

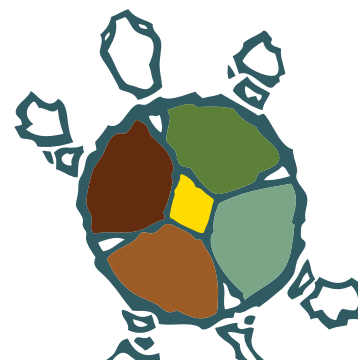


Everything that matters to you and affects  
your day-to-day determines your community's

# Quality of Life

## REPORT 2019

**TMCDC** Turtle Mountain  
Community Development  
Committee  
MUNICIPALITY OF BOISSEVAIN-MORTON





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# BACKGROUND

The Turtle Mountain Community Development Committee (TMCDC), under the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton, strives to promote economic and business development, community engagement, regional partnerships, tourism and marketing.

To gain insight and assess the needs and priorities of local residents, the TMCDC and Municipality of Boissevain-Morton conducted their first Quality of Life survey in 2019.

The information will help identify local areas of strength and weakness. Using that information, private and public organizations can work together to develop priorities and plans for community growth.

TMCDC and the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton want to encourage a thriving community, ensuring there are opportunities and choices that lead to a better quality of life for all. The perspectives of residents are critical to how services are prioritized to address the needs of the public.



## 295 completed surveys

102 paper surveys

193 completed online

According to Stats Canada 2016 census, population of the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton is 2,353, with 1,925 of those being 15 years or older. A total of 295 surveys were completed, resulting in a 15.32% response rate. Alternatively, Stats Canada states there are 1095 private dwellings in the municipality, resulting in 26.9% of households represented by the survey.

### General:

The survey launched February 1, 2019 and closed on March 3, 2019. Paper copies were available at the Municipal Office and Hazlewood Drugs, with drop boxes placed at both locations. Additionally, the survey was distributed to Boissevain School's Grade 10 Home Ecology class. The following details the methods used to promote the survey.

### Website

Survey launched online on February 1, 2019 at [surveymonkey.com](http://surveymonkey.com) and [www.boissevain.ca](http://www.boissevain.ca)

### Mail Out

750 surveys distributed to mailboxes in Boissevain-Morton on February 1, 2019.

### Email Notice

Sent to Boissevain & District Chamber of Commerce members and other stakeholders.

### Social Media

Facebook (@boissevainmorton)

Instagram (@boissevainmorton)

### Media Coverage

Advertisements in Boissevain Recorder (local newspaper) and CJRB Radio 1220 (Boissevain). Interviews with CJRB Radio 1220 and Brandon Sun daily newspaper.

# COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

## Birthplace



Manitoba



Canada



Other

## Age



Under 18



18-30



31-50



51-64



65+

## Income



Less than \$24,999



\$25,000 to \$49,999



\$50,000 to \$74,999



\$75,000 or more

## Education



Graduate Degree



Degree (BA, BS)



High School Diploma



No diploma

## Employment



Full time



Retired



Part-time



Self-employed



Casual



Not employed

# LIVING HERE

## What do you like most about living here?



**Community Spirit**  
*friendliness, willingness to help*



**Rural Living**  
*small town feeling, safety & security, quiet*



**Amenities**  
*services, activities, library, theatre, etc.*



**Outdoor Activities**  
*proximity to TMPP*



**Health Care**  
*Dr. Nell, NP Sheryl, EMS, hospital*

*"A great place to raise a family, friendly community that provides all a family needs."*

*"It's home to me - past and present."*

*"Friendly and active community on the move and striving to move forward. Lots of opportunities."*

*"The tight-knit community and budding arts programming/opportunities for kids and adults in our community."*

*"Rural living, people helping people, the fact that we have a doctor & nurse practitioner, hospital, Westview Lodge & Evergreen Place."*

*"We had great care from all providers at the hospital!"*

*"Friendly people, great place to raise children, great school, several recreation opportunities for youth and seniors, relatively low housing cost, close to Brandon and US, good health care, safe living, variety of businesses."*

*"Friendliness, my church community, proximity to Turtle Mountains (camping, skiing, swimming, hiking, biking), volunteerism, creativity of population."*

*"Love the Turtle Mountain area and the outdoor activities it provides. I also love how welcoming people in Boissevain have been to us!"*

## What would you miss most?



**The People**  
*friends, family, neighbours*



**Health Care**  
*Dr. Nell, NP Sheryl, EMS, hospital*



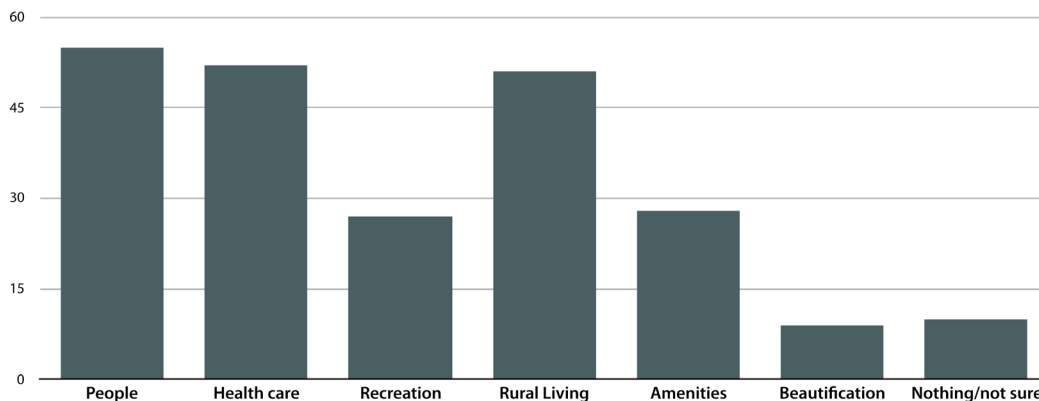
**Rural Living**  
*small town feeling, sense of community, safety, quiet*



**Amenities**  
*services, events, locally owned shops, school*



**Recreation**  
*sports leagues, pool, TMPP, IPG, walking trail*



## What changes would you make?



**Youth Activities**  
affordable, drop in centre



**Economic Dev.**  
shop local, job opportunities, immigration



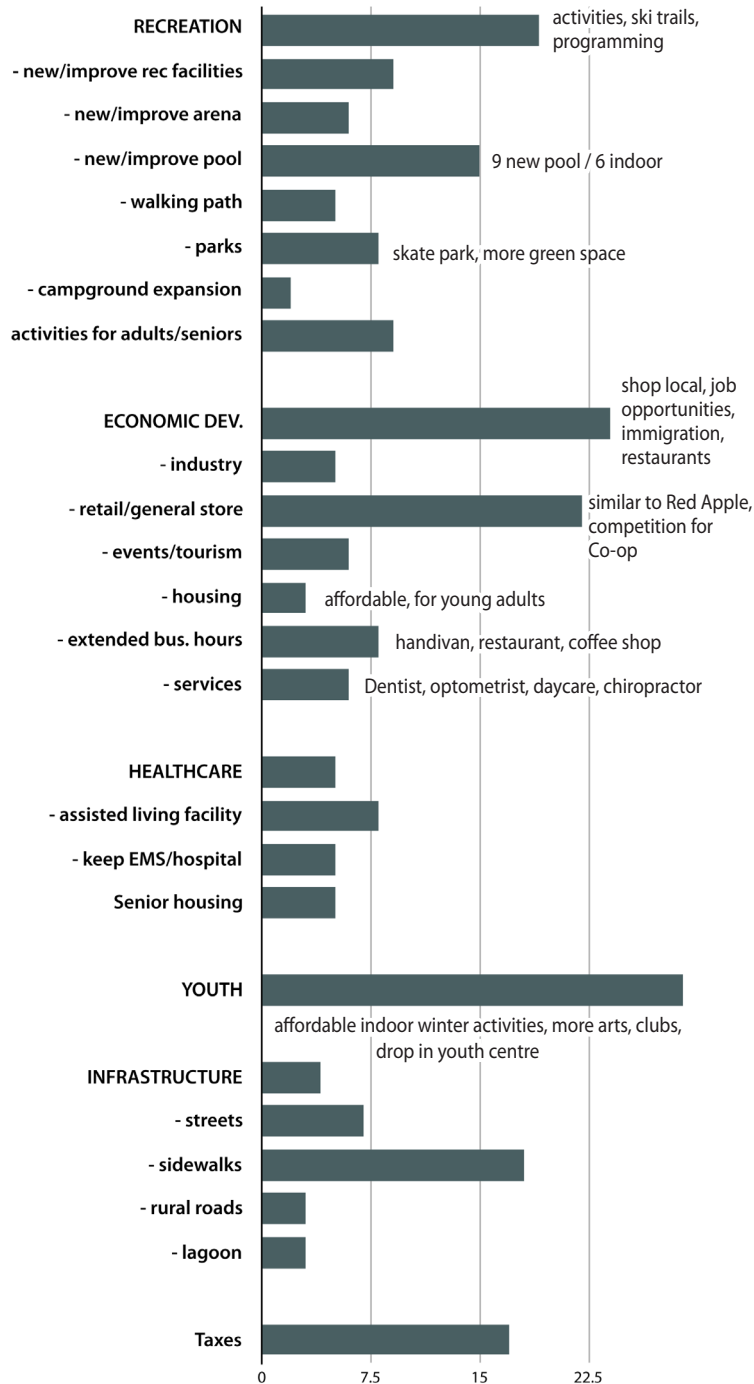
**Retail Store**  
similar to Red Apple, competition for Co-op



**Recreation**  
more activities, ski trails, programming



**Sidewalks**  
repair sidewalks, better access off curbs



### Recreation

"Indoor pool or update to current pool. More variety for indoor activities in the winter for those not into hockey, curling etc."

