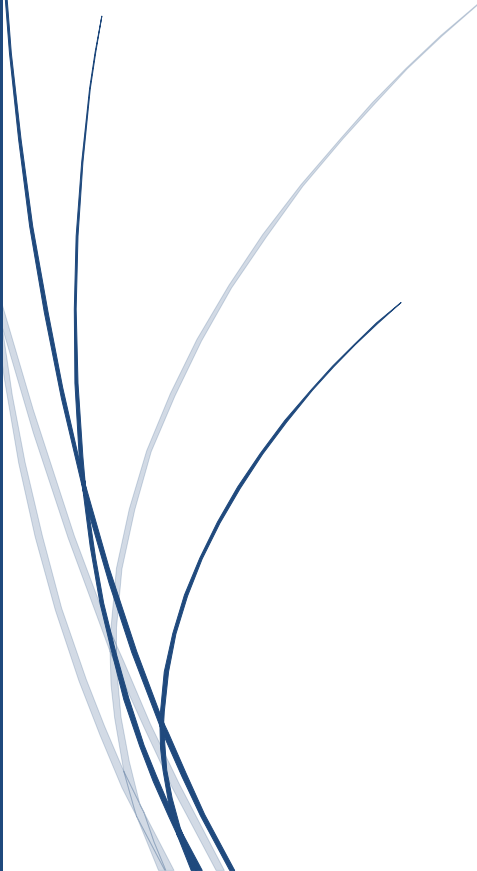




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Proposed Tarping Bylaw

Public Survey Results

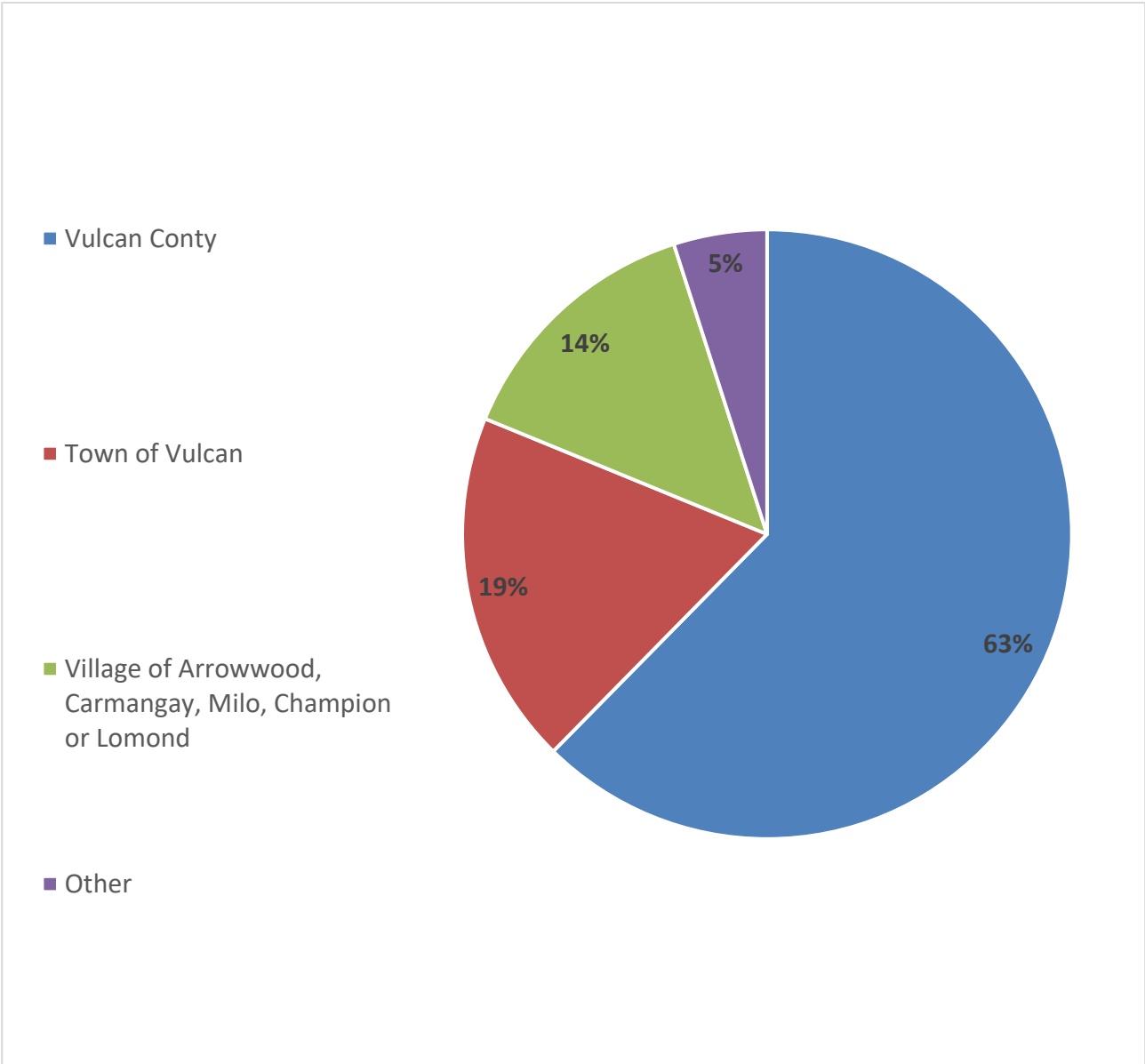


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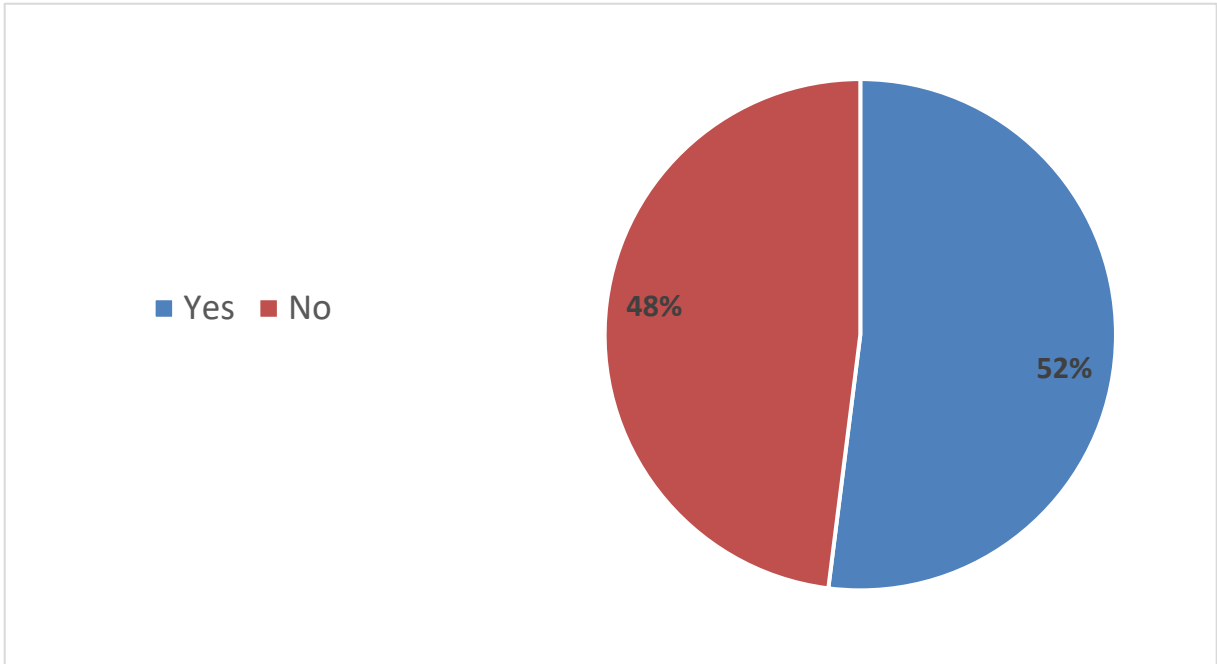
SURVEY RESULTS

Survey Open: June 29, 2023 – July 31, 2023
Total Survey Responses: 129
Average time to complete: 7:22

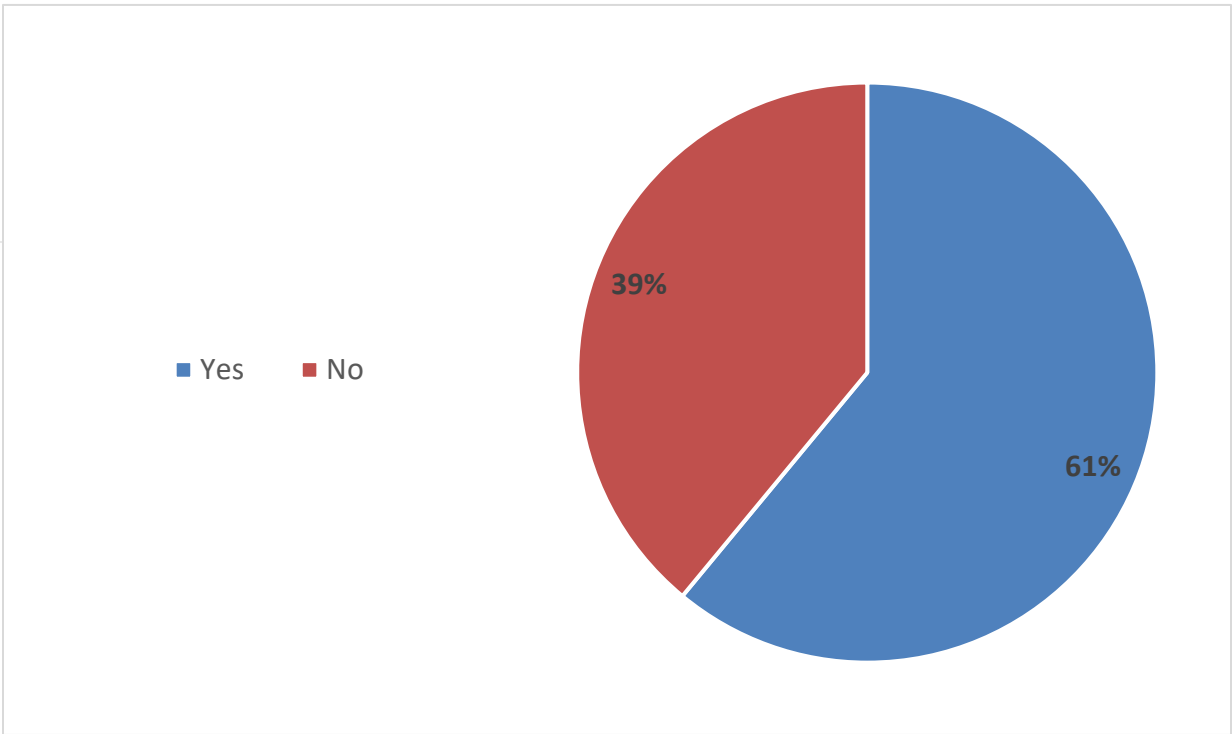
Q1: Are you a resident of:



Q2: Do you currently haul aggregate or agricultural materials?



Q3: Have you ever seen debris or loose material fall off a truck or trailer while driving in Vulcan County?



