



Comparison of 2016 with 2002 Hamilton Survey Results (1)

Public access to water bodies for swimming	89		
Fields for soccer, softball, baseball, and football, and Lacrosse	158		
Patton Park improvements	135		
Horse trails	31		
Cultural, arts, and craft facilities	98		
<b>11. Should the Town of Hamilton:</b>			
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Restrict new development through zoning?	33	97	43
Use tax revenue or bonds to buy land for the purpose of reducing Hamilton's	-15	133	59
Adopt zoning to encourage market-rate housing for the elderly?	67	74	33
Adopt zoning to encourage townhouse or multi-family units in order to acco	98	57	16
Increase the minimum lot size required for new homes to reduce the potentia	-39	146	59
Adopt special zoning that allows planned, residential and commercial develo	33	88	39
Allow cottage style zoning? Cottage housing provides an option that preserv	466	130	108
Be more proactive about developing a sewer system for downtown business	415	124	161
<b>12. Should the Town of Hamilton:</b>			
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Sponsor or encourage housing affordable to senior citizens living on fixed in	87	49	18
Sponsor or encourage housing affordable housing to low- or moderate-incor	50	91	8
Sponsor or encourage housing affordable to town and school employees?	95	28	20
Buy land for the purpose of developing affordable housing?	63	104	-17
Sponsor the development of elderly housing exclusively for seniors already l	80	52	13
Adopt zoning that requires the inclusion of some affordable housing units in	76	67	8
Apply for grants to buy existing homes and sell or rent them as affordable hc	97	59	-10
Adopt zoning providing for a mix of housing by allowing two-unit or multi-	91	43	14
Allow more rental property options?	89	13	37
Should town relax existing zoning so as to permit a rental unit in a single fat	320	280	70
<b>13. Should the Town of Hamilton:</b>			
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Sponsor or develop bicycle lanes on key connector roads?	136	-3	15
Provide more services and programs for youth?	132	33	-20
Provide more services and programs for senior citizens?	20	66	46
Provide services and facilities for cultural activities (art, theatre, music, craft	104	22	18
Be more proactive about investigating and securing additional water supplie	14	32	91
Be more pro-active about encouraging or enforcing more water conservatio	-10	102	48
Increase annual spending on road maintenance and drainage?	100	11	32
<b>14. Improve access for persons with disabilities in public and commercial buildings, parks or other public places?</b>			
Improve Access for Disabled	36	-52	108
Disabled Access Where?			
<b>15. Build more sidewalks in residential neighborhoods?</b>			
More Sidewalks in Residential Neighborhoods	2	-5	20
Where more sidewalks?			
<b>16. Should town more aggressively enforce regulations to protect surrounding residents from home-based businesses?</b>			
Enforcement Regulations re Home Business	-157	175	142
<b>18. Should the Town of Hamilton:</b>			
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Work to facilitate more commercial development in Hamilton to expand the	197	-90	20

	4.6%	"	44	2.8%
	9.6%	"	219	19.7%
	"	"		
	"	"		
	8.4%	"	86	4.9%
	-0.1%	"	50	1.0%
	6.3%	"	48	-0.3%
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	
173	-15.1%	10.9%	4.2%	
177	-15.2%	10.2%	4.9%	
174	-4.9%	5.7%	-0.8%	
171	4.1%	-2.6%	-1.5%	
166	-21.6%	15.0%	6.5%	
160	-10.4%	8.8%	1.6%	
704	66.2%	18.5%	15.3%	
700	59.3%	17.7%	23.0%	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	
154	-3.5%	3.3%	0.1%	
149	-3.3%	5.2%	-1.8%	
143	4.9%	-5.0%	0.2%	
150	3.1%	3.3%	-6.4%	
145	-0.2%	1.6%	-1.4%	
151	-0.8%	2.3%	-1.5%	
146	4.5%	0.2%	-4.7%	
148	5.0%	-3.9%	-1.2%	
139	3.1%	-6.4%	3.2%	
670	47.8%	41.8%	10.4%	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	
148	5.7%	-6.0%	0.2%	
145	9.9%	-0.8%	-9.0%	
132	-6.9%	5.7%	1.2%	
144	5.0%	-2.7%	-2.3%	
137	-14.3%	3.2%	11.1%	
140	-16.9%	12.0%	5.0%	
143	8.5%	-8.3%	-0.2%	
	1.3%	-14.7%	5.4%	
	-5.7%	-11.1%	-3.3%	
	-41.2%	17.5%	15.3%	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	
127	19.5%	-21.3%	1.6%	

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Provide more short term parking spaces in the downtown area?	-23	97	50
Provide more parking for commuters?	-158	196	89
Do more to enforce parking regulations in downtown residential areas?	-71	154	37
Spend tax or other local revenue to bury public utilities in the downtown area?	30	37	54
Improve pedestrian and bicycle access in the downtown area?	109	10	0

Sponsor or encourage shared wastewater disposal facilities or a sewer district	210	-92	4
Encourage more agricultural business			
Encourage zoning for office/R&D development			

19. What kind of business would you like to see more of in downtown Hamilton? (check all that apply)

offices	30
grocery/food	53
retail stores	126
bakery/deli	195
tourism	5
home business	8
more restaurants	169
bed and breakfast/inns	50
recreation	74
service business	14
Other - Write In	26
Other-text	0

20. How important is it to you, even if it may involve public spending, to:	Very important	Important	No Opinion	Not Important	Very Unimportant
Preserve buildings of historical or architectural interest	35	102	0	7	5
Preserve farmlands	61	63	10	12	3
Preserve open space to protect drinking water	47	102	10	-13	-7
Preserve open space to protect natural resources	68	91	-3	-13	-3
Maintain current recreational areas and facilities	64	76	4	0	3
Improve High School field facilities with an artificial turf field to lengthen the season	170	144	157	106	92
Acquire land for recreational purposes	32	43	23	26	29
Increase the supply of parking in downtown Hamilton	-30	-21	81	79	36
Increase the level of communication of town business through the town's website	146	243	204	46	18

21. If you could determine how your tax dollars were spent, would you allocate more, or less or the same amount to the following areas?	More	Same	Less	No Opinion
Active recreation facilities, e.g., athletic fields, tennis courts	86	11	43	16
Maintenance of streets, sidewalks, and parks	88	49	-5	11
Build more bicycle and walking paths	85	28	36	4
Drinking water supply and quality	-14	122	8	25
Senior services	-53	132	40	19
Public Schools: Staff and Facilities	171	-61	43	5
Public relations/Communication	110	361	105	76

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	1.4%	of total responses
	5.9%	"
	16.3%	"
	23.8%	"
	-0.2%	"
	-0.4%	"
	23.0%	"
	4.8%	"
	9.2%	"
	-0.6%	"
	2.9%	"

	Very important	Important	No Opinion	Not Important	Very Unimportant
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