"More focus to improve facilities and programming for our youth; less money spent on being so beautiful in the summer and more money used towards upgrading pool, ball diamonds, campgrounds, skating, curling rink, gymnastic centre, etc."

### Economic Development

"Would like to see local businesses appreciate local shoppers."

### Health Care

"Can't lose essential services like EMS, hospital."

"Less beautification, more for seniors, better West-view Lodge."

### Youth

"More things for youth to do that doesn't cost a lot of money."

"Make more clubs/groups/after school programs for kids that aren't religious. Make a scouts group where the kids pick up trash in their neighbourhood and go on camping trips to learn independence and valuable life skills. I feel the less time kids have to themselves the less likely they are to get into trouble."

### Infrastructure

"Better access for scooters and wheelchairs, especially off curbs and sidewalks."

### General

"Less emphasis on Communities in Bloom, drop the idea of a new rink. Focus on families, youth and healthy living. Maintain and improve existing infrastructure/programs such as the pool, walking trail, after school activities, etc. Encourage retail, tourism - reasons for people to visit, keep local dollars local. Small business property tax credit. Chamber to act as a business hub and resource."

# MUNICIPAL

## Is the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton heading in the right direction?



**Right Direction**



**Wrong Track**

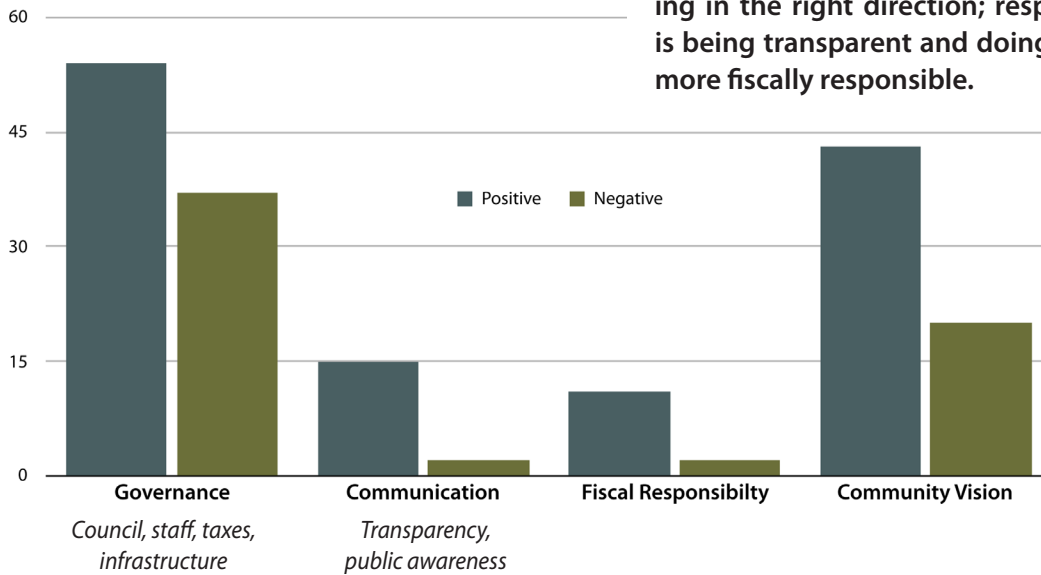


**Not Sure**

**Right Direction:** 163  
**Wrong Track:** 10  
**Not Sure:** 103

**Answered:** 276  
**Skipped:** 18

The general consensus with the new council and changes to municipal staff, the Municipality is heading in the right direction; respondents feel council is being transparent and doing a great job at being more fiscally responsible.



### Governance

*"Very qualified Councillors working to keep everybody happy. Adding new ideas, keeping town friendly."*

*"Strong leadership of Judy Swanson and good council and office staff."*

### Communication

*"Council is being more transparent, seeking public input, listening, Thank you."*

### Fiscal Responsibility

*"I think the first step in planning for the future is balancing the budget and paying down debt. The new council seems to be doing that!"*

*"They're getting control of spending while looking to the future of our area."*

### Community Vision

*"Community is showing progressive steps to sustaining and growing as a thriving place to live."*

## Electronic services from the Municipal Office



**Emergency Notifications**



**Newsletter**



**Water Bills**



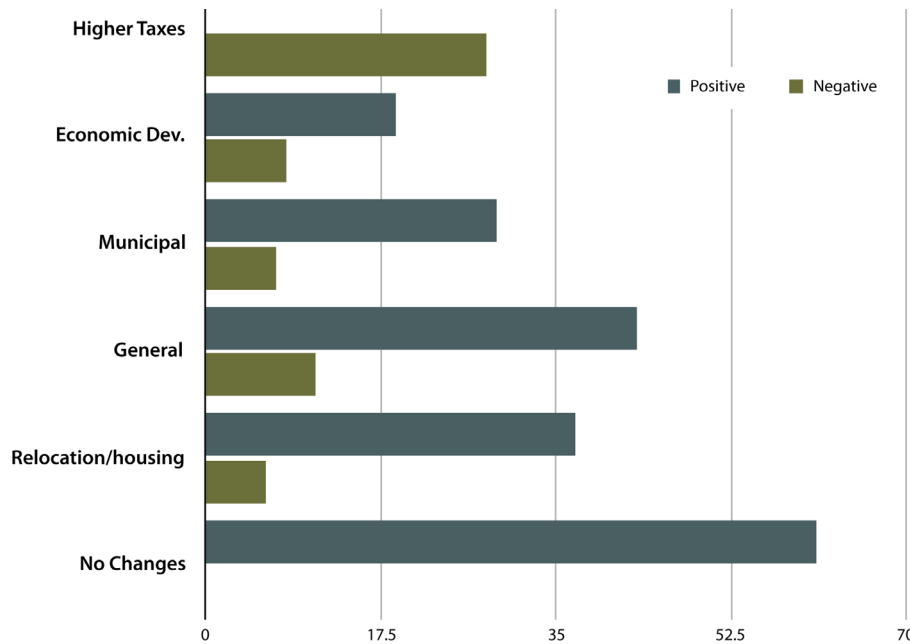
**Invoices**



**Building Permits**



## Have you noticed any difference in the community in the past two years?



In the last two years many participants have not noticed any changes.

Although there are those who have seen negatives changes, the majority have witnessed positive and encouraging changes within our community.

*“More and more young people either stay or return to raise their families.”*

*“Yes, more surveys, more input from community, resource coordinator, council, recreation, great job.”*

*“Residents continue to take pride in their yards & community.”*

*“People are grumbling about taxes more; am happy to see more immigrants. To my eyes, public works does an amazing job keeping town beautiful.”*

*“Yes, way better leadership on the council, lots of development, new houses.”*

*“Yes, more emphasis on improving roads. A mayor who is public with what is happening.”*

*“Upgrade and building such as daycare, Red Coat Apartments, office spaces (in old Co-op), new place for library, etc. Also good support for camps and other.”*

*“More of an online and social media presence from municipal office, more programming options becoming available.”*

*“More active Arts Council, a Ski Club, school renovations, repairs on the roads and streets, The Junction.”*

*“Many people seem to be more aware of the difficulties facing all small towns and are more realistic about what is and isn’t possible.”*

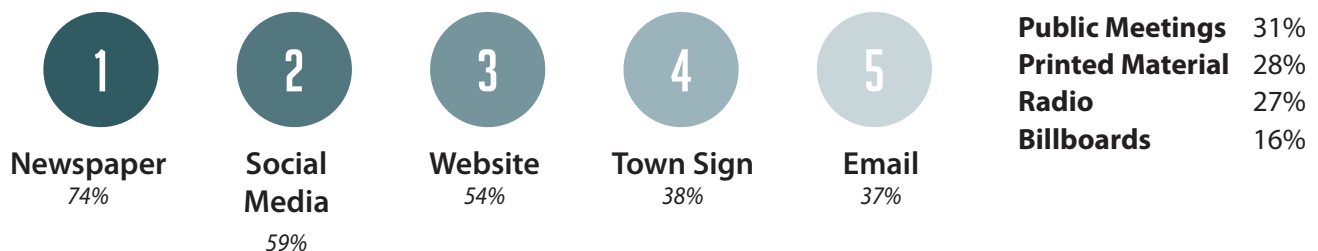
*“I think more people are becoming involved/aware of what the Municipality is doing which is a good thing.”*