Latest Responses

Q4: If yes, please provide further detail:

- Silage as well as aggregate.
- People on dump runs not trying down stuff.
- Gravel and rock. And silage.
- Rocks coming off trailer (which wasn't covered)
- Garbage
- Gravel from a gravel truck
- Ice
- Stones, dirt, grain
- Schooten's trucks multiple times a day, hauling silage and manure, spreading weeds from down south, littering our roads and ditches with it and hitting on coming vehicles!
- So many times, I've seen a gravel truck or haul truck not tarped. I thought this was already a bylaw??? And why it's not is absurd
- Loose straw, cow manure, silage/hay
- Off a gravel truck
- Gravel mostly, but once i saw building materials like a piece of plywood fall from the back of a truck.
- Seen numerous times and could not believe no tarps
- Loose hay and straw
- BROKE MY DRIVER SIDE DOOR WINDOW TRUCK HAULING MANURE IN NOVEMBER
- I have seen silage coming off trucks.
- Full tandem at harvest sometimes spills over a tiny bit when you turn a corner onto the road or highway
- Typically gravel or grain trucks that aren't tarped fully.
- Feedlot hauling silage with no tarps. Silage blowing off truck and trailers. The feedlot is Schootons. The old Western Feedlot
- I've had fairly large rocks hit my windshield off of trucks hauling gravel.
- Silage trucks
- Gravel trucks are the worst. Private gravel haulers, I haven't had an issue with the County gravel trucks

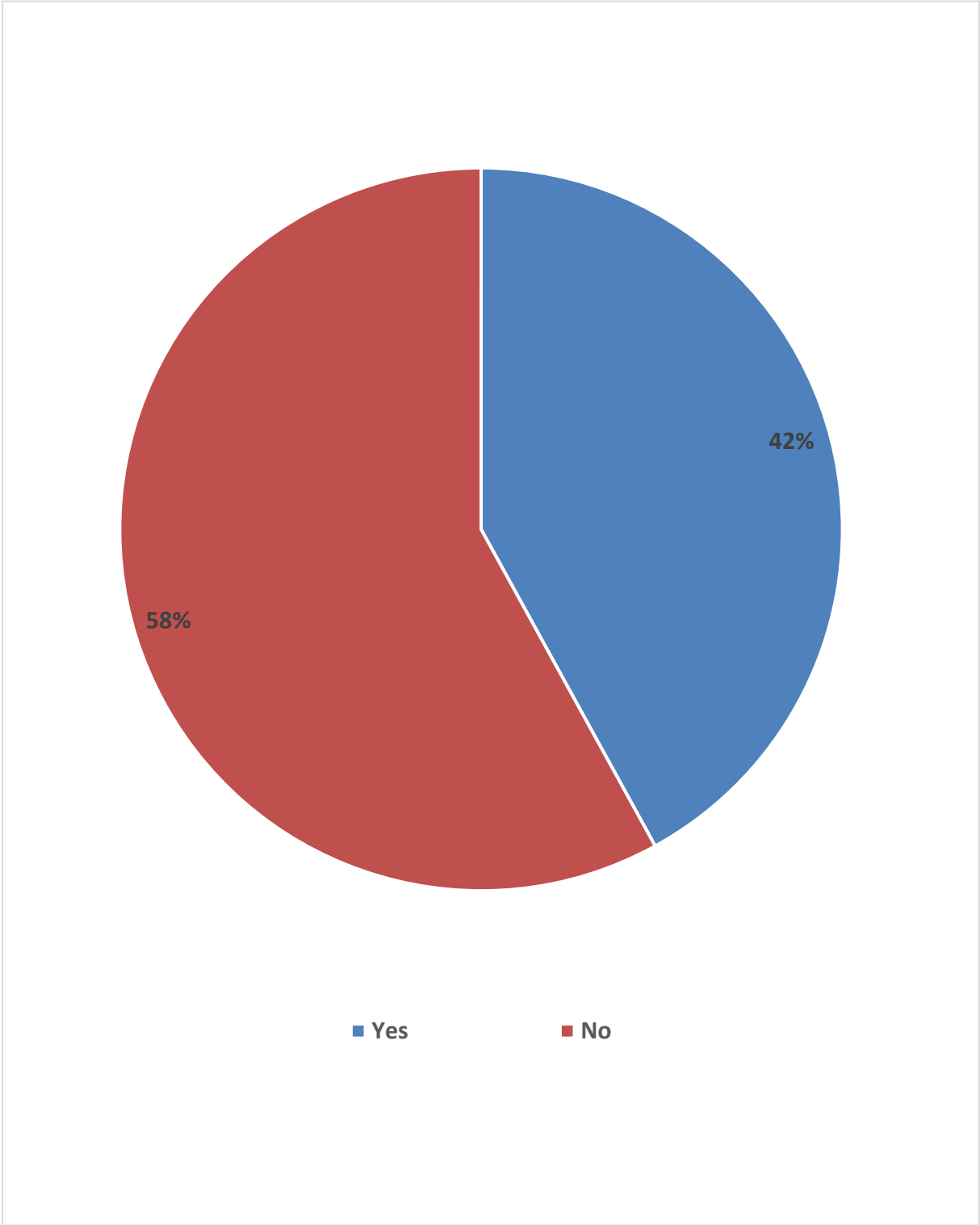
Q4 Answers Continued:

- We live in an Agriculture area and such have seen all of the following: Loose straw/hay off trucks, manure, beets, potatoes, gravel, rocks out of tires, urine out of cattle liner, loose silage, grain, tree branches/leaves, garbage, ag waste - only one doing damage is when vehicles don't slow down and you get rocks hitting your vehicle- not really enforceable not to be a jerk driver
- The trucks hauling silage and manure in and out of the Schooten and Sons feed yard (especially silage) have debris flying out of the trailers nonstop. It's hazardous!
- Gravel, dirt, and garbage from boxes of tandems and wagons
- Almost every truck that comes in or goes out of Schooten & Sons feedlot near Mossleigh
- The trucks hauling silage and gravel trucks
- Silage, sometimes sand/gravel
- Rocks my windshield is proof of that, silage, all kinds of debris, from different trucks. Piles of grain on the side of gravel roads.
- Rock trucks from Shooten's feedlot we're not tarped and rocks blew out of the trailer into our vehicle.
- Going over trucks and fell out
- Silage and manure on roads
- I have seen sand, gravel chopped silage-which attracts wildlife.
- Gravel trucks
- Gravel falling out of farm based truck on bridge on 529
- Silage trucks never tarped. Wet material hitting my vehicle while passing.
- Silage, manure, gravel, unsecured or untarped hay/straw
- Loose items out of back of trucks
- tree branches and loose rocks/stones
- Trash including shingles and other debris such as nails from old roofing materials and larger causing me to have a flat tire while following. A new tire was needed.
- Feed lot trucks hauling silage down highways blowing off into ditches
- Silage is bad. Gravel is a problem.
- Silage trucks are terrible with product flying out of the trucks from one end to the other
- Have been behind both gravel and hay trucks that have dropped debris.

Q4 Answers Continued:

- I have been behind trucks where they are hauling gravel, dirt and other miscellaneous items which have either hit my vehicle and or I have had to swerve to avoid.
- Pop cans & lawn clippings to manure & straw off bales
- Straw, Hay, and Silage Trucks
- Gravel from gravel trucks
- Hay
- Not a big deal just some paper coming off a vehicle heading to the dump, they picked it up fairly quickly
- Seen lots of stuff like Garbage, tree branches, straw/hay/silage
- Mainly loose commodities and livestock waste. Some yard waste and garbage as well
- Gravel trucks have broken our car windows and stick's flying off trucks
- Gravel trucks Silage trucks Mossleigh area.
- Seen all kinds of things from all kinds of vehicles
- Gravel, garbage

Q5: Have you ever experienced damage to your vehicle from debris falling off a truck or trailer or from debris on the road within Vulcan County? (Such as a cracked windshield or dented fender, etc.)



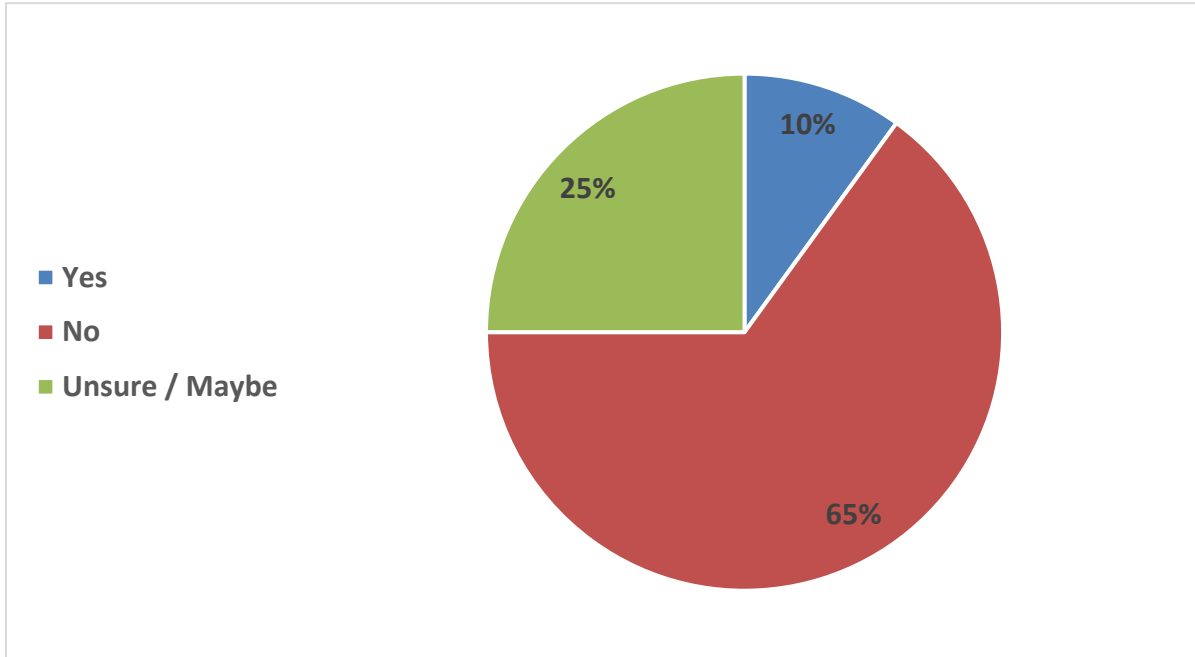
Q6: If yes, provide further detail here (optional).

- Rock Chip in windshield
- Cracked window
- Smashed windshield
- Gravel from a Gravel truck hit my truck wrecking my grille and denting my transmission cooler and causing multiple rock chips
- Chipped windshields
- Have had gravel off trucks damage our windshields and front of vehicles before
- Rock chips, chipped windshield popped tires
- Just a windshield chip - I've had much worse occur out of county
- Cracked windshield
- Windshield
- Have had debris from trucks crack/chip windshields on both of our vehicles. One windshield was only 2 weeks old.
- We have gravel roads and rocks fly out of tires and break windshield. It's all part of living in any rural area and I accept that
- BROKE DRIVER DOOR WINDOW
- Most of the damage I have incurred is from gravel on the road that is picked up by tires and flung up, the gravel mostly comes from mud stuck to tires after coming off gravel roads that don't have enough gravel on them because the county doesn't maintain them enough.
- Yeah one of the county gravel trucks sprayed me with gravel and broke my windshield. Thanks for that one
- I've had my windshield smashed twice from gravel truck debris, once a pulley fell off a truck and went through my windshield.
- Silage stuck in radiator fins and losing line of sight
- Cracked windshield
- The worst place is coming around the curve by the elevators. Cracked windshield
- rocks hitting windshield - comes with the territory when driving on a gravel road
- The gravel trucks hauling out of the local pits, especially the pit at the top of the hill South of the river are a hazard. We don't have a vehicle in the yard with a clean I damaged windshield and we own 5.

