



PUBLIC SURVEY ON NEED OR NOT FOR PLEBISCITE OR REFERENDUM ON THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

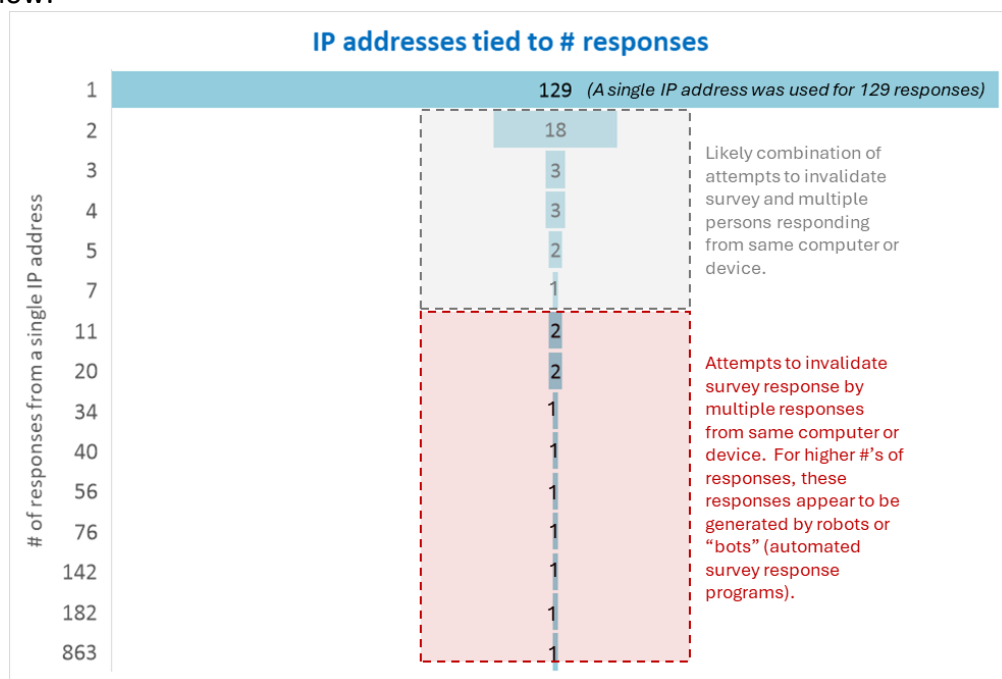
Between October 30th and November 11th, 2024, [Rideau Lakes Grassroots Group \(RLGG\)](#) conducted a survey of Rideau Lakes residents.

Questions asked:

1. Please input your postal code.
2. Please attest that you are a resident of Rideau Lakes Township.
3. Do you want the Council of the Township of Rideau Lakes to conduct a referendum or plebiscite to seek input on the future of Township Offices before spending more tax dollars on this capital project? Responses allowed: Yes or No

Number of responses:

There were 1,658 responses to the survey. However, in analyzing and tabulating the survey results, it became evident in many instances there were multiple responses from the same IP address as noted in the chart below:



The responses highlighted in the pink area and, likely some in the grey, represent attempts by some respondents to invalidate the survey. This trend was identified within a day of the survey being initiated. Based on reviews of technical, non-private data collected and tied to the IP address or responses, (ex: IP address location, ISP provider, etc.) there appears to have been an organized attempt to sabotage the survey. To add perspective, the responses in the pink area are all "No" responses.

