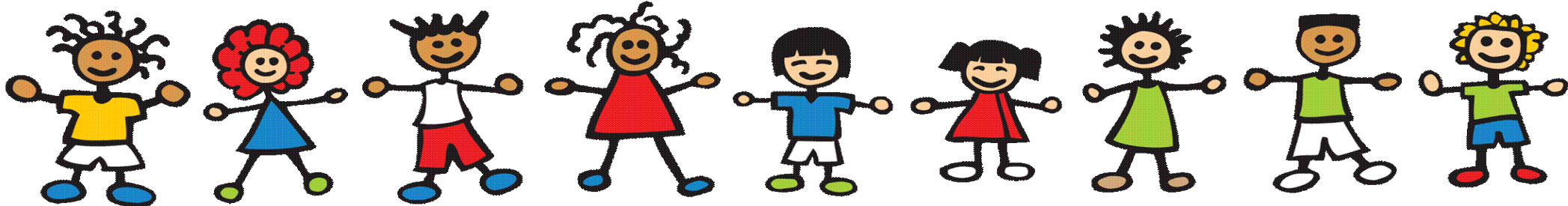


**MD Discussion Presentation regarding
Capital contribution to the**

**Pincher Creek
Community Early Learning Centres**

Spring 2020



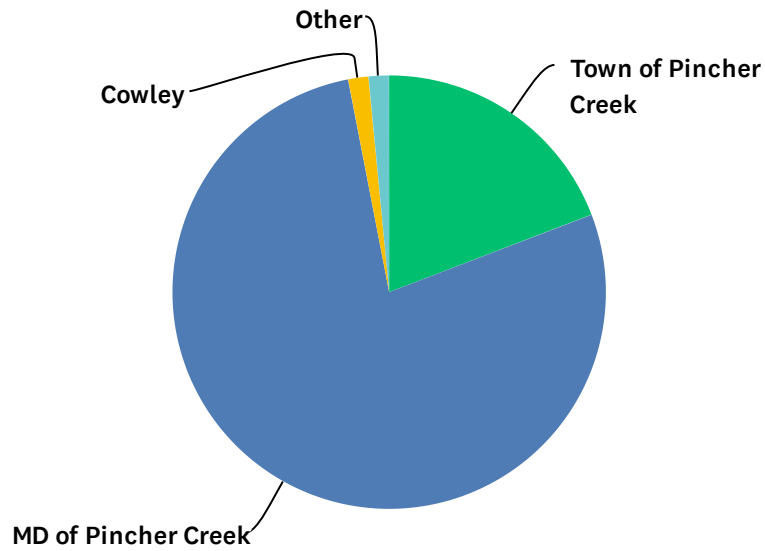
Agenda

- i. Review Survey Results**
- ii. Review the answers to the questions**
- iii. Proposed funding options from Admin
- if Council chooses to proceed**