Q6 Answers Continued:

- Windshields and panoramic sunroofs from gravel from tandem boxes, not the roadway
- Just gravel being thrown, most of the trucks are OK with speed, but there are hundreds a day that travel a small area, so it's going to continue to happen
- Rocks cracking windshields
- I have to replace my windshield every six months and not just because of small rock chips but cracked windshields and a couple times having rocks totally take out my windshield
- I had ice fall from a high voltage transmission line and wreck a windshield. I've had rocks come off trailers and crack windshields but not from gravel trucks. Most likely came out of a tire tread or fell off a fender ??
- Broken window
- Fell off on corner onto my windshield
- mainly windshields
- Rock into windshield, silage and or straw into grill and radiator cooling fins
- cracked windshield from debris (stones) falling from a pick-up truck
- Flat tire and damaged rim on my truck
- Rock chips, low visibility.
- Replace windshields every 3 months. Had rocks come right through windshield.
- Dents in the grill and hood, cracked windshields
- Have had multiple windshields cracked by debris. As a motorcyclist have also had clumps of hay fall off of hay haulers. Hay haulers should be included for tarping as clumps of hay on the highway can be hazardous to motorcyclists.
- Rocks that hit my windshield - this was directly from a load that they were transporting and not from the road.
- Rock came of the back of a county gravel truck I was following and dented my grill. Truck was tarped.
- Car windows
- Schooten gravel trucks. Lost a windshield and a grill in the course of a week.
- Cracked windshield from rocks or gravel
- Hay hauler lost some material and damaged my radio antenna

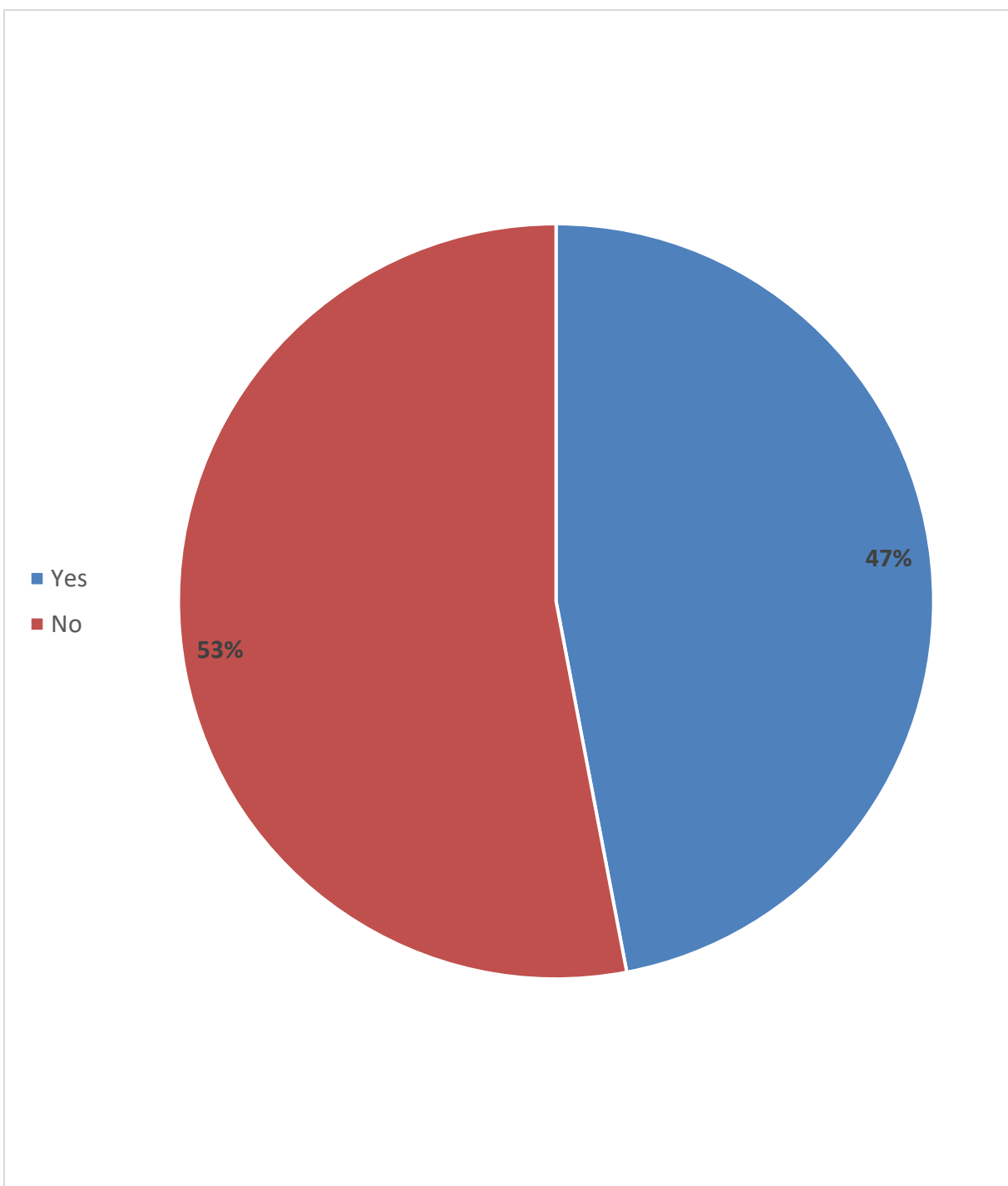
Q7: Have you encountered issues with weeds on your property from agricultural debris falling off a truck or trailers?



Q8: If yes, provide further detail here (optional):

- I don't believe anyone could pinpoint that exactly, however I have experienced agricultural debris multiple times from Schooten's trucks
- From [people] not securing their load and having it fall off
- Weeds generally come from wind blowing the seed everywhere. Now, if you could create a bylaw that would make wind illegal then I would vote for you.
- We notice invasive weeds along 24 that were not present in the past. County field folks confirm this.
- Anytime there is silage being harvested the roads are green with silage, and we have weeds on our roads and in our yard that have not had before
- I have heard people say the stuff flying off the trucks have resulted in weeds.
- New weeds in our ditches spreading into our pastures and yards
- Fell out of trucks onto are lawn
- wildlife may have transported weeds
- Weeds in yard
- New weeds we've never had before are showing up. Pretty sure it's silage trucks.
- See above response to question number 6
- I said yes so I could give a written response. I'm sure I've had weeds come of a truck or trailer not tarped. I'm also sure I've had weeds come from trucks doing town yard cleanups. I'm sure I've had weeds come off passing farm machinery.

Q9: Should the bylaw apply to all roads within the County, including gravel roads, paved roads, and provincial highways?



Q10: If no, provide further detail here (optional).

- We don't need blanket laws for the dumbest of our society.
- Sometimes your load is not worth tarping and people take a back road so they can go slower and make it to the dump. Example tree cuttings or old fence or heavy stuff that will not fly out. This causes stress. I think it should apply to stuff that can fly out like leaves or garbage.
- Not commercial vehicles
- Bylaw should be town only that's what town bylaw/peace officer is they are not RCMP
- Back roads between neighbors or dump runs at slow speeds should be exempt.
- This is ridiculous! We do NOT need more rules, regulations, bylaws etc. get a life and stop making up more rules when there doesn't have to be!!!
- People should be able to decide if they need to tarp. We don't need more reasons to ticket people.
- Highways only
- There's already provincial legislation, why does Vulcan County need to add more?
- How about rocks flying off of tires. Solution pave all roads.
- During busy agricultural season no, depending on distance of travel
- I would exclude gravel roads so agricultural business isn't impeded
- It shouldn't apply to any roads
- Let's leave it up to the producers and haulers to be good citizens
- PAVED ROADS
- The province already has one that applies to provincial highways, no need for more laws. This survey makes it seem like there is no regulation right now. Our secondary roads don't need the regulations. The following questions make it seem like I accept the proposed bylaw.
- More bureaucracy again and costs of implementing. If we are heading our products to our farm storage yards we do not need this harassment and delay in harvest
- I shouldn't have to tarp my tandem during harvest if I'm only going a short distance. We do tarp if we are going a long distance already.

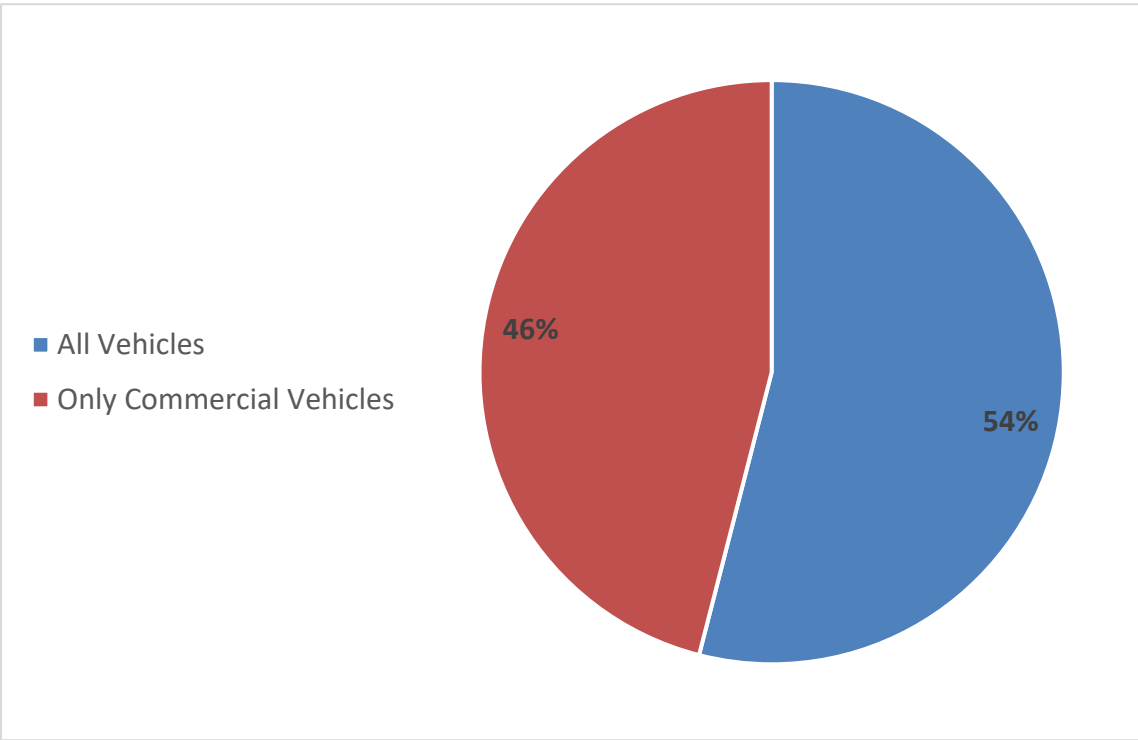
Q10: Answers Continued...

- If they are going to make a bylaw about anything it should be about the solar field weed control and spread of weed seeds from there sites
- Bylaw should apply to type of LOADS, not roads. Use common sense when load needs to be tarped or secured
- provincial highways only - rural roads are meant for ag activities.
- Paved
- I don't believe that a farmer who is just moving to the next field or section should have to tarp or half ton trucks unless there is gravel in them.
- Should be a major highway bylaw only
- No bylaw is needed
- Placing too many restrictions on Ag producers all ready. On provincial Highways absolutely, thank God there's already a section in the highway traffic act that covers that enforcement.
- Gravel should be ok along as they have a speed limit for safety. 30k when passing or meeting people.
- Farmers during seeding and harvest shouldnt need to tarp if they are within a short distance from where they are working. Example 6 miles or whatever Council comes up with.
- Highways only, gravel roads are lower speed, and have less traffic. In fact, I would support a reduced speed limit on gravel roads for heavy trucks
- Is the bylaw needed?
- Aggregate materials should be tarped, Ag materials pose no issue to me.
- Highways where speed is increased
- Paved roads because gravel one should not be in speeds excess of posted 80 kph and should be passing on gravel at only 50 kph
- Provincial laws already exist. For unsecured loads. Doesn't matter if they have a tarp or not.
- sick of being policed to death about everything
- Gravel could be excluded
- Should be for all paved highways