*“Taxes are higher and a lack of police presence within the community.”*

*“More of a higher percentage of needy families and drug issues in the community.”*

*“Yes, insane taxes, we don’t need flowers!!  
Make living more affordable.”*

## How do you prefer to get community information?



## Projects you would like to see happen



New/  
improved  
pool



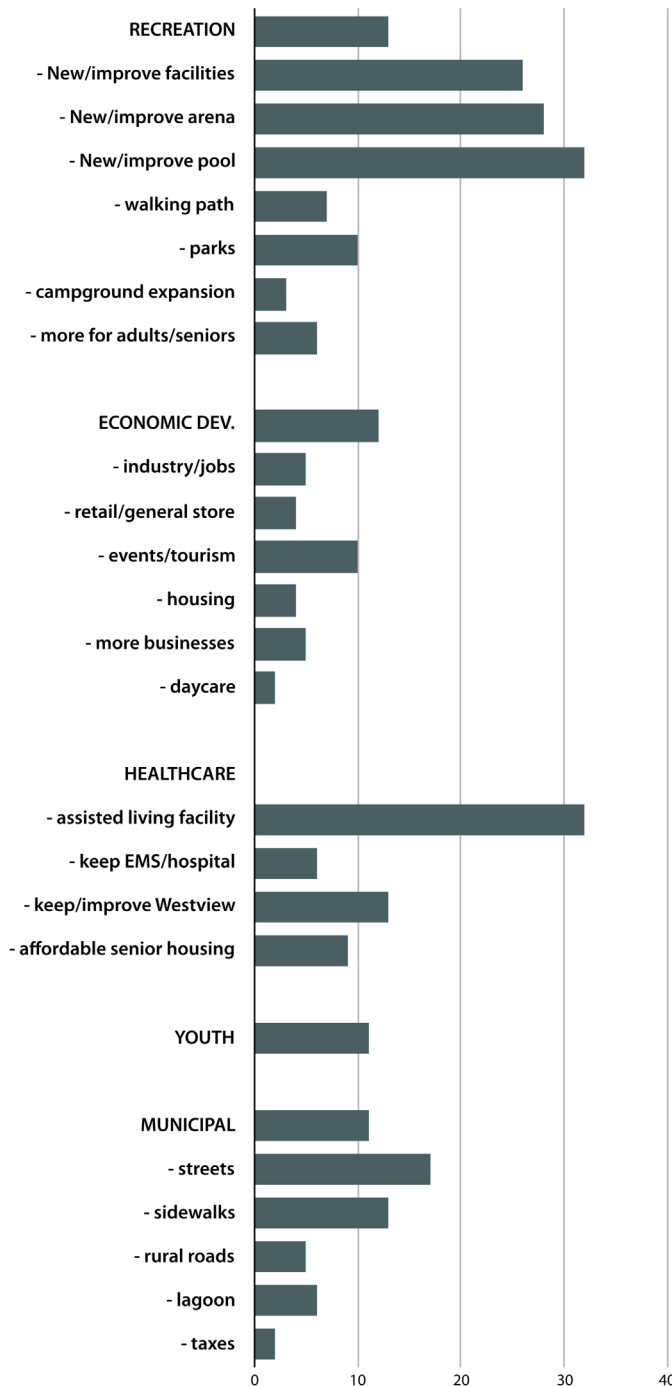
Assisted  
living  
facility



New/  
improved  
arena



New/  
improved  
rec facilities



Respondents were asked what projects they would like to see happen; tied for top project is the assisted living facility and a new or improved swimming pool - many indicated they would prefer an indoor pool. Not far behind is a new arena and recreation facilities in general.

### Recreation

*"New multiplex/rec centre, amalgamating Beckoning Hills Museum and Wildlife Museum."*

### Economic Development

*"An annual volunteer appreciation night to recognize the outstanding volunteers that keep our community going."*

*"Economic development so that young people can stay and raise families."*

### Health Care

*"Make sure we keep hospital, it employs people and we need to have it here for our people."*

*"New care home for seniors (Westview Lodge 24/7 care) and affordable senior housing."*

### Youth

*"New hall downtown for teen drop in, more advertising with an up-to-date e-calendar."*

### Infrastructure

*"Regarding civic addressing on rural residential yards to help aid with emergency services. Most other municipalities in Manitoba have adopted this 4 years ago. We are of the few that have not."*

# COMMUNITY FEATURES

## Top Features



**Personal/  
Family  
Safety**



**Place to  
Raise a  
Family**



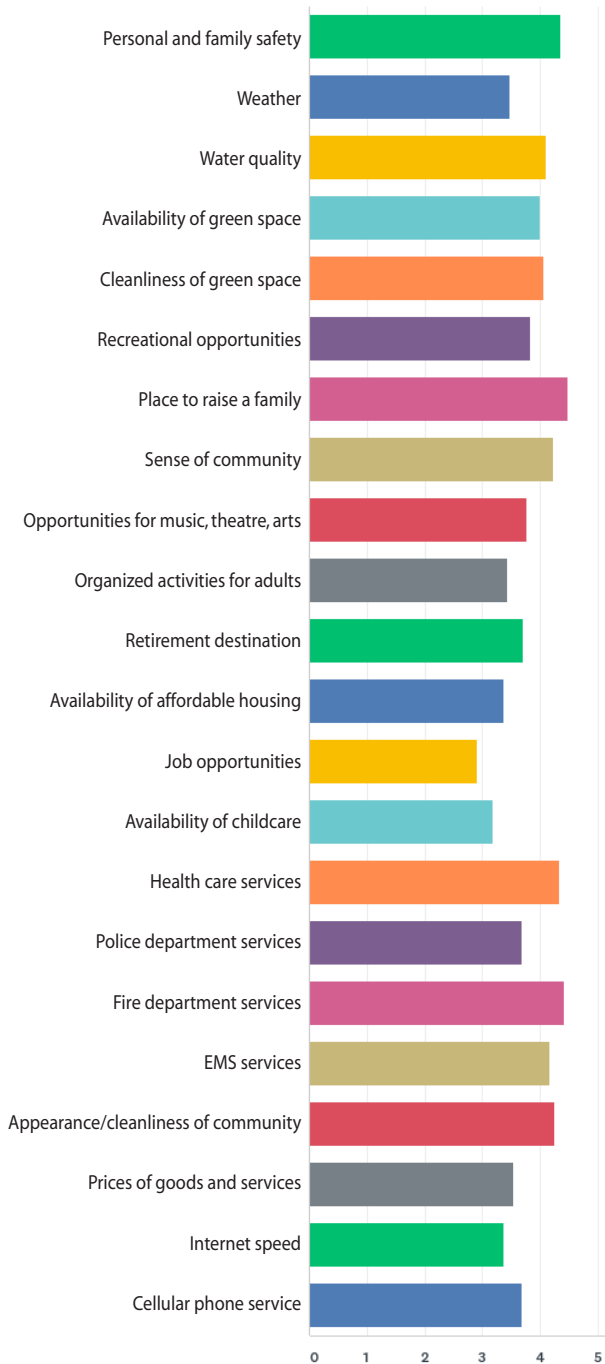
**Sense of  
Community**



**Health Care  
Services**



**Fire Dept.  
Services**



Overall, Boissevain scored very well. Respondents rated safety, place to raise a family and sense of community as excellent. Although there are no apparent red flags, potential areas requiring attention include:

- job opportunities
- availability of childcare
- internet speed

Community features were rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being very poor and 5 being excellent. See Appendix B for score chart.

# ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS & FACILITIES

## Most Important



**Boissevain Theatre**



**T.M. Provincial Park**



**Boissevain Library**



**Swimming Pool**



**Youth/Farmers Market**



Participants highly value local facilities such as the Boissevain Theatre and Library, as well as the Turtle Mountain Provincial Park.

Rated of least importance are the demo derby, White-water Lake, Outdoor Art Gallery, Communities in Bloom and Moncur Gallery.

Generally speaking, all attractions, events and facilities are valued in our community.