Q1 Where do you reside?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 0

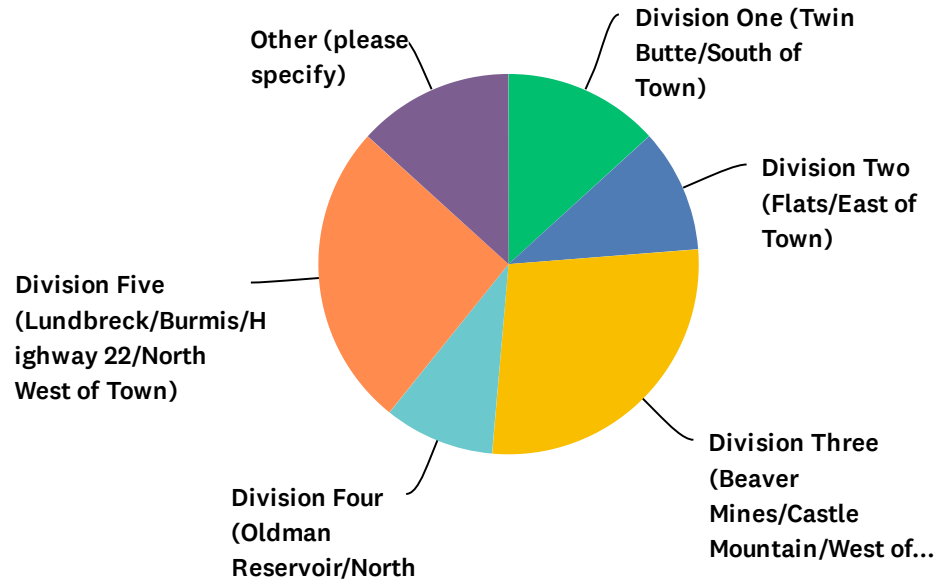


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Town of Pincher Creek	19.19%	38
MD of Pincher Creek	77.78%	154
Cowley	1.52%	3
Other	1.52%	3
TOTAL		198

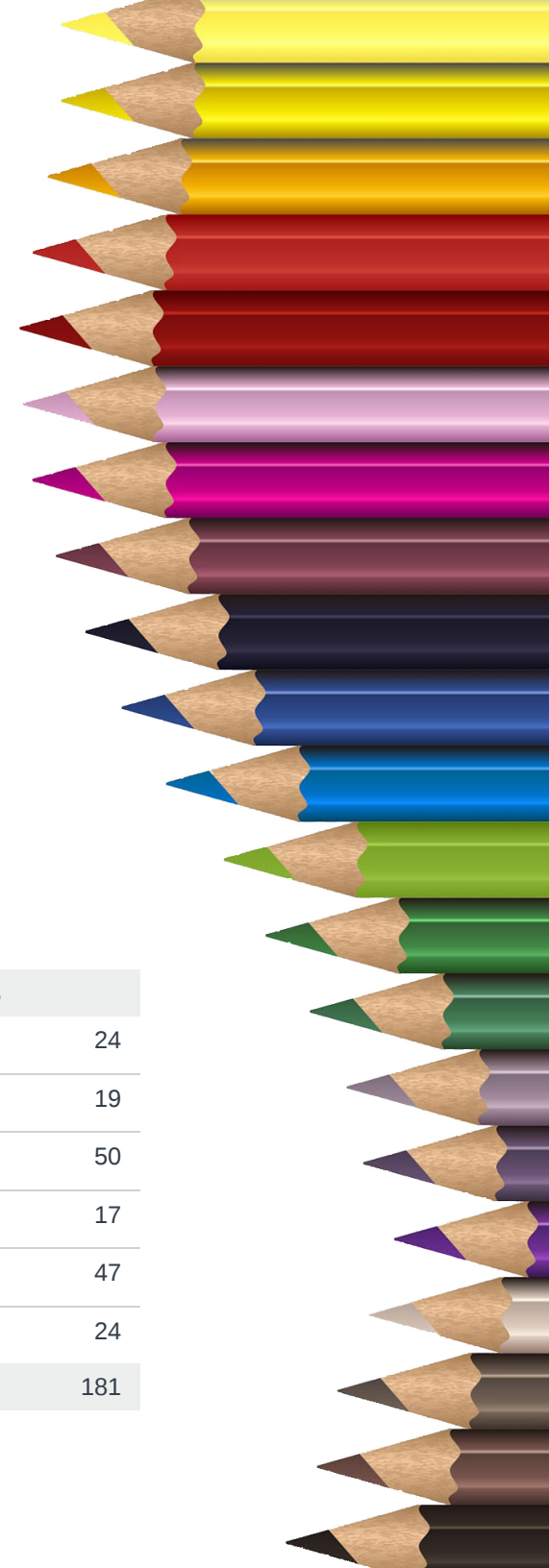


Q2 Which division do you live in?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 17