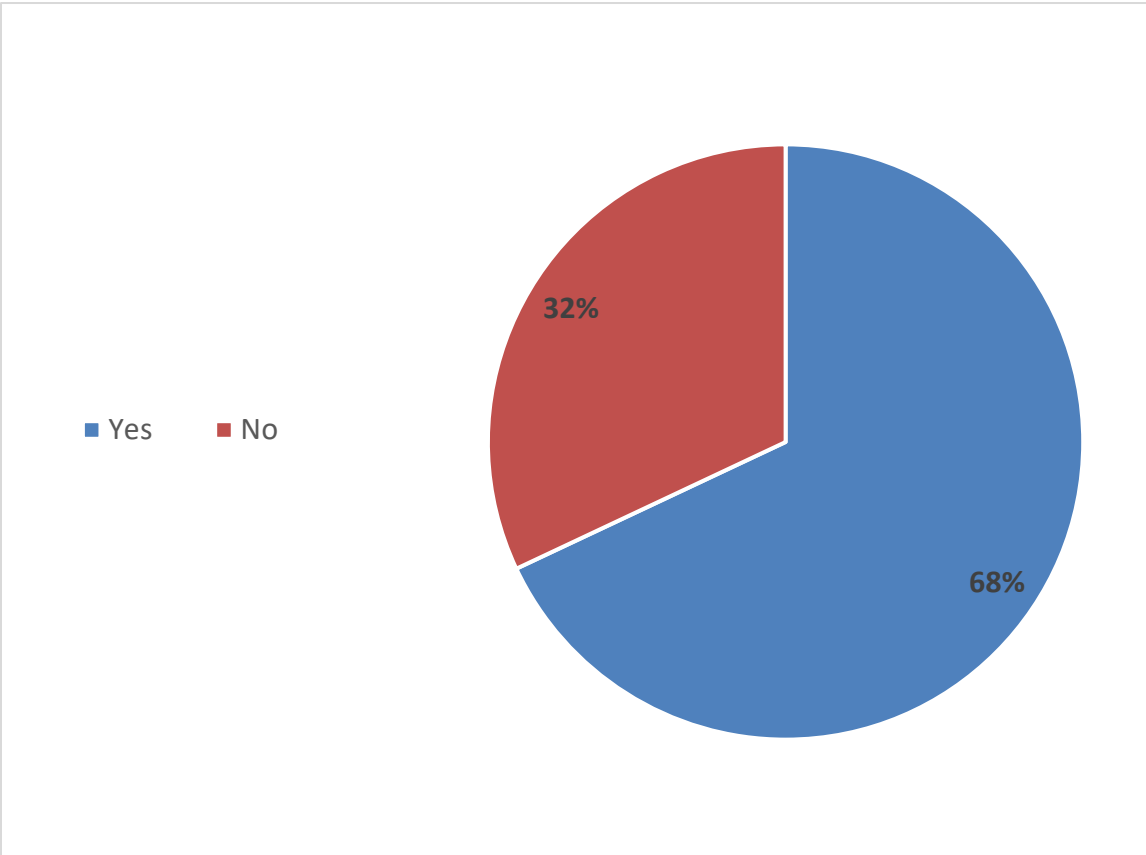
Q10: Answers Continued...

- The bylaw should not include gravel roads.
- Another overreach by this council - all need to be replaced with some common sense, pro rural, not on the take, Trudeau lovers
- Provincial rule in place
- If you are making haulers for silage do this, you should make hay and straw haulers do this too. Weed seed are spread far more easily through hay and straw as they are at a mature state. Vs silage where most if not all seeds are not even developed enough to grow.
- Paved and provincial roads possibly, not gravel roads.
- Only the highways where it affects non farming traffic
- Not on gravel roads! Only on provincial highways.
- Provincial rules already exist, this is a waste of resources
- Don't need any new laws on this
- Particularly gravel roads should be exempt but fell all three of these roads should be exempt for agriculture silage and manure
- There isn't an issue in our area
- Maybe only on highways
- Highways and urban areas
- If the majority of complaints were due to debris off trucks on highways/and or paved roads, then that should be addressed in the bylaw. If farm activity and manure hauling, on gravel roads, has not been a problem, then I believe it is unnecessary to cause increased difficulty for these industries. Hay hauling got an exemption and so should grain hauling at harvest to bin locations and manure and silage hauling to local spreading areas.
- Just highways
- Do not feel this is an issue for our county. Rules already apply to commercial gravel haulers where there is potentially a risk
- On gravel roads depending on material being hauled I don't feel it is necessary for all loads to be tarped

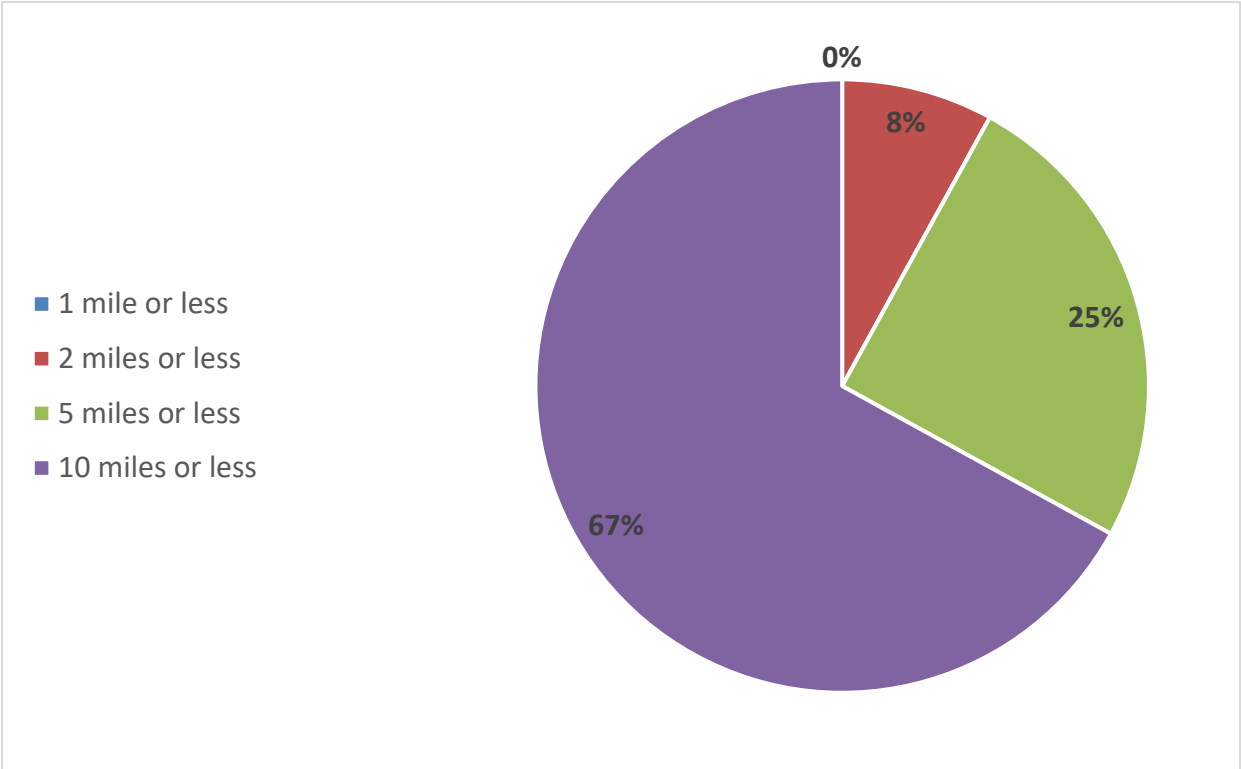
Q11: Should the bylaw apply to all vehicles or just commercial vehicles?



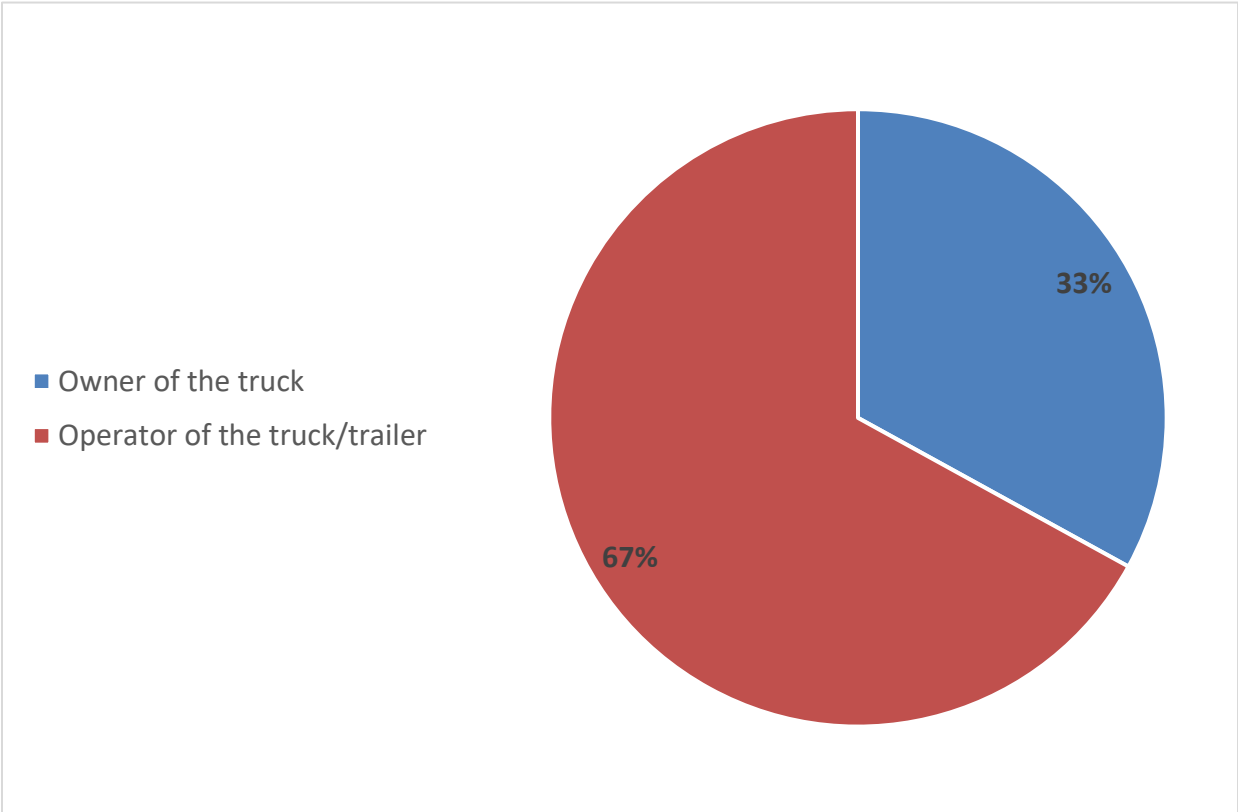
Q12: Should the bylaw contain an exemption for hauling short distances without tarping?



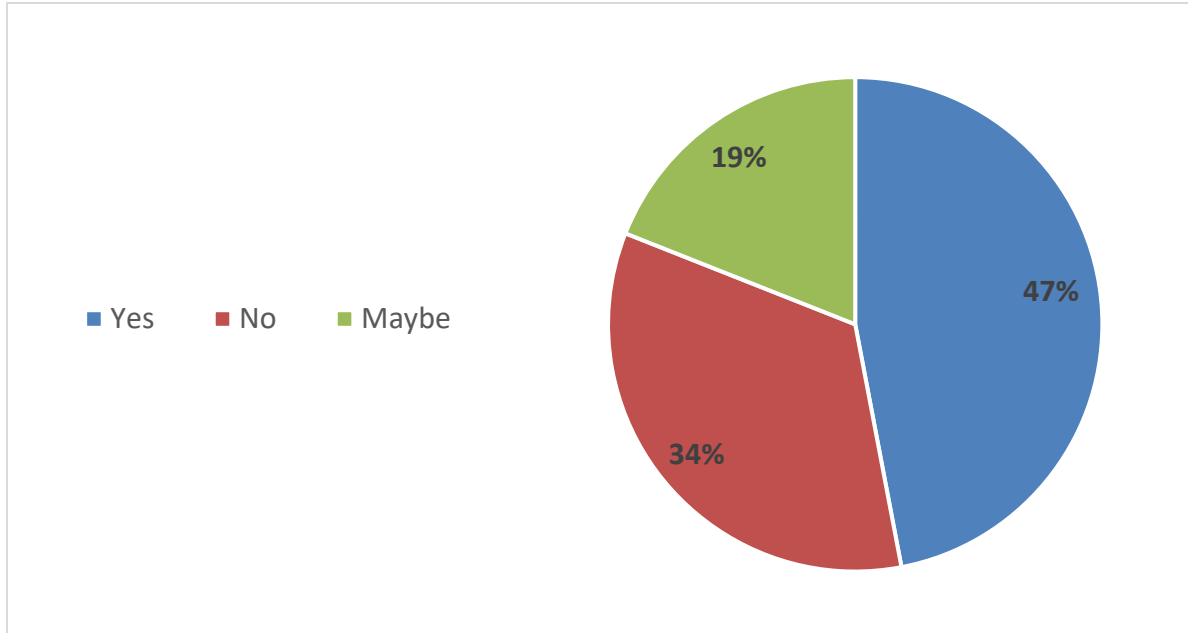
Q13: If yes, what distance do you recommend?