*"All of them, they are all important to everyone at different stages of their lives."*

*"Every facility is important. Rink, pool bring a lot of people to Boissevain."*

*"Sawmill. It is an amazing concept & I thoroughly support quality of life for everyone."*

*"Churches, stores, medical clinic, post office, seniors center, restaurants, and more. They are ALL important to make a community and to be alive. So good to have a school complete through Grade 12, a wide variety of opportunities for our community."*

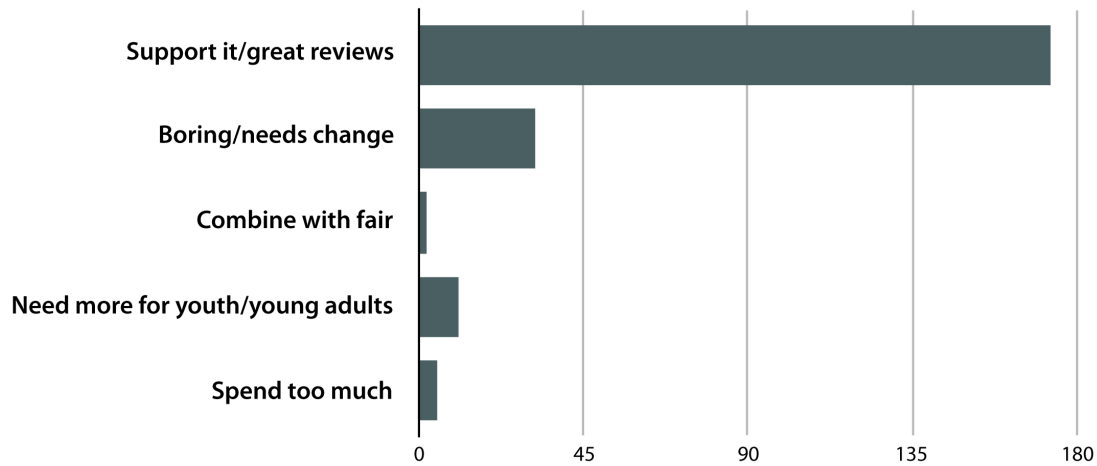
*"All of them are important to different members of our community. Our family uses the arena, baseball diamonds, parks, playgrounds, and the pool the most."*

*"There are not things here that interest me and my family. The walking paths need to be paved and cleared in the winter - walking is not just a summer sport. There needs to be an off leash dog park and something for youth to do."*

Community attractions, events and facilities were rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not very important and 5 being very important. See Appendix C for score chart.

# CANADA DAY

## Boissevain's Canada Day



*"As a family we've enjoyed the Canada Day event in Boissevain and appreciate the work that goes into making it happen."*

*"It has been excellent. However, if it is costing too much, scale it down."*

***"I think it's becoming a "Homecoming" day, its a holiday everywhere so a good day to get families together from far and wide."***

*"Parade should be scheduled a little later in day for people that may have to work. Please keep fireworks going they are excellent. And musical entertainment."*

*"Many communities do not have any celebrations anymore and know how important it is to our family. Know it takes a lot of volunteers and we commend this community for all they give!"*

*"More things for teenagers and more young adults to do because everything is for kids and adults. \*Adult bouncy castles and bubble soccer, beer gardens."*

*"Its nice when the evening program has a variety of entertainers, local and non-local and a variety (musicians, dancers, etc)."*

*"Good for the most part... not sure having music bands are that popular. Like the Métis dancing, maybe more focus on our diversity in the community would be good."*

*"It's okay, more events and activities for kids would be great, but it has definitely been improving in recent years."*

*"Could do it one day prior when stores are open + less competition from other Canada Day."*

*"I think you could group it with the fair and draw more people in. Combine with the 4-H Rally days. Have one big celebration instead of 3 small ones."*

*"Need to recognize we live on treaty land!"*

*"Needs to be reorganized. Change it up, more participation from the businesses for the parade."*

*"Needs to make some changes. Do we need a headline entertainer?"*

***"Embarrassing. Not worth continuing if it doesn't bring more people."***

## Top Canada Day attractions



**Fireworks**



**Kids Activities**



**Parade of Flags**

*Multi-culturalism*



**Parade**



**Local Musicians**

# RECREATION

## Programs you would like see



**Keep Youth Active**



**Seniors Activities**



**Arts/Music**

*"After school activities, winter indoor gym time for kids of all ages."*

*"Adult recreation options for both winter and summer."*

*"More fitness programs targeting seniors and adults, eg. yoga, strength training, stretching, drums alive, art and dance for adults."*

*"Activity day camps for school PD days, summertime single day camps for school age kids."*

*"There is a diverse selection of many already."*

*"Pickle ball, gardening activities, Genealogy workshop, introductory sessions to get more people involved in what we have: art, photography, bridge, scrabble, cribbage, pool (these exist at the drop-in for seniors, however, the membership is waning. I think there needs to be more advertising and promotion of what is available in the community)."*

*"Junior curling program for grades 1 and up."*

*"A program combining walks/hikes around town, in the provincial park and at the Peace Garden."*