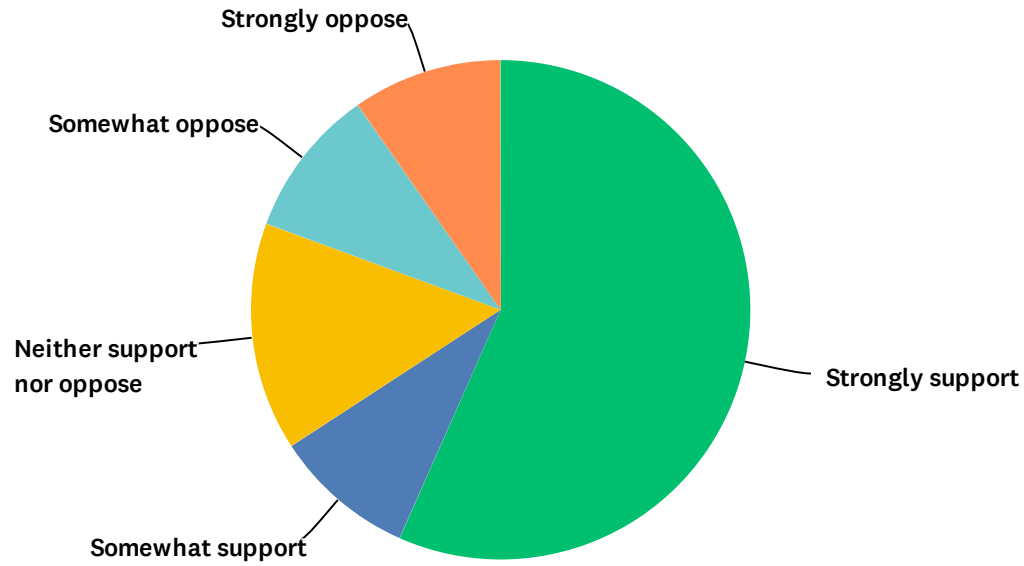


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Division One (Twin Butte/South of Town)	13.26%	24
Division Two (Flats/East of Town)	10.50%	19
Division Three (Beaver Mines/Castle Mountain/West of Town)	27.62%	50
Division Four (Oldman Reservoir/North East of Town)	9.39%	17
Division Five (Lundbreck/Burmis/Highway 22/North West of Town)	25.97%	47
Other (please specify)	13.26%	24
TOTAL		181