Q14: Who should be responsible for complying with the bylaw?



Q15: Do you support the use of fines as a means of enforcing tarping requirements within the County?

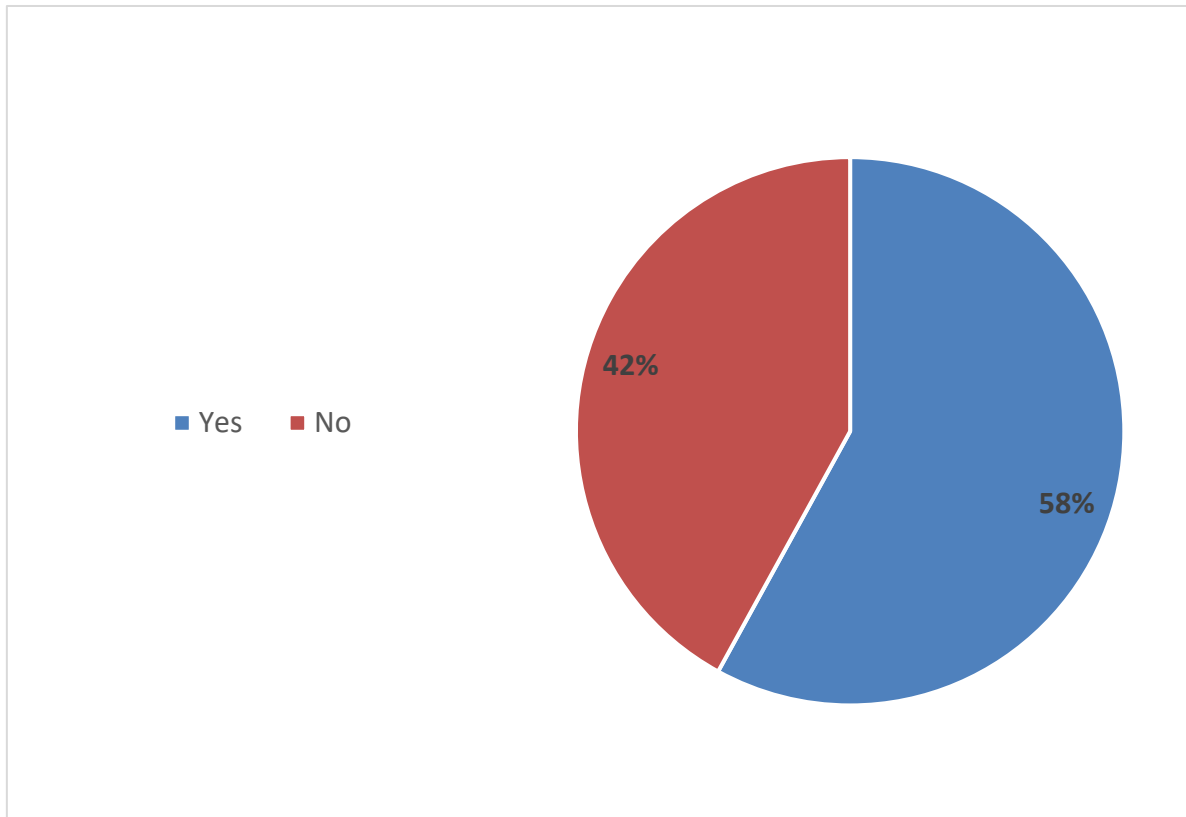


Q16: Do you think the proposed fines are adequate?

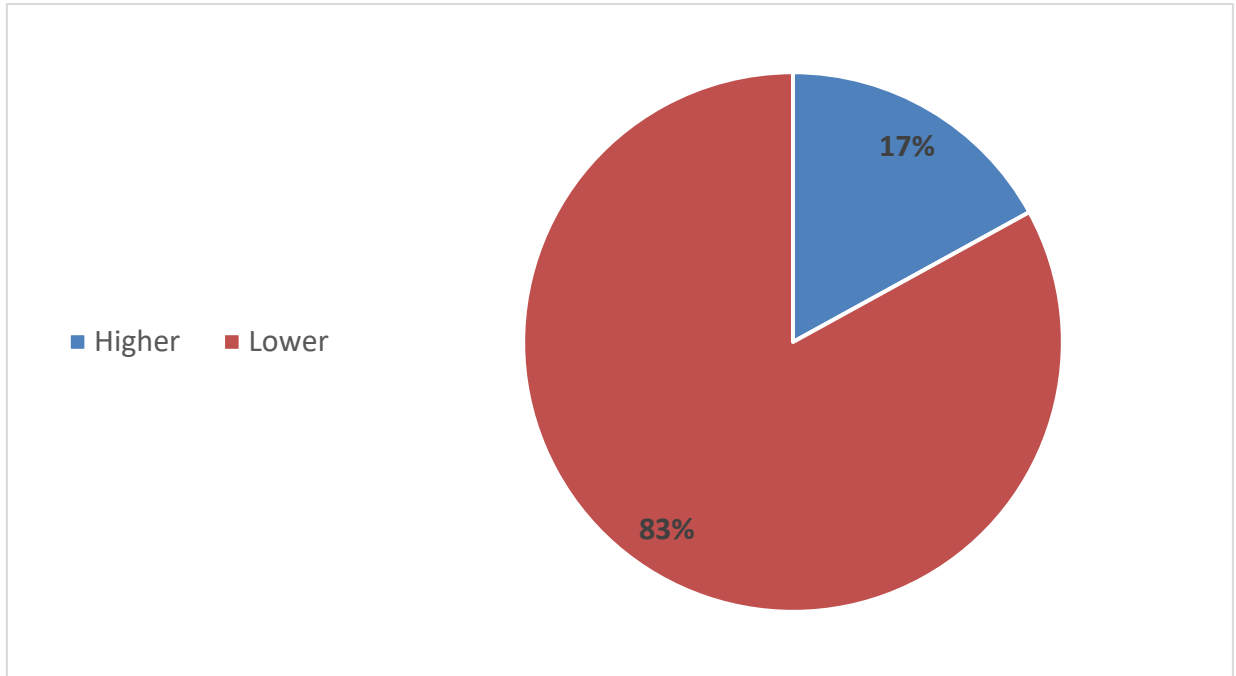
1st offence - \$300

2nd offence - \$600 (if occurs within 6 months of 1st offence)

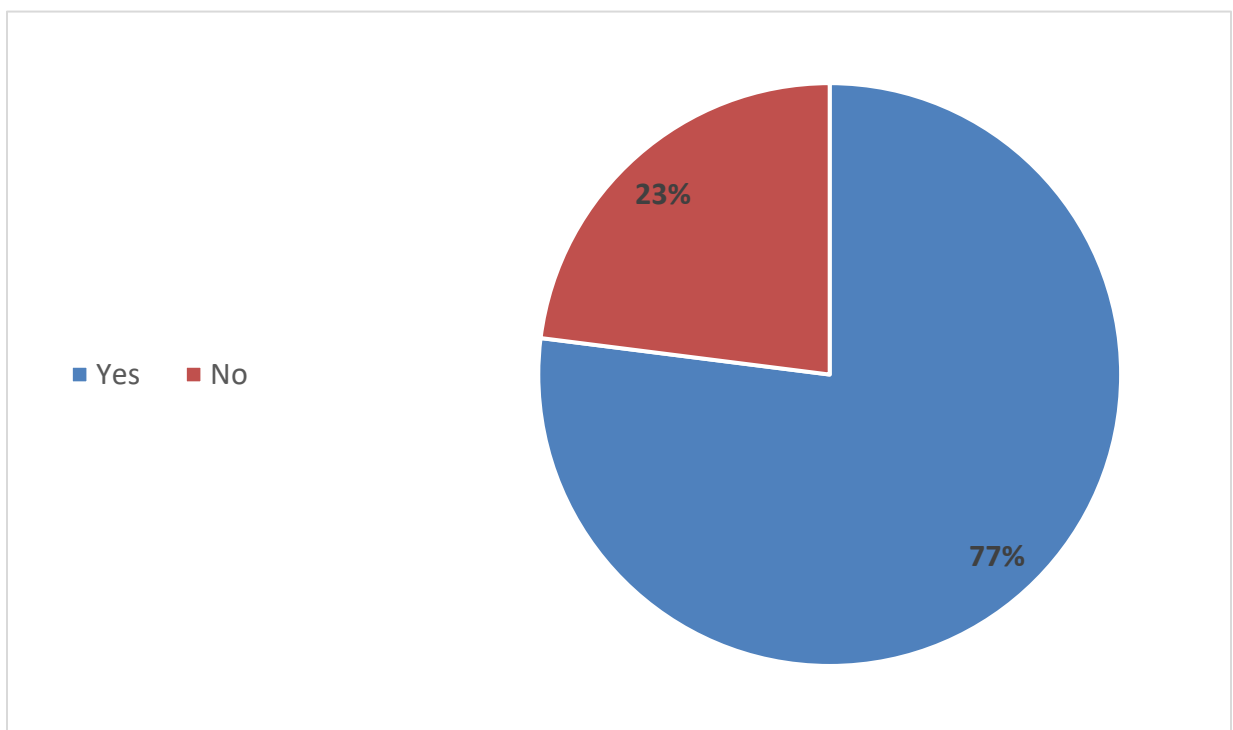
3rd and subsequent offence - \$1,200 (within 6 months of previous offence)



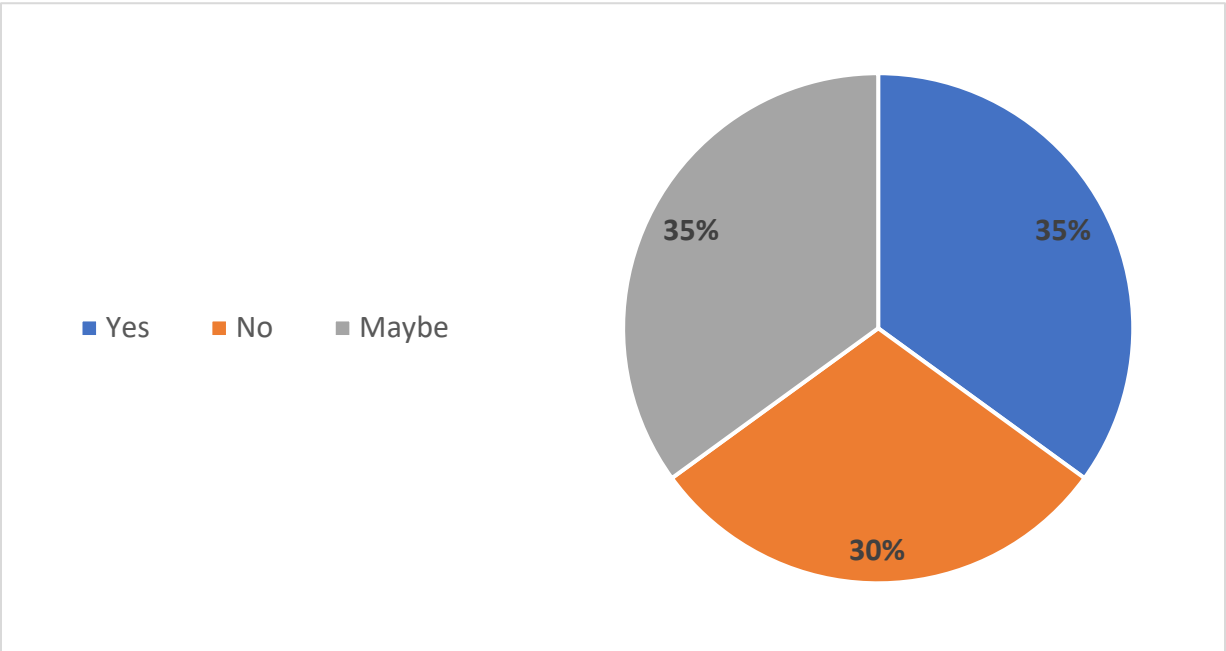
Q17. If no should the fines be...



