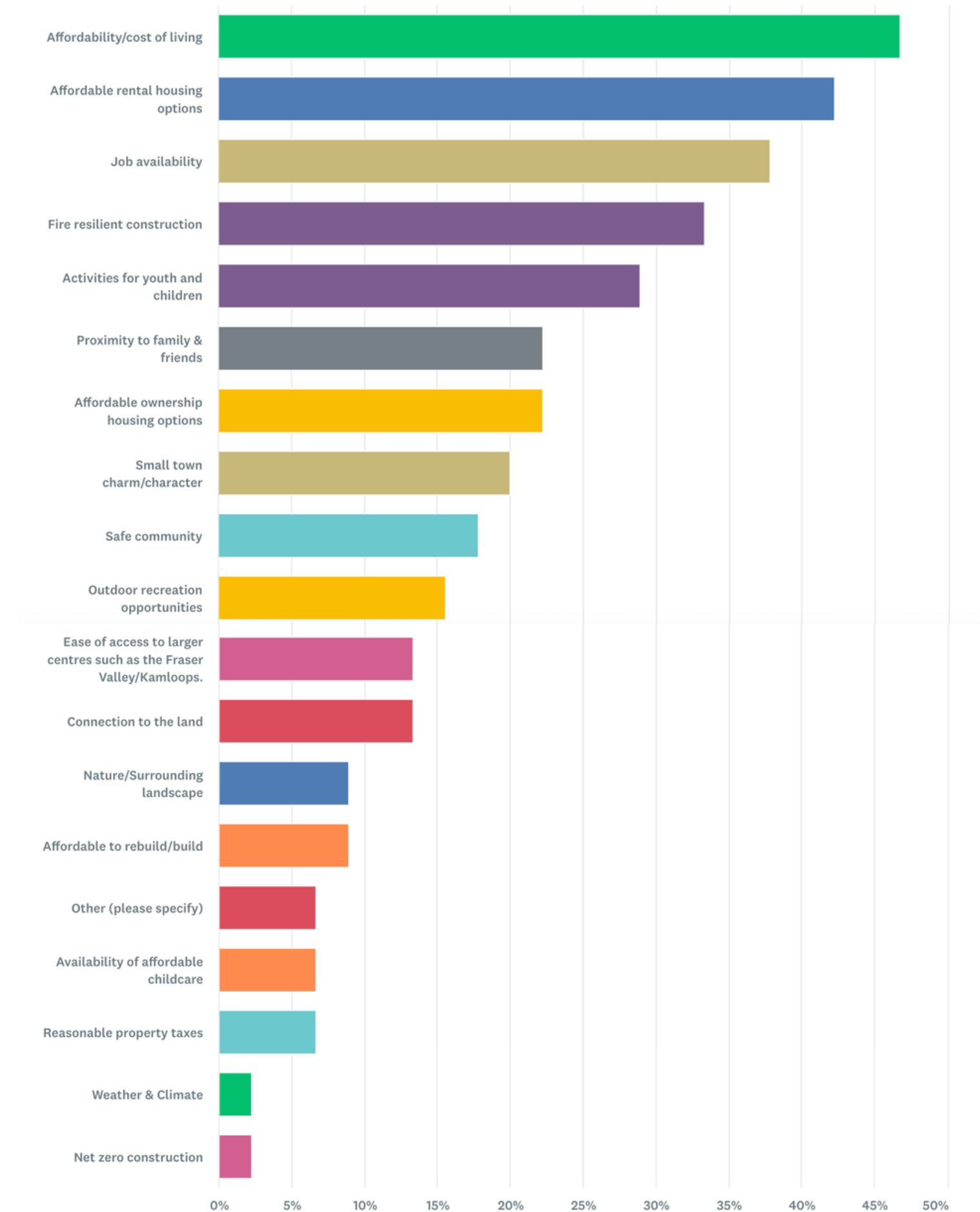


Findings

What will bring, and then keep young adults in Lytton?