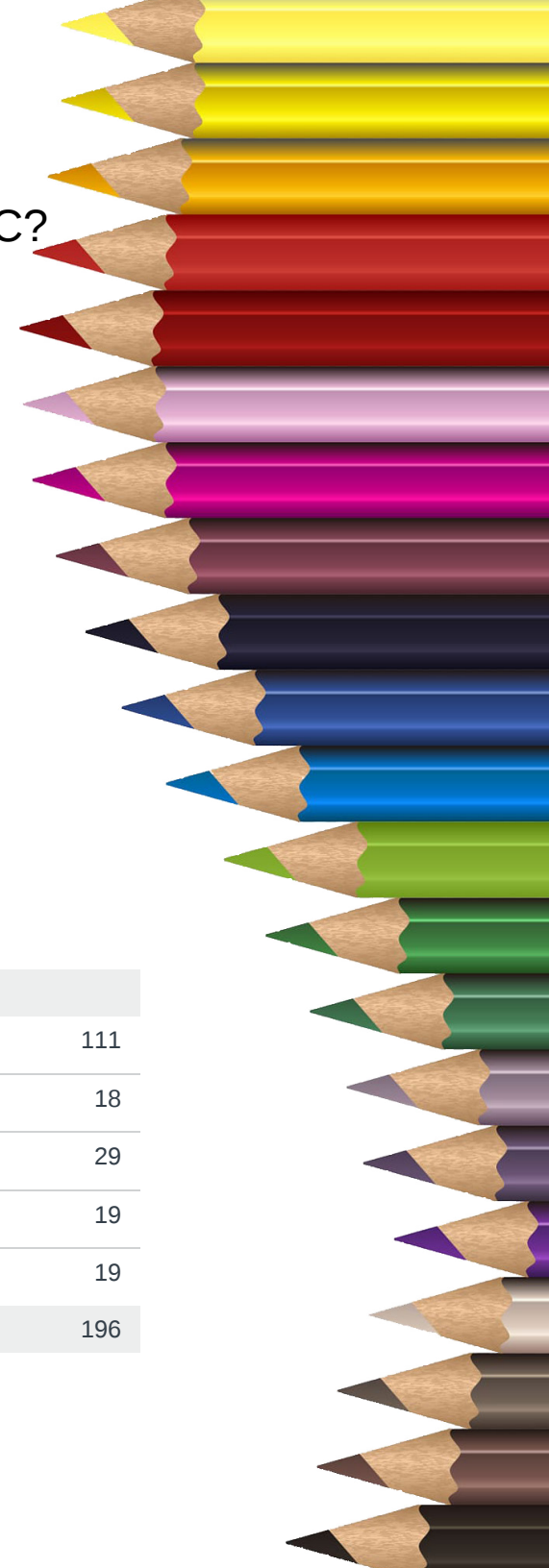


Q3 How much do you support or oppose the need of the PCCELC?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 2

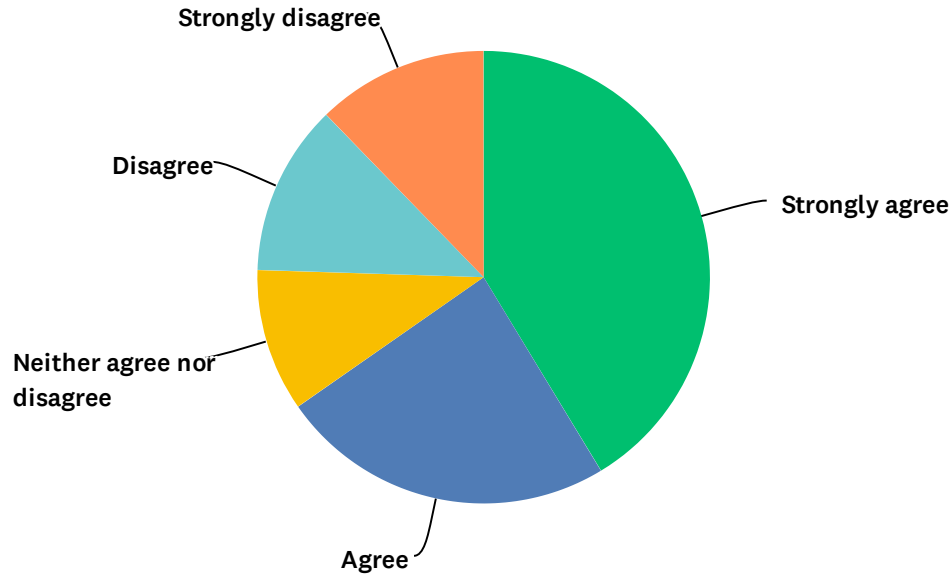


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	56.63%	111
Somewhat support	9.18%	18
Neither support nor oppose	14.80%	29
Somewhat oppose	9.69%	19
Strongly oppose	9.69%	19
TOTAL		196



Q5 Do you think the MD should be co-funding a portion of the capital (building/construction) costs for the PCCELC?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 2

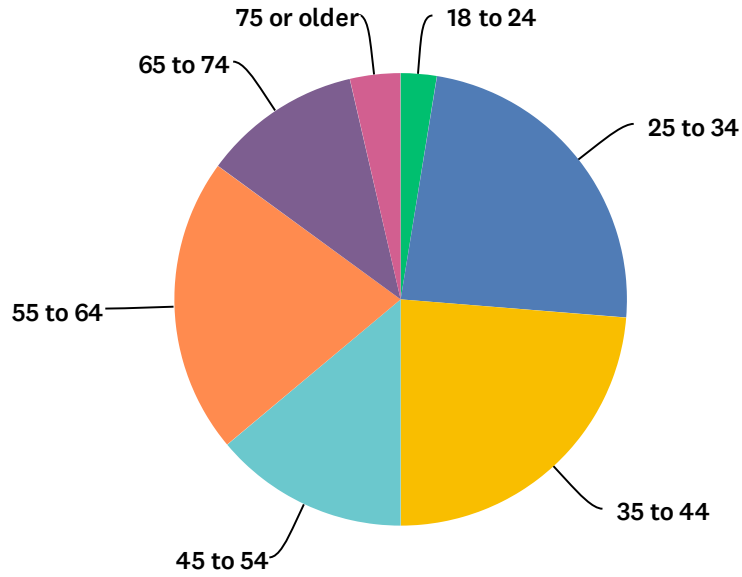


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	41.33%	81
Agree	23.98%	47
Neither agree nor disagree	10.20%	20
Disagree	12.24%	24
Strongly disagree	12.24%	24
TOTAL		196