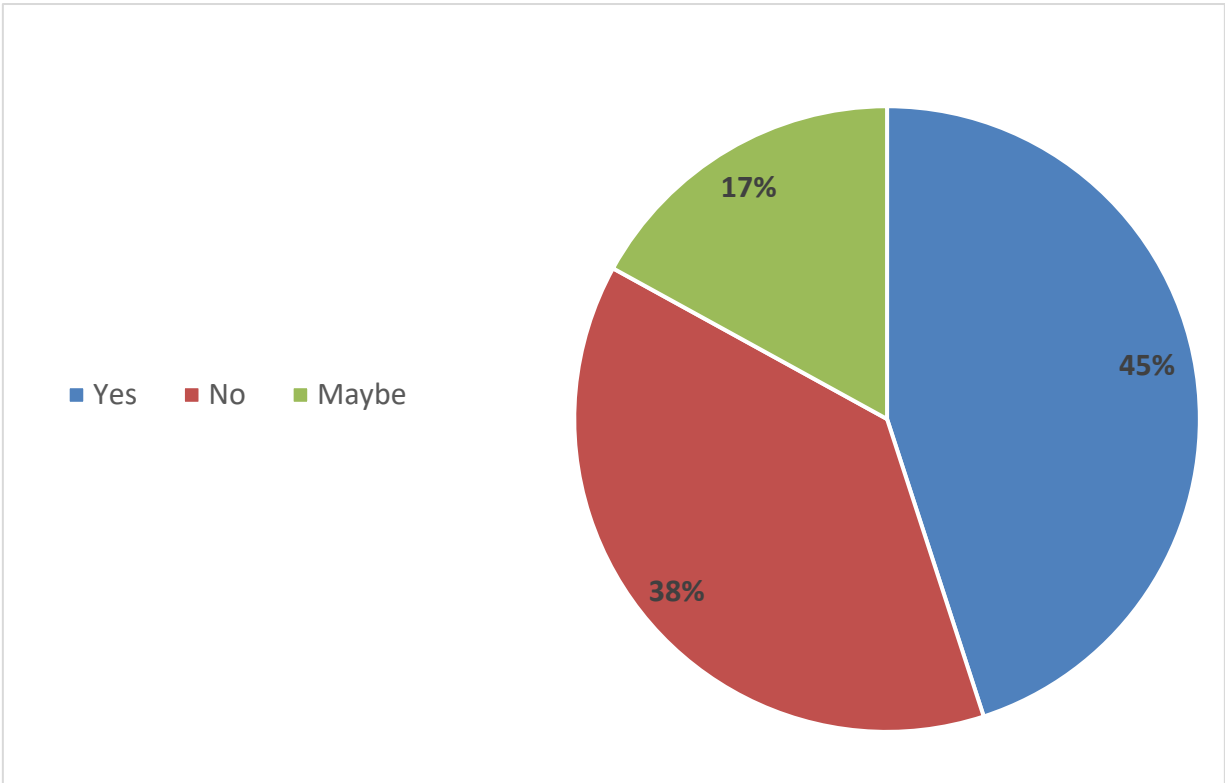
Q18: Should Vulcan County have authority to remove debris from a roadway if it constitutes a hazard and charge the driver for the cost of cleaning up the debris?



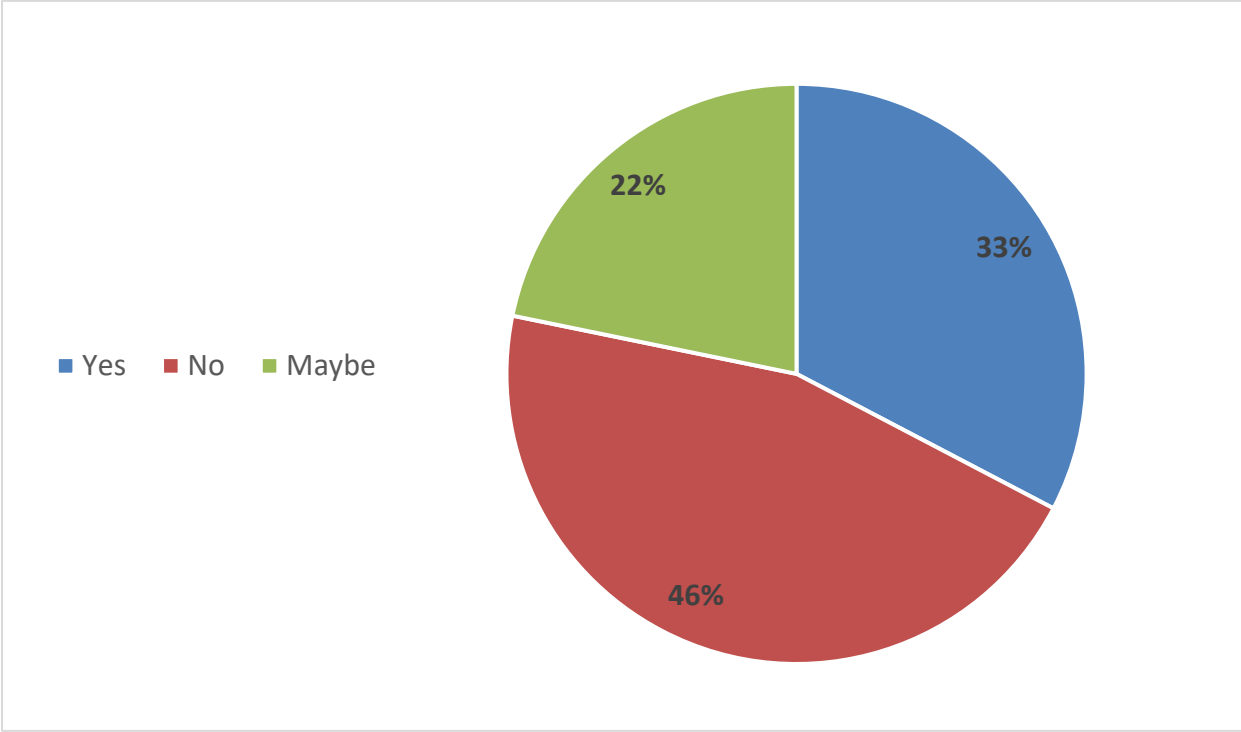
Q19: Do you think a Tarping Bylaw would encourage drivers to tarp their trailers to prevent debris from falling off?



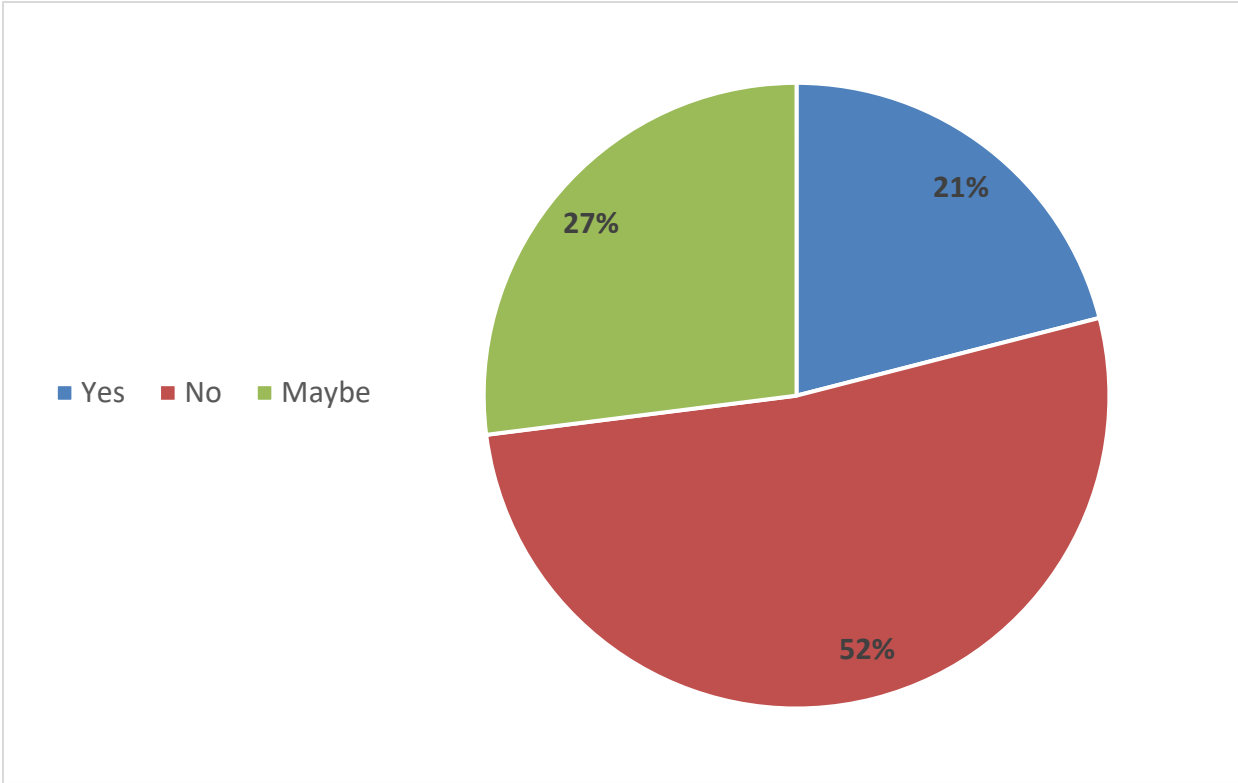
Q20: Do you think this bylaw would increase the safety for road users by preventing debris and waste from falling off vehicles?



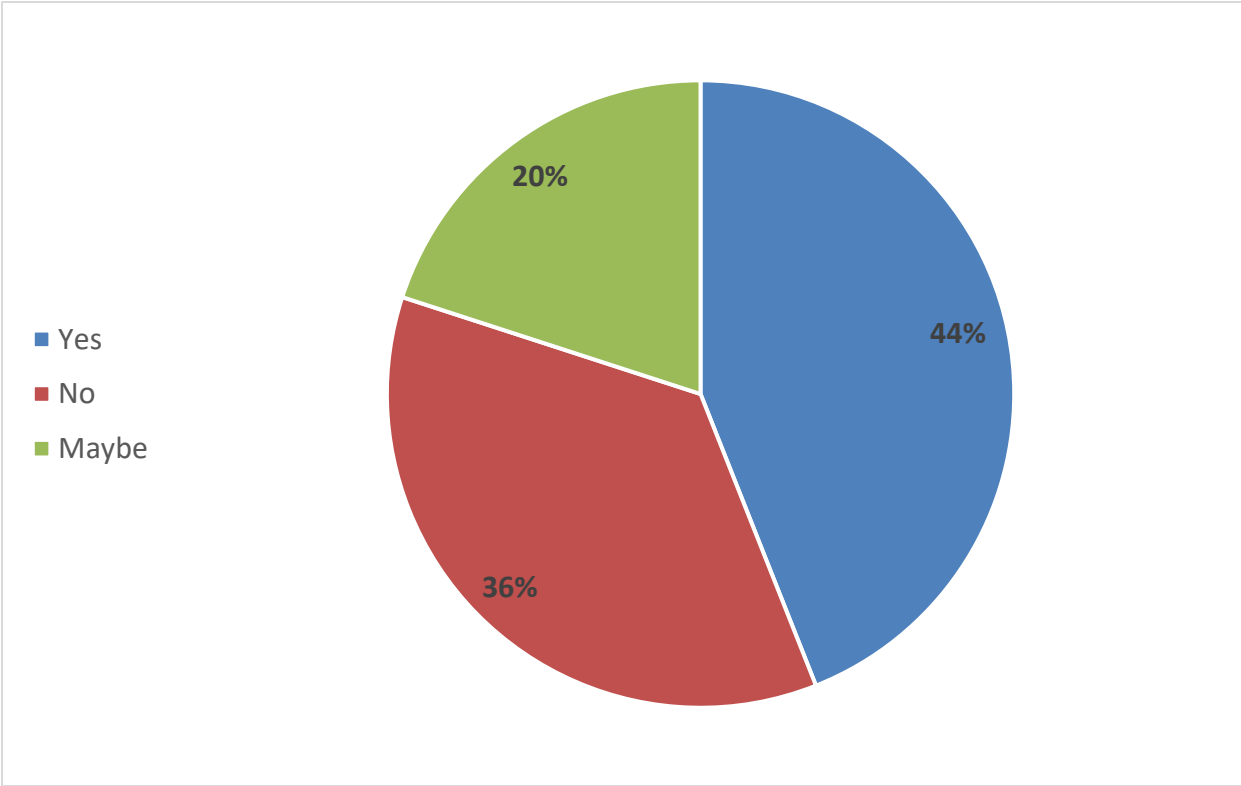
Q21: Do you think the bylaw would positively impact the environment by reducing litter and pollution caused by debris on the roads?