## Recreation infrastructure



**New Multiplex**



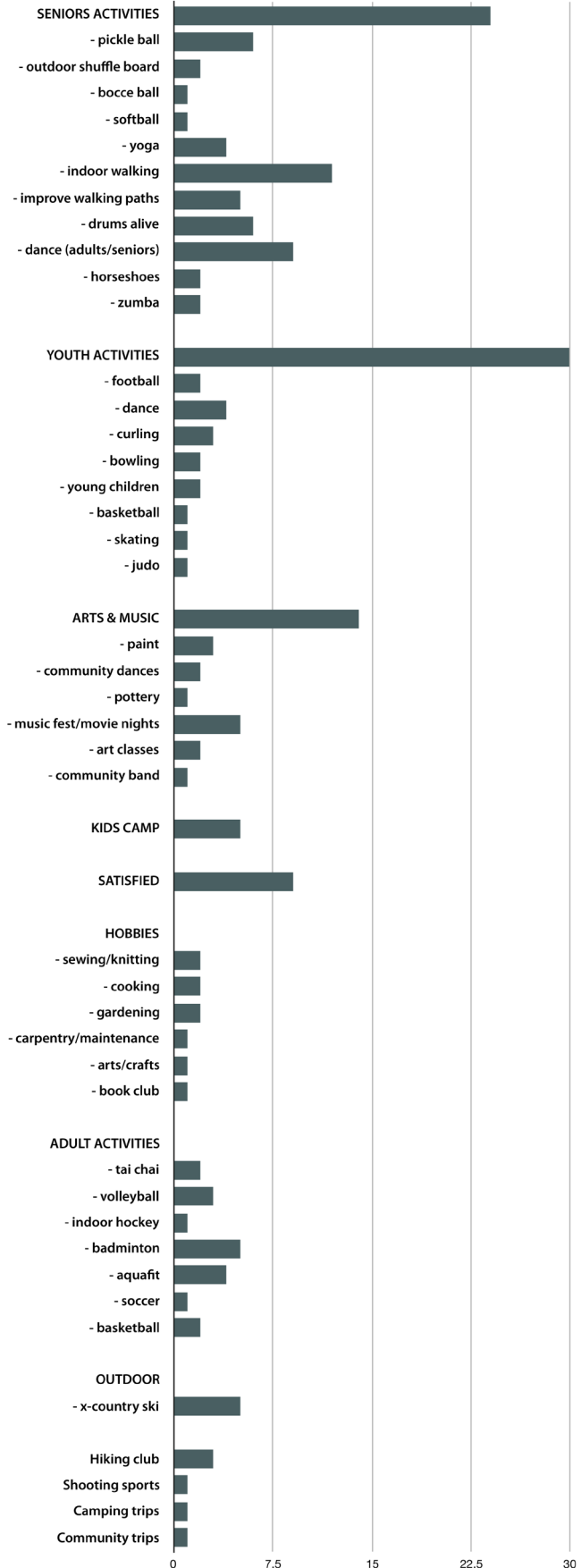
**New Pool**



**New Arena**

**Multiplex:** 98  
**Pool:** 73  
**Arena:** 29

**Answered:** 200  
**Skipped:** 94



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Our community needs



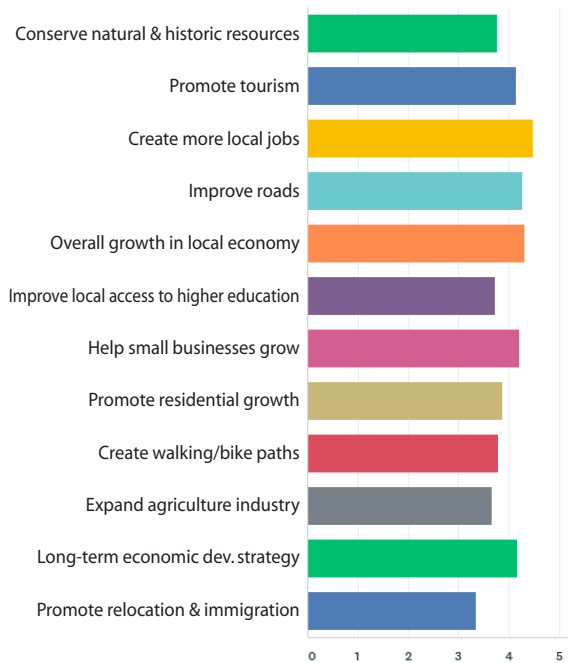
**More local jobs**



**Growth in local economy**



**Improve roads**

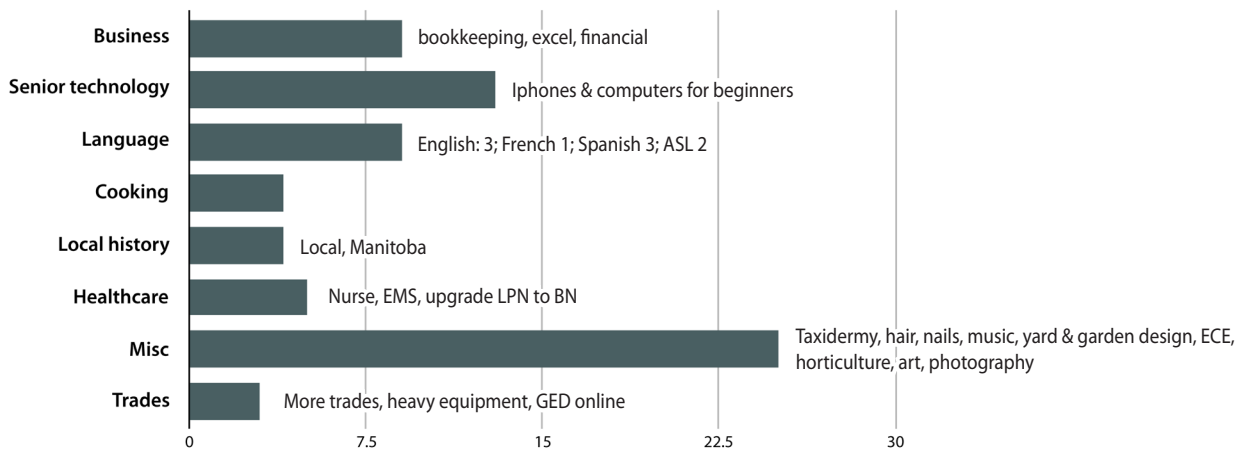


The following were rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being doesn't need and 5 being definitely needs.

- 1) More local jobs - 4.47
- 2) Growth in local economy - 4.30
- 3) Improve roads - 4.26
- 4) Small businesses grow - 4.21
- 5) Economic development strategy - 4.16
- 6) Promote tourism - 4.14
- 7) Promote residential growth - 3.88
- 8) Create walking/bike paths - 3.79
- 9) Conserve natural & historic resources - 3.76
- 10) Access to higher education - 3.72
- 11) Expand agriculture industry - 3.67
- 12) Promote relocation & immigration - 3.34

# EDUCATION

## Education programs offered online or close to home



# TOURISM

## Tourist attractions



### Events

Local events



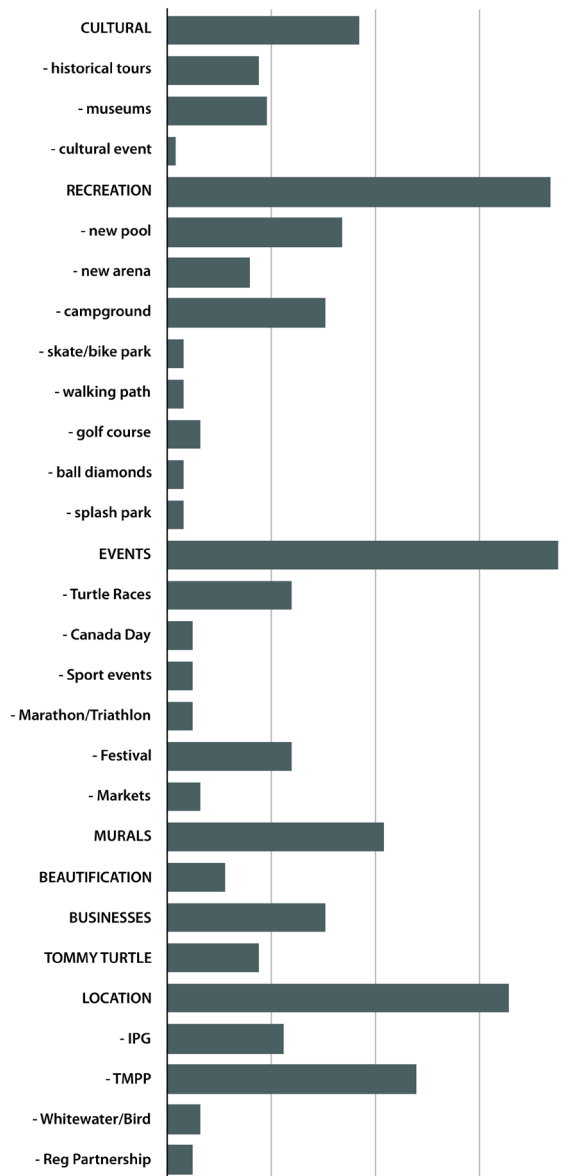
### Recreation

New pool, arena,  
more campsites



### Location

Proximity to  
lakes, park, IPG



### Cultural

*"Historical tour of old homes in Boissevain and the stories behind them."*

### Recreation

*"Pool/splash park. Bigger campground with more sites for non-seasonal guests. More campground sites would bring more families and kids for swimming lessons."*

### Events

*"The town aesthetics, camping and recreational opportunities, a local annual event... its surprising how many people from other places remember the turtle derby when Boissevain is mentioned even though its been many years gone.... museums and hands on experiences with traditions and past history."*

### Murals

*"Maintain and add to our murals."*

### Businesses

*"Good food, places to see (parks inside and outside the town), shops with something memorable for tourist, hotels to stay in, entertainment (cinema, theater, music hole)."*

*"Corn maze & fun area for kids & adults, brewery with pub."*

*"Doing something wild with water towers, unique farm tours, maybe a "food" thing - always bring people out."*

### Location

*"The International Peace Garden is the area's greatest tourist draw, but one that can bring great interest and economic strength to the community as a whole."*

*"Adventures, draw attention to something different out of the ordinary."*

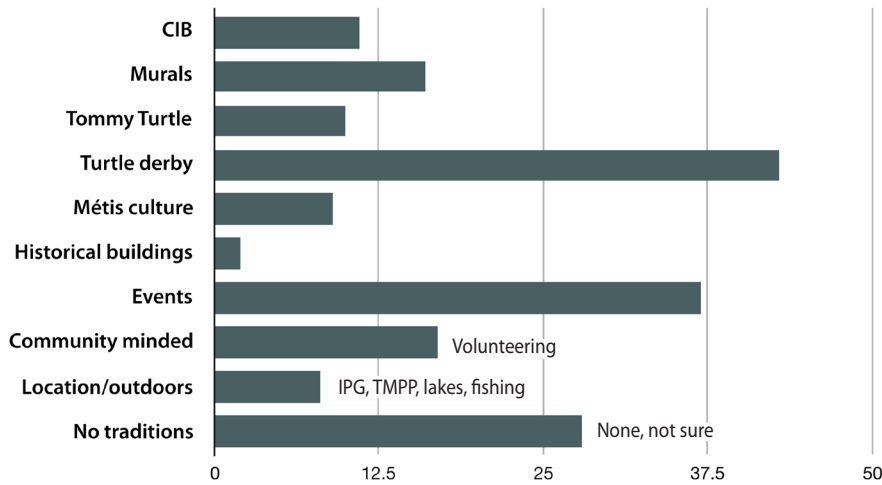
***"Promote area for road and mountain biking. And cross country skiing."***



## Local legends

Boissevain’s most memorable local legend is Tommy Turtle. Honourable mentions include Ed Anderson, Irvin Goodon, Dr. Nell, Mr. Boissevain and Bill Moncur Sitting Eagle.

## Local traditions that set us apart



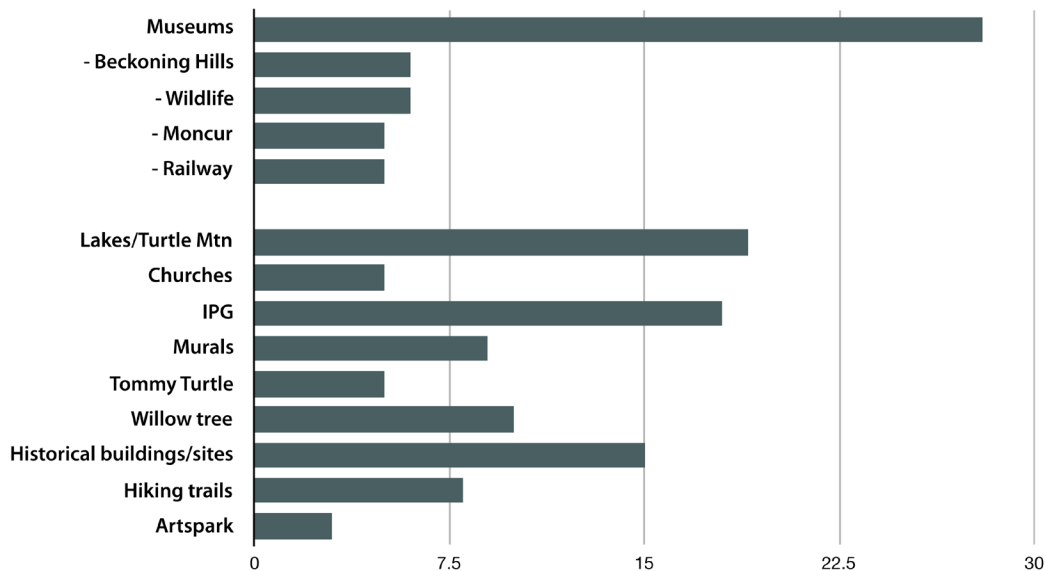
Respondents named the Canadian Turtle Derby as the local tradition that sets Boissevain apart.