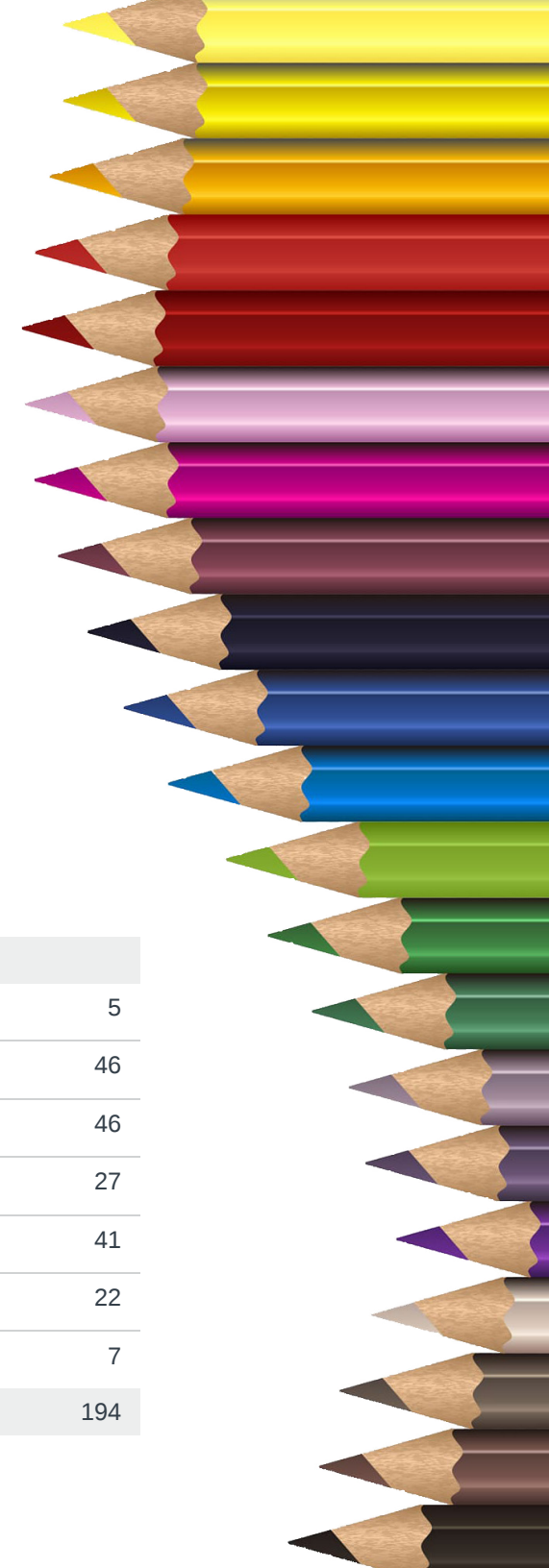


Q7 What is your age?

Answered: 194 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 to 24	2.58%	5
25 to 34	23.71%	46
35 to 44	23.71%	46
45 to 54	13.92%	27
55 to 64	21.13%	41
65 to 74	11.34%	22
75 or older	3.61%	7
TOTAL		194



Questions and comments provided by our residents for your consideration.

1. Do you think the MD should be co-funding a portion of the capital (building/construction) costs for the PCCELC?

Pros

A daycare in Pincher Creek will assist families in the Town and MD of Pincher Creek and surrounding areas. This will help draw young families to the area, to make this region their home

A high portion of people who need this facility live or work in the MD. Local MD businesses are having difficulty getting staff because of child-care issues.

A large portion family using the PCCELC reside in the MD. If we fund schools why wouldn't funding be provided for a licensed early learning facility?

A lot of MD residents use it

A lot of rural families would benefit from child care during harvest time with extended work hours

A portion of the building at least, as long as it is not disproportionate to the usage. We need more youth in the MD

As a rural MD tax payer, this is the exact type of initiative I want to see my tax dollars supporting.