Although the choice to move is complex, some key areas that respondents indicated would most influence their choice to move to/stay in the Village long term are:

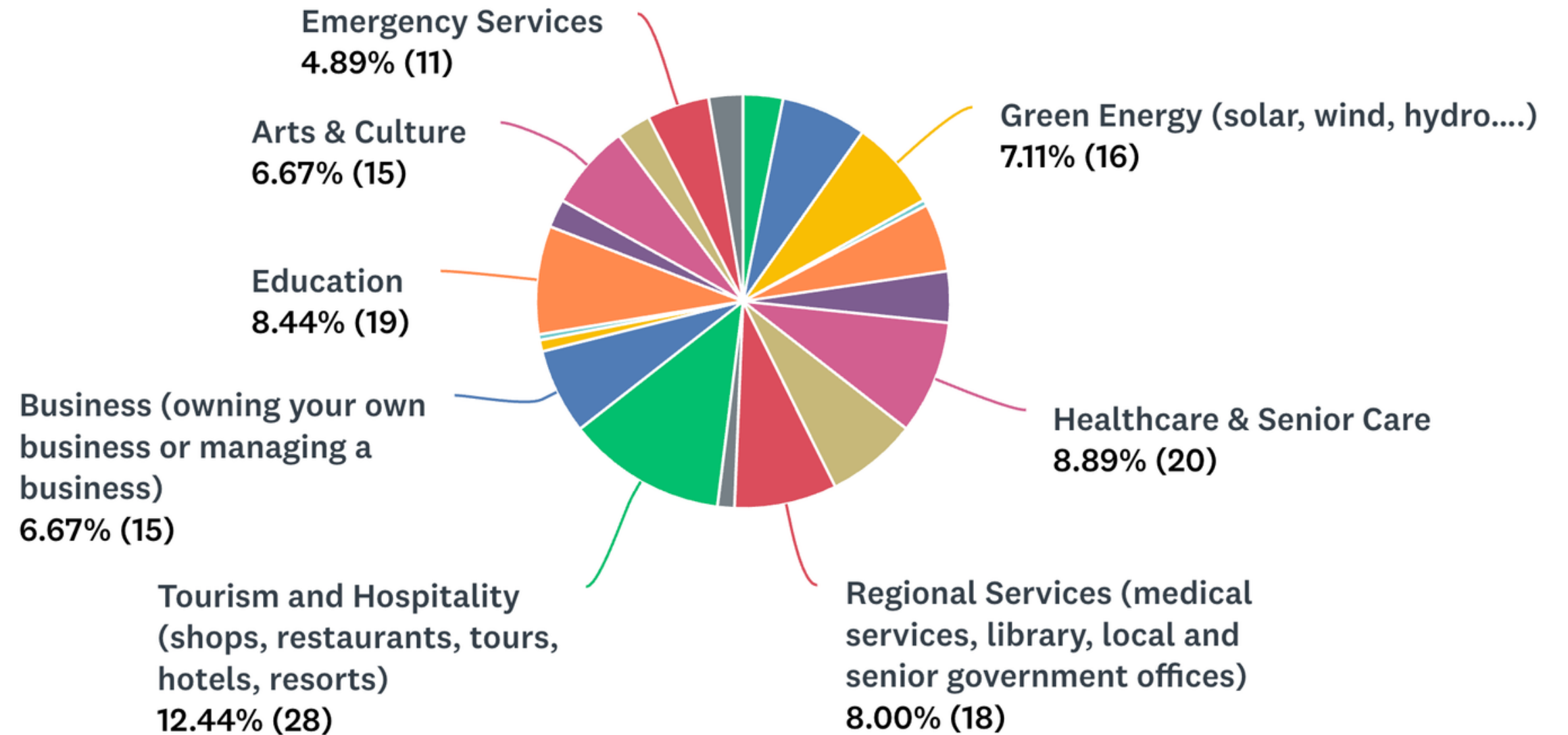
- Affordability
 - Cost of living
 - Affordable rental & ownership housing options
- Job availability
- Fire resilient construction
- Activities for youth and children
- Proximity to family & friends



Findings

Top three occupations young adults are most interested in:

- 1: Tourism and Hospitality (12.44%)
- 2: Healthcare & Senior Care (8.89%)
- 3: Education (8.44%)



Looking Forward

Staff will continue to analyze results from the YAS and identify where key themes of responses can be used to inform the upcoming Official Community Plan Update.

Using these responses in the Official Community Plan Update could look like:

- Using themes or priorities from respondents in drafting policy directions that encourage appropriate development for the younger demographic.
- Create action items to encourage the Village to implement various programs and/or activities that supports the needs of young adults in the area
- Create action items that will further engage the 16-35 year-old demographic and continue to connect them with the greater Lytton community