- Events:
1. Canada Day
  2. Boissevain Fair
  3. Dunrea Flea Market
  4. 4H Rally
  5. Demo Derby
  6. Chamber events
  7. Artisan/Farmers Market

Honourable Mentions: Golf Club duck races, white crosses at veterans graves, Connections Fair, community choir

*“Our tradition of getting behind community ideas. Progressive, community-minded leadership.”*

## Popular heritage sites and historical places for your staycation



# BUSINESS

## Have you considered starting a business?



Yes

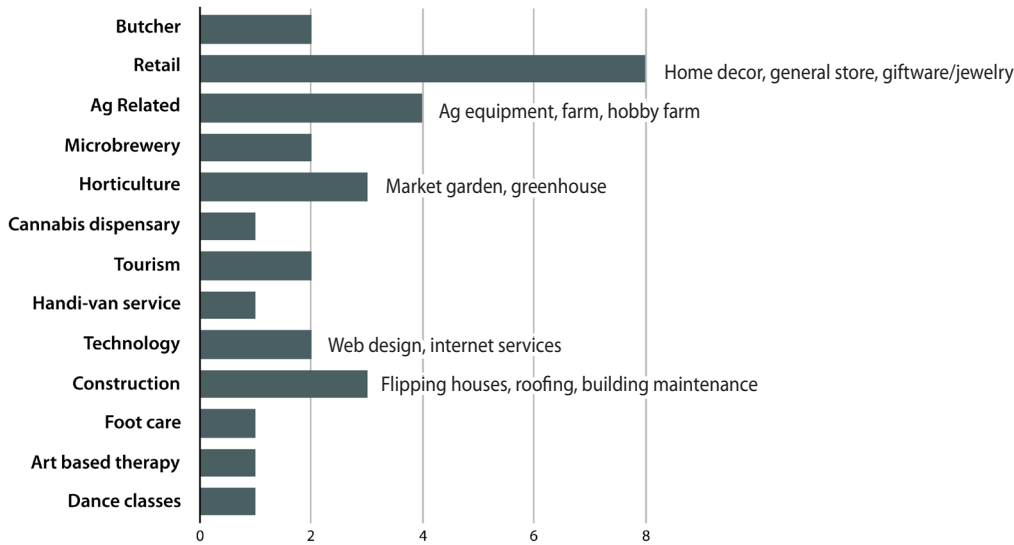


No

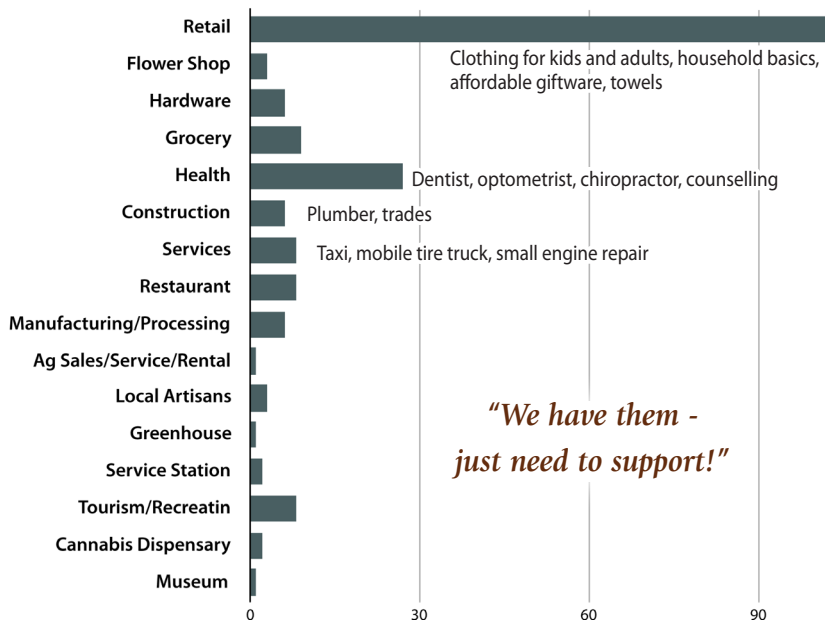
Yes: 47  
No: 201

Answered: 248  
Skipped: 46

## What kind?



## Businesses needed in our community



*"We have them - just need to support!"*

*"We need to help grow the businesses that are here."*

*"Could use a "Red Apple" type store but I believe our existing stores are doing a good job at trying to fill the gaps."*

*"For new, it could be some restaurants with unusual food, service sphere, for the rest it's better to develop that businesses that we already have to increase number of working places."*

*"A place where home-based business can display their good years round."*

*"Creative artisan businesses."*

*"Businesses that facilitate outdoor adventure and educational experiences."*

## Products or services existing businesses could offer



**Respondents have strongly indicated the need for a retail store or an existing business to expand their products to offer affordable clothing for the whole family, household basics and affordable giftware.**

*“Don’t know a lot about town businesses, information about them hard to find. Almost nobody has site with info or at least Facebook page. As a result it’s hard to find job hire, because of the low level access to the info about businesses and contact information of them.”*

*“I think it’s important that all businesses don’t try to duplicate things that others have for sale as yes competition is good but we only have so many consumers so if you split things in half no one wins.”*

*“Think this community is taking care of most all.”*

*“There are more things to be found in our town than we realize, maybe businesses should tell us what all they have and what all they have access to that they could supply to us if we asked.”*

*“Prices need to be more competitive, better selection of products.”*

*“A better public listing of businesses and what they offer, encouragement to shop local with monthly flyers. Better access to businesses for disabled - get in a wheelchair or scooter and try to navigate the sidewalks and businesses, not just main street ... try to get to the hospital... the school... the park... get off a sidewalk in the residential streets without having to back up and find someone’s driveway to get on to the street... More wheelchair parking in front of business like... ummmm ROLLING SPOKES for instance... or the physiotherapy , the theatre.. restaurants... our community is becoming much more senior in demographics... we need to accommodate them... and how about handivan service on weekends... do YOU stay home all weekend??? why should our seniors and disabled have to ??? some of them have no other way to get around...”*

# HOUSING

## Are your housing needs being met?



Yes



No

Yes: 247  
No: 17

Answered: 264  
Skipped: 31

## Based on availability, will you be able to live here 10 years from now?



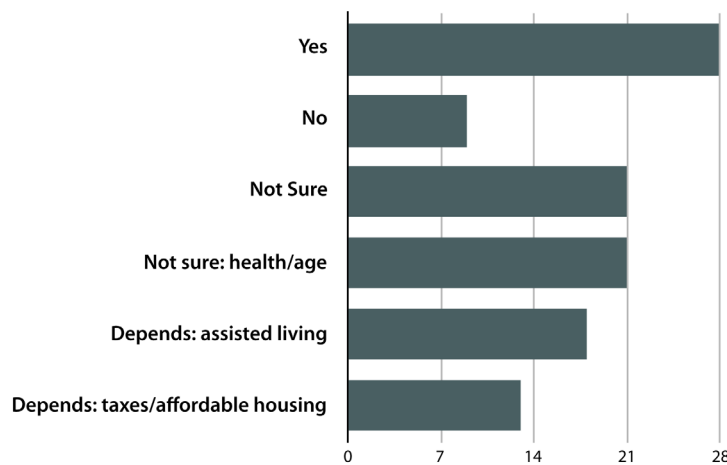
Yes



No

Yes: 199  
No: 24

Answered: 223  
Skipped: 72



**Yes:** Own their own home, plan to stay

**No:** Leaving for education, don't want to buy a house/raise kids here

*"Mortgage will be paid off, not planning on going anywhere."*

*"I don't plan to live here for life. Love Boissevain but I need to pursue my education."*

*"Not sure, depends on my health and availability of housing. Will there be places for us to move into? Affordable?"*

*"We plan to, especially if the assisted living facility is built."*

*"Not sure, taxes are becoming prohibitive for retirees and others on fixed incomes."*

*"If taxes continue to increase it makes it hard to make an income that can pay the expenses."*

*"Boissevain isn't growing in the form of young people coming here. It is focused only on the retiring people and that is sad because if you don't have young people coming here who is going to keep care of all of these retirees? If you can fund raise to build a seniors complex maybe the next faze of the fundraising should be something for everyone like a rec complex?"*

# VOLUNTEER

## Do you volunteer?



Yes: 205  
No: 55

Answered: 260  
Skipped: 35

## Volunteer experiences: best and worst

*"My best is working with wonderful people and seeing what we could accomplish. The worst is how some people complain about everything you do and are never happy."*

*"We've had a lot of positive experiences and feedback doing our volunteer work. Negative is people finding fault with volunteering work."*

*"Working with youth is an excellent experience. I enjoy all my volunteering. No worst."*