As long as M.D. residents can utilize the facility , they should cost share

As long as MD residents are allowed usage of the facility, we should help to pay.

As MD residents we are using and will continue to use the child care services located in the Town of Pincher Creek. Of course, the MD should be contributing to capital costs of the facilities. I am disappointed that this is the first time the MD is consulting residents on this matter, the centres have walls, surely a contribution is long overdue. There are SO many ways to hear from citizens and garner feedback, thank you for taking this step. I hope that open consultation with residents continues into the future.

I am thankful for the time Council puts into meetings etc however the Councillors at the table may no longer represent the majority of the MD. According to census data, the average age in the MD is 44 years old, the average age around the Council table is slightly past 44 years. A 44 year old is closer to planning for families than retiring and noting the difference in those life perspectives

As stated before the family centre should then be supported too! They work to have families together free play etc and if your going to support a daycare while the government is closing the family centres what hope do we have? Our taxes will increase whether we use it or not. Likely will be full because having healthy children is a benefit to the society and MD

Because MD families use child care as well! Is the MD going to build their own facility to help those families in the MD. Cheaper to co- fund

Because MD members are welcome and attend

Cons

Other priorities for taxpayer dollars

serves smaller portion of MD residents

limited funds available / extensive requests for support

If the MD were to become involved it should have been an MD initiative from the beginning, not after

I don't like hurry up after the fact financing on this scale. Also daycare is not a mission of the MD. This type of funding should be provincial if at all.

I have grave concerns about the future sustainability of the building and daycare program in terms of costs and administration. I can see a strong possibility for a need for "bailouts" using more tax dollars.

If the MD co-funds this project, it will mean higher taxes or a reduction in services or both for an expensive project (which is not a mission of municipal government) where the residents were poorly consulted.

In today's financial picture, the decision to fund a portion of the capital costs is irresponsible. The private daycares in the Crowsnest Pass seem to be able to generate a profit and they have had no public funding. Financially it does not make sense to build two daycare centres in town the size of Pincher Creek

Again, maybe if one was being built but two is excessive. And to not hire a local general contractor but use one out of Lethbridge?

2. How much do you support or oppose the need of the PCCELC?

Pros

A needed service in our community to support a young workforce. Adequate child care not being offered on private basis.

Access to high quality dependable childcare allows residents in the MD to work.

An appropriate number of childcare spaces are needed so that parents of young families are able to work.

As a working woman, it has been extremely difficult to find quality childcare for my children.

As I am involved in Early Childhood I know how short we are on child care spaces .

As long as the MD residents are allowed to use this facility, I agree with it and feel there is a need. It is difficult for young parents to find a place for their children when

At this point, this question is not relevant. The centers are moving forward. I support child care with a solid business plan. I support the facilities being co-funded for the build/capital investment and hope that Council and administration are doing their due diligence to ensure the business plan for PCCELC is solid.

Available quality child care is a major factor in maintaining a healthy, prosperous and stable community.

Because all families need a place like our family center!

Because child care is important in the community and to be able to run a child care setting in the proper facility that meets all our needs

Because Early learning is the centre of having a strong community and attracting more talent.

Because I don't know anything about it (and the open house is the same day as the survey closes), but I believe supporting children is important.

Because our community is desperately in need of accessible child care.

Because places like Lundbreck need before and after school care. There is nowhere for kids to go before and after school in Lundbreck for those parents who are working. And in the summer it would be more as kids are not in school and the MD would benefit from having something in the rural area like Lundbreck for these

Being a senior with no grandchildren close it doesn't really affect me but I do recognize the need for such a facility

Building community facilities requires the help of all local governments. Similar to seniors housing. Child care is a huge issue in this area. It is extremely difficult to find childcare options. Early education is critical. The community needs this resource.

Child care options are EXTREMELY limited in this area.

Childcare is a necessity!

Children need the opportunity to have a space with high quality and educator that have a passion for what they do. A place where they feel at home, allowing them to explore, be playful, nurtures their well being, provides opportunities for them to learn social emotional skills as they become capable and competent citizens with in Creating community and outreach for parents and children is important for emotional and mental health.

