

Note: The following provides *preliminary* survey findings. Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%.

Q1. Do you live?

- 65% In Sherwood Park
- 35% Elsewhere in Strathcona County

Q2. I'd now like to ask you some questions about your local municipal government here in Strathcona County.

In general, to what extent are you satisfied with the services that are provided to residents by Strathcona County? Would you say that you are:

- 25% Very satisfied
- 42% Somewhat satisfied
- 9% Somewhat dissatisfied
- 3% Very dissatisfied
- 20% Somewhat in the middle
- 1% Don't know

Q3. To what extent do you support Strathcona County retaining its independence as a separate municipality? By this, I'm referring to Strathcona County keeping its own distinct name and making decisions about the quality of services for its residents. Do you:

- 73% Strongly support Strathcona County retaining its independence
- 11% Somewhat support this
- 3% Somewhat oppose this
- 2% Strongly oppose this
- 10% Somewhat in the middle
- 1% Don't know

Q4. To what extent do you support Strathcona County continuing to deliver municipal services to its residents? Do you:

- 67% Strongly support Strathcona County continuing to provide municipal services
- 18% Somewhat support this
- 3% Somewhat oppose this
- 2% Strongly oppose this
- 9% Somewhat in the middle
- 2% Don't know

Q5. Over the last few months, the Province has been considering changes that would affect municipalities in the Capital Region. Before Christmas, Premier Stelmach announced plans to set up a new regional Board that would have representatives from all municipalities including Strathcona County.

To what extent are you aware of the plans announced by Premier Stelmach for the Capital Region including the new regional Board?

- 16% Very aware of plans
- 35% Somewhat aware of these plans
- 25% Vaguely aware of these plans
- 24% Unaware of these plans
- <1% Don't know

Q6. I'd now like to get your views on what the new Regional Board will be doing. First:

The new regional Board would have the ability to make binding decisions in some areas and may require municipalities to pay for regional projects whether or not the residents of Strathcona County supported those decisions.

To what extent are you in favour of this new regional Board with binding decision-making authority over Strathcona County? Are you:

- 6% Strongly in favor of this
- 12% Somewhat in favor of this
- 22% Somewhat opposed to this
- 43% Strongly opposed to this
- 16% In the middle on this issue **(Skip to Q8)**
- 2% Don't know **(Skip to Q8)**

Q7a. [In favor] Why do you feel this way? (n=67)

Q7a. [Opposed] Why do you feel this way? (n=247)

Q8. One of the distinguishing features of the new regional Board is that the voting power is based on the size of the municipality. What this means is that the City of Edmonton, as one of the members of the regional Board, would have the power to 'veto' or stop decisions for the entire region.

To what extent are you in favor of Edmonton having a veto over regional decisions? Are you:

- 2% Strongly in favor of this
- 5% Somewhat in favor of this
- 17% Somewhat opposed to this
- 67% Strongly opposed to this
- 7% In the middle on this issue
- 1% Don't know

Q9. Another system for voting would be to give every municipality, not just Edmonton, the right to refuse or veto a project within its borders if residents oppose it. In other words, the regional Board could not impose a regional project within Strathcona County unless Strathcona County agreed to it.

To what extent are you in favor of every municipality having a veto for projects within its borders?

- 57% Strongly in favor of this
- 21% Somewhat in favor of this
- 5% Somewhat opposed to this
- 8% Strongly opposed to this
- 8% In the middle on this issue
- 1% Don't know

Q10. The new regional Board will have the power to make decisions about land use planning on a regional scale, which includes identified residential, commercial, industrial and protected areas, as well as core infrastructure, which includes roads, rail, pipelines, transit and utility corridors. As such, the regional Board could alter municipal land use plans.

To what extent are you in favor of the new regional Board having power over land use planning and the ability to alter local municipality land planning? Are you:

- 7% Strongly in favor of this
- 17% Somewhat in favor of this
- 16% Somewhat opposed to this
- 41% Strongly opposed to this
- 17% In the middle on this issue
- 3% Don't know

Q11. Another service the regional Board might take over could be inter-municipal transit, which refers to bus and/or LRT routes that connect different municipalities. To what extent would you support the regional Board taking over this portion of transit? Are you:

- 20% Strongly in favor of this
- 31% Somewhat in favor of this
- 7% Somewhat opposed to this
- 16% Strongly opposed to this
- 23% In the middle on this issue
- 3% Don't know

Q12. Considering what you know about the new regional Board and its role with municipalities, as announced by the Province, what is your general opinion of the plan at this time? Are you:

- 3% Strongly in favor of the plan
- 21% Somewhat in favor
- 19% Somewhat opposed
- 24% Strongly opposed to the plan
- 27% In the middle on this issue
- 5% Don't know

Q13. There have been recent discussions about how large projects that benefit the whole region should be paid for. One example where all municipalities contributed to a regional project was the Anthony Henday roadway extension, which helped relieve traffic congestion in the area.

To what extent do you support local tax dollars being used to help pay for regional projects that benefit residents of Strathcona County? Are you:

- 38% Strongly in favor of this
- 41% Somewhat in favor of this
- 2% Somewhat opposed to this
- 5% Strongly opposed to this
- 13% In the middle on this issue
- 2% Don't know

Q14. How well do you think Strathcona County has done in representing the interests of its residents on the discussion of regional issues so far? Would you rate your level of satisfaction as:

- 10% Very high
- 29% High
- 41% Average
- 7% Low (**Ask Q15**)
- 5% Very low (**Ask Q15**)
- 9% Don't know

Q15. [IF LOW OR VERY LOW ASK] Why do you feel that way? (n=43)

Q16. On the basis of everything we've talked about today, are there any comments that you would like to make about the new regional Board?

- 50% No other comments
- 50% Other

Q17. In finishing up this survey, I'd like to get some basic information about your household so that we may better understand how your answers compare to others that we've talked to. This information will remain confidential. To begin with...

How many years have you lived in Strathcona County?

Q18 And as I read a list of age groups, please stop me when I mention the group that includes your age:

2%	18 to 24 years
9%	25 to 34 years
22%	35 to 44 years
27%	45 to 54 years
22%	55 to 64 years
17%	65 years of age or older

Q19. Gender

50%	Male
50%	Female

PRELIMINARY