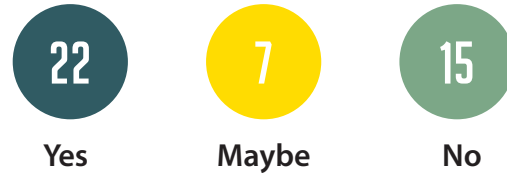
*"If you volunteer, the position goes on too long, after years you are burnt out."*

## Willing to volunteer more?

*"Already scaled back and currently on two committees. Although would love to see a rink built and don't want to lose our pool."*

*"Why don't you post volunteer opportunities on the website?"*

*"I would be interested once I have a better understanding of existing opportunities."*



*"Worst: when it is unorganized for volunteers and they are not valued."*

*"It's been great getting to meet many members of the community who I wouldn't normally cross paths with, and knowing that we're helping contribute to quality of life."*

*"Never a bad experience, just frustrating to hear people complain when you know they don't volunteer."*

**Although there are many positives to volunteering, there is room for improvement when it comes to inclusion, promoting volunteer opportunities and volunteer appreciation.**

## What would you miss most about volunteering?

*"The people, seeing how grateful people are. The smiles on their faces."*

*"Getting to meet people outside my normal circle."*

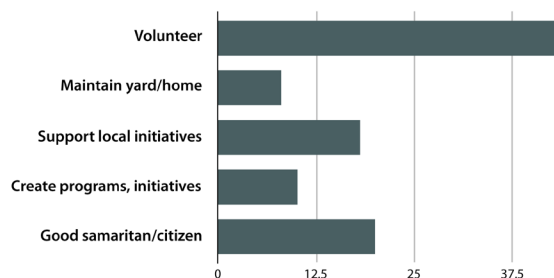
*"The sense of working together as a community to support an event/cause."*

*"The fellow volunteers - laughter."*

*"I would miss the excitement of people coming together to put an event on, the hard work and gratification afterwards."*

*"Volunteering is good because it allows activities that probably wouldn't exist in our community if everyone needed to be paid for the time."*

## How can you make difference?



*"To work here to help to develop our community. I will be glad to be part of the team of people who do this development."*

*"Continue to be a good citizen and volunteer when possible plus support local initiatives."*

*"Adding to its diversity to working and shopping local population."*

*"Being involved in peoples lives regardless of race, age, financial status, etc. Being available to listen, help and be involved in practical ways."*

# DOMINANT THEMES

## Community Services

- better marketing for services, products, and activities offered in community by businesses and organizations
- retail store offering affordable clothing, household and giftware
- low cost activities, indoor winter activities, for seniors, teens, children

## Infrastructure

- new/improved recreation facilities, walking path
- Westview Lodge, assisted living facility, affordable senior housing
- affordable housing for low income families
- accessibility: improve sidewalks, better access to businesses, extended hours for handi-van
- repairs to rural roads and town streets
- need for rural addressing

## Community Spirit

- people helping people, working together for the betterment of community
- small town feeling, positive, progressive community
- strong volunteerism, lack of appreciation of volunteers, and need to promote volunteer opportunities
- the Turtle Derby set our community apart from others

## Beautification

- lack of understanding when it comes to beautification and the cost or lack thereof

## Government Services

- increasing taxes and high assessments
- lack of police presence in the community

# CONCLUSION

The Quality of Life survey explored the following areas of our community: living here, municipal, community features, attractions, events, facilities, Canada Day, recreation, community development, education, tourism, business, housing and volunteerism. Overall, there is an enthusiastic community vision. The responses were encouraging and informative, and will be an excellent guide to creating a better quality of life for all.

Thank you to the individuals who participated and provided feedback for our community leaders moving forward. The Turtle Mountain Community Development Committee and the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton will utilize the responses and embrace this opportunity to create a cohesive plan so our community can *grow, expand and thrive*.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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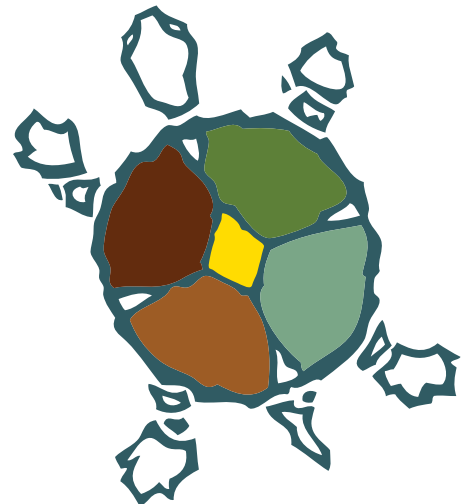
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# APPENDIX A

## Quality of Life Survey 2019

1. Where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your age?  18-30  31-50  51-65  65+

3. What is your first language: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your income:

- Less than \$24,999  \$50,000 to \$74,999  
 \$25,000 to \$49,999  \$75,000 or more

5. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- No high school diploma  
 High school diploma  
 Degree (B.A., B.S.)  
 Graduate degree (Master, Ph.D., M.D.)

6. Are you employed here:

- Part time  Casual  Self employed  
 Full time  Retired  Not employed

7. Number of adults in household: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Number of children 18 & under in household: \_\_\_\_\_

9. How many years have you lived here? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What do you like most about living here? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. What changes would you make? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. What would you miss most? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Municipal

13. In general, do you think that the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton is heading in the right direction?

- right direction  wrong track  not sure

a. Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Would you be interested in electronic services from the Municipal office such as:

- water bills  building permits  
 newsletter  emergency notifications  
 invoices  other \_\_\_\_\_

15. What projects would you like to see happen? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. Have you noticed any difference in the community in the past two years? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. **Community Features** - On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "very poor" and 5 being "excellent", circle the number that you believe most accurately rates each feature.

01) Personal and family safety	1	2	3	4	5
02) Weather	1	2	3	4	5
03) Water quality	1	2	3	4	5
04) Availability of green space	1	2	3	4	5
05) Cleanliness of green space	1	2	3	4	5
06) Recreational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
07) Place to raise a family	1	2	3	4	5
08) Sense of community	1	2	3	4	5
09) Opportunities for music, theatre, arts	1	2	3	4	5
10) Organized activities for adults	1	2	3	4	5
11) Retirement destination	1	2	3	4	5
12) Availability of affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5
13) Job opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
14) Availability of childcare	1	2	3	4	5
15) Health care services	1	2	3	4	5
16) Police department services	1	2	3	4	5
17) Fire department services	1	2	3	4	5
18) EMS services	1	2	3	4	5
19) Appearance/cleanliness of community	1	2	3	4	5
20) Prices of goods and services	1	2	3	4	5
21) Internet speed	1	2	3	4	5
22) Cellular phone service	1	2	3	4	5

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18. **Attractions, Events, Facilities** - Rate the following on a scale of 1 to 5 of *how important these are to you*, with 1 being "not very important" and 5 being "very important".

01) Outdoor Art Gallery (murals)	1	2	3	4	5
02) Communities in Bloom	1	2	3	4	5
03) Canada Day	1	2	3	4	5
04) Boissevain Fair	1	2	3	4	5
05) Demolition Derby	1	2	3	4	5
06) Farmers Market	1	2	3	4	5
07) Dunrea Flea Market	1	2	3	4	5
08) Santa Day	1	2	3	4	5
09) Campground	1	2	3	4	5
10) Legion Hall	1	2	3	4	5
11) Boissevain Arena	1	2	3	4	5
12) Curling Club	1	2	3	4	5
13) Bowling Alley	1	2	3	4	5
14) Baseball Diamonds	1	2	3	4	5
15) Swimming Pool	1	2	3	4	5
16) Gymnastics Centre	1	2	3	4	5
17) Soccer Fields	1	2	3	4	5
18) Golf Course	1	2	3	4	5
19) Walking Trails	1	2	3	4	5
20) Youth Activities	1	2	3	4	5
21) Seniors Activities	1	2	3	4	5
22) Boissevain Community Centre	1	2	3	4	5
23) Boissevain Theatre	1	2	3	4	5
24) Beckoning Hills Museum	1	2	3	4	5
25) Goodon Wildlife Museum	1	2	3	4	5
26) Moncur Gallery	1	2	3	4	5
27) Model Railway Museum	1	2	3	4	5
28) Library	1	2	3	4	5
29) Archives	1	2	3	4	5
30) International Peace Garden	1	2	3	4	5
31) Whitewater Lake (birding)	1	2	3	4	5
32) Turtle Mountain Conservation Dist.	1	2	3	4	5
33) Turtle Mountain Provincial Park	1	2	3	4	5
34) Other _____	1	2	3	4	5
35) Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

19. What are your thoughts about Boissevain's Canada Day?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

20. What facilities do you use? Which ones do you think are important? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Recreation

21. What programs would you like to see put on by the recreation department in our community? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

22. What would you rather see?

- new arena       new swimming pool
- new multiplex       other \_\_\_\_\_

23. Would you be interested in volunteering on a committee for a new facility?  yes  no

*If yes, please email [bmrec@boissevain.ca](mailto:bmrec@boissevain.ca)*

24. **Community Development** - On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "doesn't need" and 5 being "definitely needs", please circle the number to indicate what you believe our community needs.