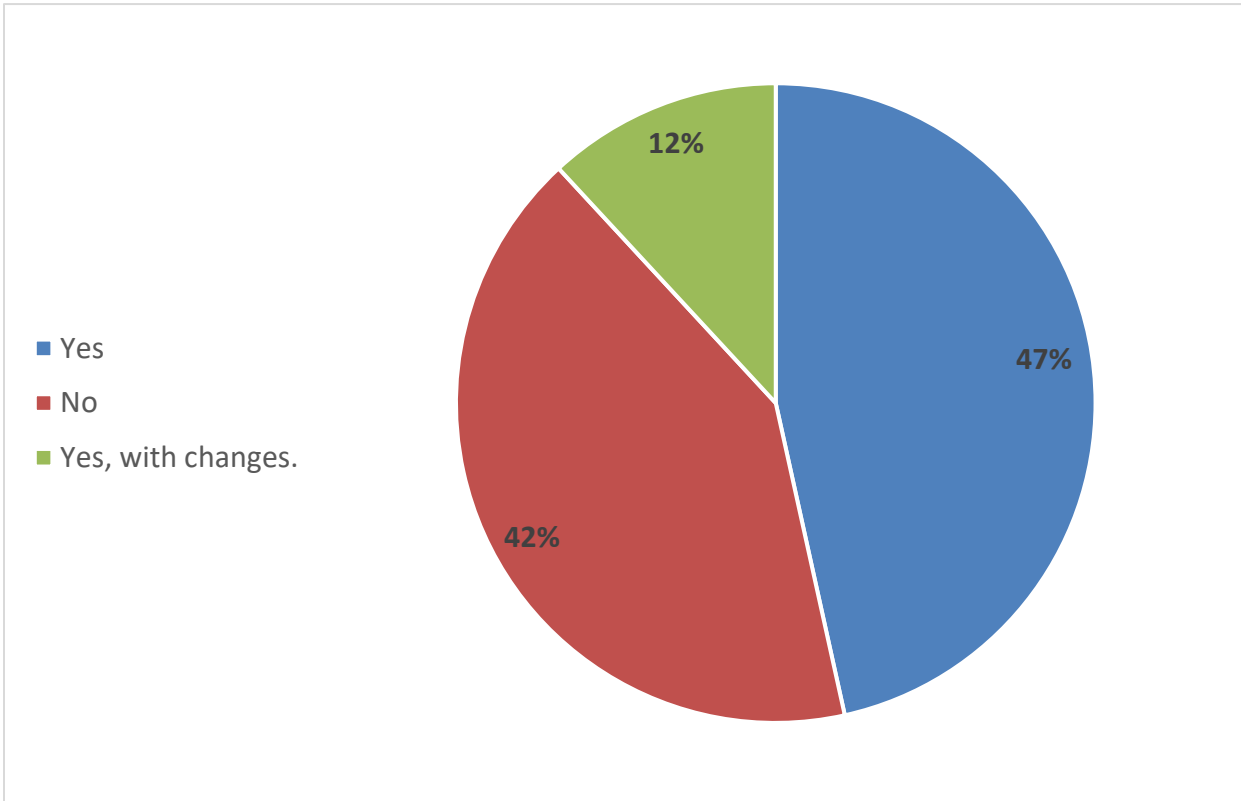
Q22: Do you think this bylaw will reduce weed issues caused by debris falling from vehicles?



Q23: Should Vulcan County focus on a public education campaign to raise awareness on the importance of tarping and how to properly tarp?



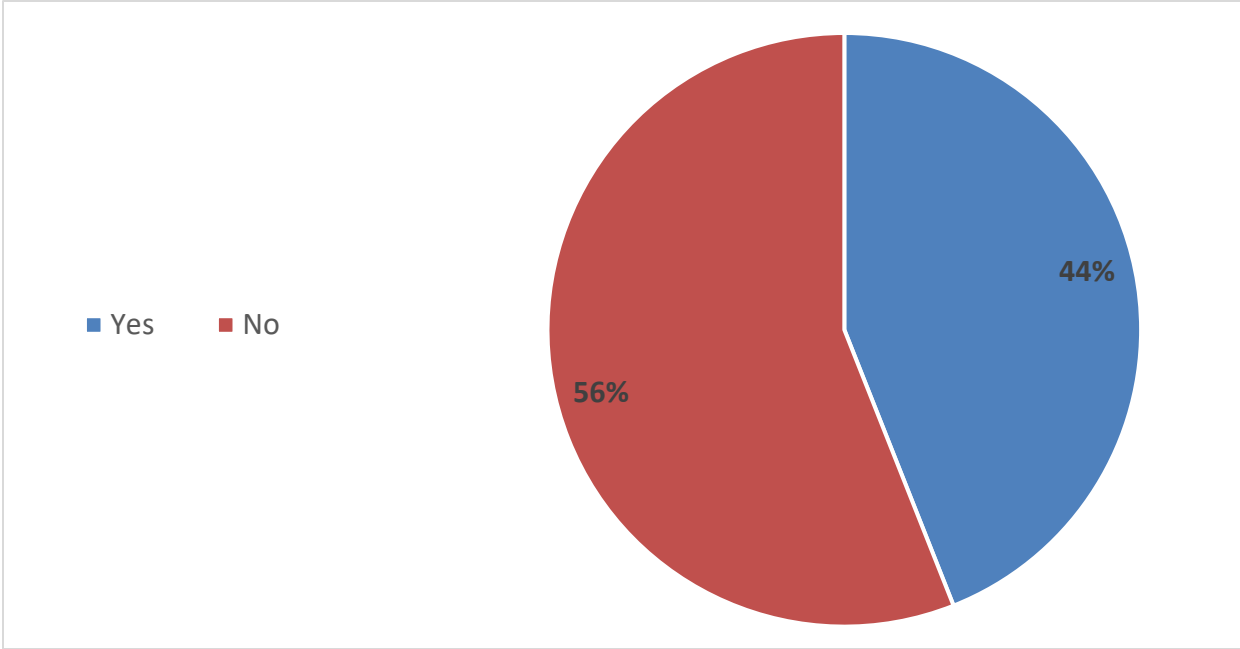
Q24: Overall, do you support the proposed tarping bylaw?



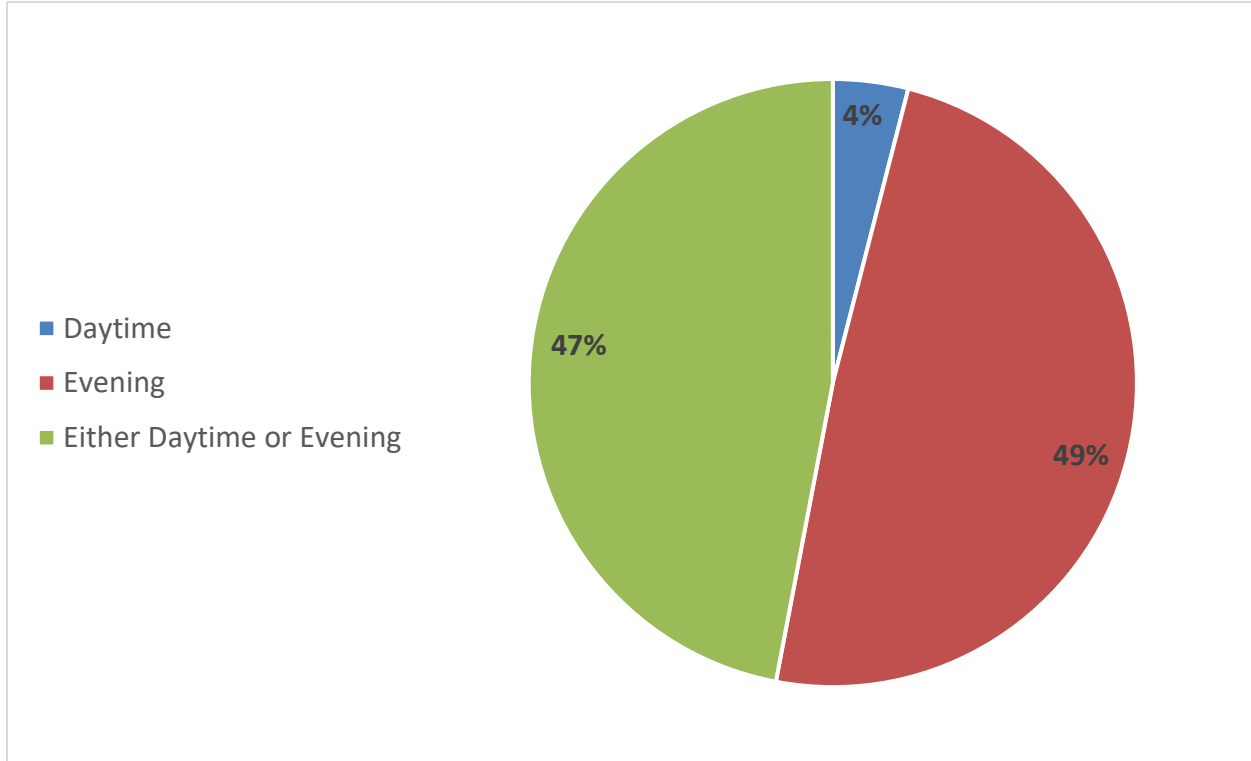
Q25: If you selected 'yes with changes', please provide comment on what changes.

- Having to tarp anything that you take anywhere is way too extreme.
- As mentioned, some loads don't need tarps
- Lower fines. Focus on commercial vehicles.
- It's not cut & dry. If they're losing debris, yes charge them. If they're traveling at highway speeds without tarps, yes charge them. Farmers going from field to field etc or short gravel road dump runs should be exempt.
- You must ensure that all Vulcan County gravel trucks/trailers are also included. And make sure it is enforced against them also. They are some of the worst offenders.
- As mentioned above - distance hauled and if commercial. The farmers are having enough of a hard time without more feed/fines. Again, unless they are hauling gravel.
- Only for commercial vehicles on highways. Don't bother the farmer hauling grain off the combine for short distances to his bins
- Speed limit and operator beware. I see more environmental troubles from litter than grain. Silage is a concern, grain tarps easily and Gravel may fall from fenders from loading.
- Depends upon distance chosen.
- I don't think a resident puttering down a gravel road to the dump needs to tarp. I don't think a grain truck at harvest or seeding going from yard site to field needs to tarp. Agricultural issues are probably caused more by cleaning out trailers on roadways than falling off a truck. Rocks falling off trucks are more prevalent than rocks falling out of trucks.
- Brush or trees should be exempt from being having a tarp. And a law already exists under traffic safety rules regulations.
- The fines are too steep. 100 dollars is more reasonable and more likely to be paid as it is more affordable
- Include hay haulers
- Stop targeting just silage crews, they are just as time sensitive as hay and straw haulers. Weed seeds are at a more mature state in straw and hay so this should apply more to these situations vs silage, although I do agree silage trucks should be tarped due to the debris, but I would see the debris as more of a nuisance than a safety hazard.
- Ag vehicles exempt. A distance allowance. Not enforced on gravel roads.