Dependable and responsible childcare is a must for working parents. Our economy depends on it and our most precious family members and local resource deserve

Quality and available childcare is a vital need in any community. It's a reality that mom's don't all stay at home anymore.

Quality childcare is an essential service in a community in order for it to thrive. Necessary to keep and recruit young families but also necessary in order for people to go to work and provide services to others. (ie doctors, emergency service personnel, service industry, teachers etc.)

Support for struggling parents. Community support, friendships, activities, development.

The children in the area need it.

The MD should have a role to play in this... but not 50%

Quality daycare is essential to ensure that we attract and retain people, particularly women and young couples in the workforce. Not everyone who lives here has family

residents of the MD may work in the town of Pincher Creek and need day care for children

The Pincher Creek community (including rural areas) really needs to provide good quality reliable childcare and after school programming for all residents

The programs offered benefit children immensely. The staff is great and the facility is nice. I want my child to continue to develop positively from these programs.

There are not enough child care services in our community/municipality. We need to work together as a town and municipal district to serve our entire population at large

There is a huge demand for child care, parents are missing work because of it.

There is already a shortage of quality childcare in the town, we were on a wait list for about a year and a half until we got into the daycare. Day homes are always full

Cons

A complete waste of money. the last child centre shut down because it wasn't sustainable. People won't be able to afford cost of childcare in such fancy buildings.

Do not have children. Don't know much about it.

Do not live in pincher creek and will not utilize this facility

Do we need two new daycares in Pincher Creek? How will this affect our taxes
Don't know much about it

Not something we need and it is just one more cost. Also I feel it is better for the child to be raised by a loving family member if possible.

Not well managed so far. Original cost almost doubled, some problems with original footprint being built incorrectly and that affects the original plan in that one building may need a wind fence and the other a change in landscaping because the kids exit doors to access the play area are switched around.

One potentially could be fine, but two? What a waste of money.

Parents could mount a fund raising campaign to further assist with funding the capital.

Public tax money spent on things that should be a for profit business

Should only have been one building built.

The money used for the construction will be taken from roads. The initial cost is only the beginning.

The town will continually ask for operational money.

There is a need for this facility, but just one would have done.

There seems to be a problem with pincher creek's spending of taxpayers dollars then coming to the MD to bail them out. why was there a need to build 2 separate buildings when one building would have cost significantly less as well as reducing the operational cost as well. there may well be a need but not the need for two separate facilities. As yet we have not seen the real rational for two facilities, nor is it likely to happen.

Were there common themes?

Pros

# of comments	Common theme
176	MD should support all facilities that MD residents use / Needed for community

Cons

29	2 centers are not fiscally responsible/sustainable
21	Tax Concern/Cost to residents
14	One should have been built in rural area
10	Should be based on % of residents that are using it
9	Not needed/won't use
8	MD has other priorities/roads
7	Should be funded without Local Government/ Should be private business
6	Non budgeted \$2 Million shouldn't be funded
4	Should have had more public input/Town coming to us too late

What else did we hear that should be considered?

- When the building is sold to a private business, will the MD receive their contributions back?
 - How does the MD benefit financially with the center?
- Will the educators that live in the MD be compensated while working there?
- We need desperate upgrades to several recreation facilities that all citizens can use, these don't appear to have any support.
 - It seems that the only constituents that matter to government are those with young children.

Financial considerations

The estimated capital cost for the two learning centers are \$2,076,822 for Canyon and \$2,087,018 for St Michaels (**total estimated capital cost of \$4,163,840**).

Both projects are expected to be complete in May /June 2020.

The Town has not secured any grant funding at this time.

There is little to no potential for any grants funding at this time.

14 out of the 53 (26%) children enrolled in daycare are residents of the M.D.

Town Council has decided to fund \$2 million out of reserves and \$2 million out of borrowing.

The Town of Pincher Creek is confident that the PCCELC will be self- sufficient and will not require additional funds for operating expenses.

The Town is considering using the surplus (if any) generated by PCCELC as rental income.

Canyon received the subsidized daycare (\$25/day);

St. Mike's daycare was not operational at the time to apply.