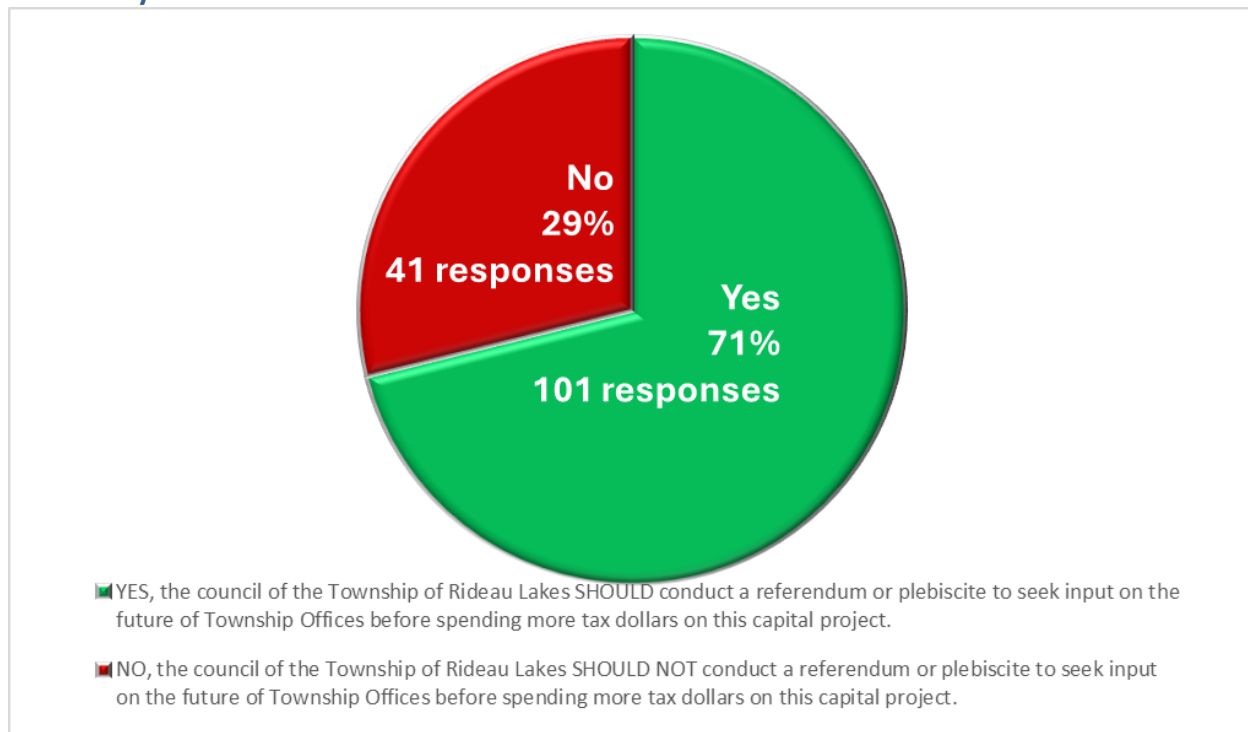
Approach taken to eliminate multiple responses:

Where more than one response was provided per IP address, the first response was included in survey tabulations. RLGG recognizes that in some cases, there may have been 2-4 responses from a given computer or cell phone, representing different members of a household or family, and these may have been valid, but we have no way to confirm this. Thus, we feel this approach is the most reasonable.

Other responses were rejected when:

- Respondents who indicated they were not a resident of Rideau Lakes.
- The postal code provided was not one used in Rideau Lakes.

Net survey results:



Conclusions and observations:

Of those that responded, there is a clear indication that the council **should undertake a referendum or plebiscite to seek feedback on the townships offices** from residents.

RLGG believes this is representative of not only those that responded, but amplifies other feedback to council from the open house on the matter earlier this summer, previous survey responses provided through the consultant firm engaged, correspondence sent to council, and reported anecdotal feedback provided directly to some counsellors and the Mayor. Some will likely attempt to discard the survey due to the number of reliable responses being 142, or in suggesting the responses were biased as being supporters of RLGG. Support or not of RLGG is irrelevant. The survey was open to all residents, anonymous and has valid yes and no responses to a single question. Given the earlier feedback, this survey validates those results and is a reasonable barometer of the need for further public input and a desire to hold further spending on council office initiatives until such feedback is provided.