Q26: Should the County host an Open House regarding the proposed tarping bylaw, giving you the chance to speak with officers and councillors about the bylaw?



Q27: If yes, should the open house be in the ...



Q28: Other comments or suggestions for consideration by Vulcan County (optional).

- Make it a secure load not a tarring bylaw. Sometimes a net is sufficient in securing the load.
- Debris that can fly out need tarping. Heavier stuff will not fly out
- Yeah do proper snow removal without raising the cost instead of driving around wasting time and money and do a better job of enforcing current rules and regulations instead of trying to add new ones to get more money
- I applaud this survey and that you are asking rate payers for their opinion, however not a single person involved in agriculture is naive enough to not understand that this stems from Schooten's hauling from their south lots to their north lots. We can jump ahead of this right now and make an example of them and stop this, or we can sit back and let them and more feedlots come to the county and start dictating what they want. I hope that we will jump out in front of this and start charging them for their constant hauling on our gravel roads, their untarped loads spreading weeds and other crop seeds all over. I have zero problems with them in our county, I have huge problems with them running around like they own the whole county and not caring about anyone else!
- How about Vulcan county uses their resources to teach grader drivers HOW TO ACTUALLY GRADE THE ROADS!! How about we stop trying to police everyone and give farmers a break! This bylaw is a waste of time and money! Do something that will actually help this community!
- Focus more on crimes like theft in Vulcan County. Farmers do their best to practice safety and take proper measures when hauling and the county shouldn't waste money on open houses and awareness campaigns. We are all already being overtaxed, we don't need more excuses to get tickets on top of that. Seeds from weeds travel in the wind and we have plenty of that around here.
- My windshields are constantly damaged by rocks in the roads does this mean the county is responsible to reimburse me for the repairs?
- Why should the county hold an open house to discuss something that should be common knowledge??? The fact people don't secure their loads is asinine. Why should someone who's too lazy to secure their load not have to pay for damages done to my vehicle?? The fact this is not a bylaw is [BS].
- Already provincial rules in place - stay in your lane
- I think this bylaw is a waste of time and money when there's already provincial regulations out there.
- The answer to question 8 should be no truck. The county has more pressing issues than hiring an obnoxious wanna be cop to harass taxpayers.

Q28: Answers Continued ...

- If extremely large operations are causing a few problems then the average size operations would have hardly any issues. A bylaw like this could mean punishing our agricultural base unfairly. Asking a small farmer to tarp small manure loads or a tandem load going a few miles to his bin yard doesn't seem reasonable. Let's remember we are an agricultural based county. Let's not further erode our speed of commerce and further financially burden our farmers. A county wide blanket bylaw would mean our rate payers could be a target for a county bylaw officer which would be poor relations. How big is this problem and is the problem operation or area specific. Please be pragmatic and reasonable. Not common lately but should be.
- The only issue I see with debris is when grain haulers clean out hoppers at roadside turnouts, they should be fined heavily.
- Stop being over the top reaching way too far into a farmers life. We do the best we can and we care about all others too. We don't need cops stopping and harassing us. Please please DO NOT entertain this nonsense proposal to regulate loads
- If the council is so concerned about weed issues maybe we should spend more time on our organic farmers who are creating a disaster for my agricultural land with all the kochia, wild oats etc. blowing around countryside and be less concerned about what is coming off of our trucks and silage trucks. Let's focus more on having a county that is welcoming to our agricultural base and not creating more friction
- Schootens hauling silage are the worst offenders for this, but they hire out guys to haul [] so it probably won't make any luck of difference. Bring in a feedlot tax next to stop Schootens from buying up everything in the NW of the county
- Questions 8 9 10 11 need another option if you do not want to see this bylaw in place.
- waste of time by the county once again - already provincial rules in place. Quit trying to over govern us with stupid money grabs like this.
- I believe not only commercial vehicle be required, which they are but anyone running FARM Plates must be required. I have complained about the silage truck and the RCMP in Gleichen said if they have Farm Plates, they are exempt. That BS!! I trucked for 35 years and the wrecks I've seen because of not having loads taped OR secured is pretty sad !!! Respectfully []
- We need less laws by the county not more Let's use provincial regulations This opens Pandora's box 2 councils from now will be wanting bay and straw bales trapped next
- The distance question should have been expanded - lots of farms have to truck further than the limits you had listed and maybe a speed factor should have been put in (traveling over 60km/hr requires a tarp if vehicle can be equipped with one). The issue of weeds is silly as no farmer is strictly combing weeds or has silage/crops that are so infested that they are spreading weeds around the county like Johnny Appleseed. There needs to be more research done on the practicality of trying to put tarps on specialized harvest boxes and what the costs to the rate payers of this county would be if custom crews refused to work here because of it. This is possibly one of the worst years on record and the county is looking at more ways of fining its rate payers??

Q28: Answers Continued ...

- This is the right thing to do, there are added costs associated with controlling invasive weeds, there is no debate about that. Land owners are subject to new weeds that appear simply because of the actions of others, there is no debate about that. Debris flying off vehicles is a safety hazard, there is no debate about that. It's nice that there is a request for feedback but at the end of the day, it's the right thing to do. There is no reason not to do it other than some may be upset.
- We cannot think of a reason not to do this.
- I think this is the start to making highways and gravel roads safer, but speed on the gravel roads and dust is also a big factor. I feel both the truck/trailer and the owner of the truck/trailer should be responsible for everything in this survey.
- I'd support a reduced speed limit for untarped loads and for heavy trucks on gravel roads. Most trucks slow down to meet a vehicle but a heavy truck going by at 80km/hr is dangerous. I like the idea of invoicing for clean up.
- We need the bylaw officer to focus on county roads not provincial highways
- Never a problem until silage
- Maybe have 2 on in the morning and one in the evening so there's no excuses that they were working and couldn't make it.
- Great idea. Makes perfect sense.
- Law already exists, give the bylaw guy authority under provincial law, if he has it , use it, no bylaw is necessary.
- its total BS
- This bylaw is Long overdue
- Not exemption on distance. Make it a speed limit. If you do not want to tarp you can't go more than 45km/hr.
- The bylaw need to include all vehicles. No exemptions for farm. Most of the problem vehicles are registered as farm vehicles from the feedlots. Short haul should not be exempt. Product still comes out of the trucks in that short distance. It does not take long to tarp a load, most are the push of a button.
- Not at this time.
- Quit wasting time on stupid shit like this and do your job representing the people that put you in that chair
- Maybe the councillor in our area should worry more about all the shit on the highway from trucks piling in her fields and all the traffic in out of their family campground instead of this witch hunt she's on against area farmers

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- Although I understand the problem I don't believe this bylaw will do anything to address the problem. For one thing I'm sure it will not include Hay haulers and silage haulers because in other jurisdictions they are exempt but are the worst offenders. They may not do damage to other vehicles but certainly are the worst offenders for weeds and unwanted seeds. I believe the only issue the county has is improperly loaded gravel trucks. (I am not talking county trucks it's more the commercial vehicles). I very very seldom have seen grain trucks on the main roads untarped. A grain truck going a couple miles down a road at 30 k/hr is not an issue.
- Agricultural products should be exempt. Straw and Hay and Silage cannot be tarped effectively. There should be an open house to better understand the concerns of citizens. The survey questions seem to be leading towards certain answers.
- Maybe all trucks should have a Business permit to operate in Vulcan county and if they get to many warnings that permit is revoked and no longer will be able to operate within the county
- Tarping laws already are applicable to provincial highways. That is all Vulcan County needs. This proposed bylaw would have an extremely negative effect on the agricultural community of Vulcan County and I am very strongly opposed to it.
- Money could be used more wisely on other items rather than an unnecessary bylaw
- Didn't protect rate payers from all these mega developments that are destroying the country side but you want to go after the same rural people for something trivial as tarps. You need to pull your heads out and start doing a better job and stop with all the overreach.
- It seems like the complaints are geared towards the gravel haulers coming from the pits in the NW corner of the county. There's mention of damage from loose material falling out which likely would be gravel or stones. We operate a grain and cattle farm and are concerned this would apply to manure and silage hauling which has no damaging hard aspects and is almost always hauled on gravel roads. At minimum I feel this bylaw should be exempt from gravel roads and for silage and manure. The adoption of this bylaw would add significant cost to our operations and make some of our current trailers obsolete. I do understand the value of public safety on roadways but feel this is geared towards hard damaging loads like stones and gravel. There already is mention of an exemption for hay hauling and I question how that is different from silage. Both loads can have fine particles blow off intermittently. If safety on highway 23/24 is a priority I feel money would be better spent creating a turning and passing lane on highway 23/24 right at the top of the hill on the south side of the river at the intersection of Twp 214 where all the gravel trucks pull out onto the highway constantly. It's dangerous and has poor visibility to the north. Trucks pull out from both the west side and east side and create a hazardous situation for drivers I feel.
- The local hauling range if implemented needs to be larger. Maybe a speed limit for no tarps of 60km / hr should be considered and anything over that or highway speeds needs to be tarped. Use the provincial secure load laws already in place. I believe if damage is done to our county roads the municipality already has a bylaw on the books to charge the repair costs back to the offender. We need to stop making so many rules that can be used against our biggest land user in Vulcan county - agriculture. This is an agricultural area and if people moving here are having issues with agricultural practices maybe it's time they leave.
- More trash is thrown out the windows of vehicles and there already is a littering bylaw
- Lower speed limit if carrying loose stuff

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- The County's role is to promote agriculture and in an agricultural disaster, the focus needs to be on supporting sustainability not imputing rules to stifle agriculture at this time. Protective Services should not be taking complaints about provincial roadways, they should be forwarded to RCMP, RCMP can then decide if the complaint is valid. As a ratepayer I feel that Protective Services should not be spending time assisting RCMP/Sheriffs in "targeted inspections" (July 26th, 2023 at the corner of HWY 547 E) on provincial roadways-they are employees of the County, not the province. We do not need to gift the province with our Protective Services wages or time. We do need Protective Services ensuring our County range roads & county citizens are safe, rural crime is still an issue. We do need our Protective Services aiding in upholding community standards. We do need Protective Services to advocate and support agriculture in our County. This bylaw is not focusing on any of those items. Gravel trucks that are not tarped cause damage and should be fined for not tarping, if this bylaw is focusing on gravel trucks then take all agricultural practices wording out of it. The Transportation Act already covers all provincial regulations.....can and should the County write/enforce a bylaw that most agricultural practices are already exempt from at a provincial level therefore it isn't (and shouldn't be) enforceable at a County level? Will the revenue from fines issued on County range roads be revenue for the County? Will revenue from fines issued on provincial roadways be revenue for the County or the province? If revenues generated from fines goes in provincial coffers why are County rate payers paying for this? Please keep an open mind when considering your next steps, a bylaw written today is about the future, it doesn't fix an annoyance today. Does council need to involve themselves in these matters? Does Protective Services need to involve themselves in this matter? Thank you for allowing input from rate payers, keep up the good work!
- If hauling on a highway or through urban areas they should tarp all over areas within a farms radius of operation lands they would be allowed not to tarp
- Open house should not be during harvest. (Open house would only be necessary if new bylaw being pushed through) Provincial standards are already in place regarding tarping. Double sets of rules only make enforcing an issue regarding who should be monitoring and fining.
- Do not support this proposed bylaw