01) Conserve natural & historic resources	1	2	3	4	5
02) Promote tourism	1	2	3	4	5
03) Create more local jobs	1	2	3	4	5
04) Improve roads	1	2	3	4	5
05) Overall growth in local economy	1	2	3	4	5
06) Improve local access to higher education	1	2	3	4	5
07) Help small businesses grow	1	2	3	4	5
08) Promote residential growth	1	2	3	4	5
09) Create walking/bike paths	1	2	3	4	5
10) Expand agriculture industry	1	2	3	4	5
11) Long-term economic dev. strategy	1	2	3	4	5
12) Promote relocation & immigration	1	2	3	4	5

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### Tourism

25. What would be a tourist draw? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. Do you know of any local legends? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

27. What local traditions set us apart from anywhere else?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. What heritage sites or historical places do you enjoy visiting in our municipality? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Business

29. Have you considered starting a business?  yes  no

a. If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

30. What kind of businesses do you think are needed here?  
\_\_\_\_\_

31. What other products or services could be offered by existing businesses? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Housing

32. Are your housing needs being met?  yes  no

33. Based on housing availability, are you going to be able to live here 10 years from now?  yes  no  not sure

a. Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer

34. Do you volunteer?  yes  no

a. If yes, are you willing to volunteer more?  yes  no

b. If no, are you willing to volunteer?  yes  no

*If yes, please email [tmcdc@boissevain.ca](mailto:tmcdc@boissevain.ca) for volunteer opportunities in our community*

35. Tell us about your best volunteer experience? Your worst?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

36. What would you miss most about volunteering? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. What is the biggest difference you could personally make for your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

38. Are there any education programs you would be interested in if they were provided online or close to home? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

39. How do you prefer to get community information? (check all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> website         | <input type="checkbox"/> social media          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> newspaper       | <input type="checkbox"/> radio                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> email           | <input type="checkbox"/> printed material      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> billboards            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> town sign       | <input type="checkbox"/> other, please specify |
- \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments or Suggestions:

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# APPENDIX B

## Community Features

	VERY POOR	POOR	OKAY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Personal and family safety	0.35% 1	1.05% 3	6.32% 18	47.72% 136	44.56% 127	285	4.35
Weather	1.14% 3	5.30% 14	46.59% 123	38.64% 102	8.33% 22	264	3.48
Water quality	0.35% 1	1.40% 4	17.19% 49	50.88% 145	30.18% 86	285	4.09
Availability of green space	0.70% 2	4.21% 12	18.95% 54	46.32% 132	29.82% 85	285	4.00
Cleanliness of green space	0.35% 1	3.89% 11	14.13% 40	53.36% 151	28.27% 80	283	4.05
Recreational opportunities	0.71% 2	7.14% 20	23.93% 67	45.00% 126	23.21% 65	280	3.83
Place to raise a family	0.00% 0	1.05% 3	6.64% 19	36.71% 105	55.59% 159	286	4.47
Sense of community	0.35% 1	2.12% 6	14.13% 40	42.05% 119	41.34% 117	283	4.22
Opportunities for music, theatre, arts	2.13% 6	5.32% 15	24.11% 68	50.00% 141	18.44% 52	282	3.77
Organized activities for adults	2.16% 6	11.15% 31	37.77% 105	38.13% 106	10.79% 30	278	3.44
Retirement destination	1.77% 5	5.32% 15	31.21% 88	45.04% 127	16.67% 47	282	3.70
Availability of affordable housing	2.14% 6	13.52% 38	39.50% 111	35.59% 100	9.25% 26	281	3.36
Job opportunities	5.97% 16	24.63% 66	44.40% 119	23.13% 62	1.87% 5	268	2.90
Availability of childcare	3.88% 10	21.32% 55	33.72% 87	34.88% 90	6.20% 16	258	3.18
Health care services	0.35% 1	1.41% 4	11.66% 33	38.16% 108	48.41% 137	283	4.33
Police department services	1.41% 4	9.19% 26	26.50% 75	44.88% 127	18.02% 51	283	3.69
Fire department services	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	8.10% 23	41.90% 119	50.00% 142	284	4.42
EMS services	0.36% 1	4.66% 13	13.62% 38	41.58% 116	39.78% 111	279	4.16
Appearance/cleanliness of community	0.00% 0	2.10% 6	8.74% 25	51.40% 147	37.76% 108	286	4.25
Prices of good and services	1.05% 3	5.61% 16	38.60% 110	48.42% 138	6.32% 18	285	3.53
Internet speed	7.94% 22	13.36% 37	26.35% 73	39.71% 110	12.64% 35	277	3.36
Cellular phone service	3.24% 9	7.19% 20	28.78% 80	40.29% 112	20.50% 57	278	3.68

# APPENDIX C

## Attractions, Events & Facilities

	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Outdoor Art Gallery	14.59% 41	13.17% 37	30.25% 85	28.11% 79	13.88% 39	281	3.14
Communities in Bloom	12.72% 36	12.01% 34	27.92% 79	26.86% 76	20.49% 58	283	3.30
Canada Day in Boissevain	3.19% 9	7.09% 20	21.28% 60	34.40% 97	34.04% 96	282	3.89
Boissevain Fair	5.73% 16	9.32% 26	27.96% 78	29.03% 81	27.96% 78	279	3.64
Demolition Derby	22.83% 63	14.13% 39	30.80% 85	17.39% 48	14.86% 41	276	2.87
Farmers Market	0.71% 2	1.77% 5	14.49% 41	33.92% 96	49.12% 139	283	4.29
Dunrea Flea Market	9.03% 25	7.22% 20	24.91% 69	28.16% 78	30.69% 85	277	3.64
Santa Day	8.54% 24	6.05% 17	22.78% 64	32.03% 90	30.60% 86	281	3.70
Campground	6.03% 17	3.55% 10	15.60% 44	28.37% 80	46.45% 131	282	4.06
Legion Hall	3.24% 9	6.12% 17	27.34% 76	28.06% 78	35.25% 98	278	3.86
Boissevain Arena	4.64% 13	4.29% 12	15.36% 43	26.07% 73	49.64% 139	280	4.12
Curling Club	6.43% 18	6.07% 17	20.00% 56	29.64% 83	37.86% 106	280	3.86
Bowling Alley	5.34% 15	5.34% 15	21.35% 60	34.88% 98	33.10% 93	281	3.85
Baseball Diamonds	5.36% 15	2.86% 8	12.14% 34	26.07% 73	53.57% 150	280	4.20
Swimming Pool	2.84% 8	3.19% 9	8.51% 24	22.70% 64	62.77% 177	282	4.39
Gymnastics Centre	6.81% 19	8.96% 25	24.73% 69	29.03% 81	30.47% 85	279	3.67
Soccer Fields	8.42% 23	9.16% 25	24.18% 66	26.01% 71	32.23% 88	273	3.64
Golf Course	5.40% 15	6.12% 17	13.67% 38	30.58% 85	44.24% 123	278	4.02
Walking Trails	8.21% 23	9.64% 27	17.50% 49	27.50% 77	37.14% 104	280	3.76
Youth Activities	2.93% 8	4.76% 13	10.62% 29	24.18% 66	57.51% 157	273	4.29
Seniors Activities	3.19% 9	4.26% 12	17.73% 50	26.95% 76	47.87% 135	282	4.12
Boissevain Community Centre	3.99% 11	4.71% 13	22.46% 62	33.70% 93	35.14% 97	276	3.91
Boissevain Theatre	0.36% 1	0.36% 1	5.69% 16	30.25% 85	63.35% 178	281	4.56
Beckoning Hills Museum	5.76% 16	10.07% 28	28.06% 78	30.94% 86	25.18% 70	278	3.60
Goodon Wildlife Museum	10.64% 30	10.64% 30	30.85% 87	26.24% 74	21.63% 61	282	3.38
Moncur Gallery	11.11% 31	14.34% 40	28.32% 79	26.16% 73	20.07% 56	279	3.30
Model Railway Museum	7.91% 22	15.83% 44	27.34% 76	27.70% 77	21.22% 59	278	3.38
Library	2.12% 6	2.47% 7	7.42% 21	19.79% 56	68.20% 193	283	4.49
Archives	9.39% 26	10.47% 29	23.47% 65	27.80% 77	28.88% 80	277	3.56
International Peace Garden	1.07% 3	4.27% 12	16.37% 46	26.69% 75	51.60% 145	281	4.23
Whitewater Lake (birding)	18.48% 51	13.04% 36	28.99% 80	20.65% 57	18.84% 52	276	3.08
Turtle Mountain Conservation District	6.57% 18	11.31% 31	23.36% 64	29.93% 82	28.83% 79	274	3.63
Turtle Mountain Provincial Park	0.36% 1	3.25% 9	8.30% 23	20.58% 57	67.51% 187	277	4.52