



Trust Survey Results

December 6, 2016

Thank you to all Members that took the Trust Survey

These are the results of the survey that took place September 12 to
October 14, 2016



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Dear Member,

The YKDFN Chiefs and Council want to thank all Members that submitted a Trust Survey and engaged in the Trust planning process.

The following document is a report on the survey results. The decisions made by the Trust Working Group within the report is based on the survey feedback. We want Members to know that your input from the survey has been reflected in these decisions.

The goal is to develop a Trust Fund that will benefit current and future generations. There are many different types of trust agreements, and with your feedback we are in the process of developing one that reflects the needs of the YKDFN Members.

Mahsi Cho,

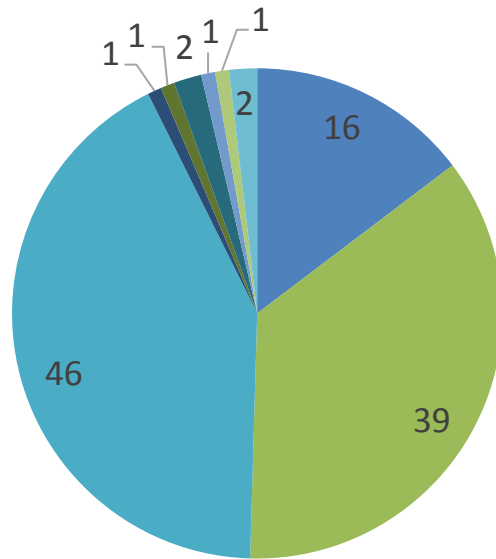
Chief Edward Sangris
Chief of Dettah

Chief Ernest Betsina
Chief of Ndilo

Responses

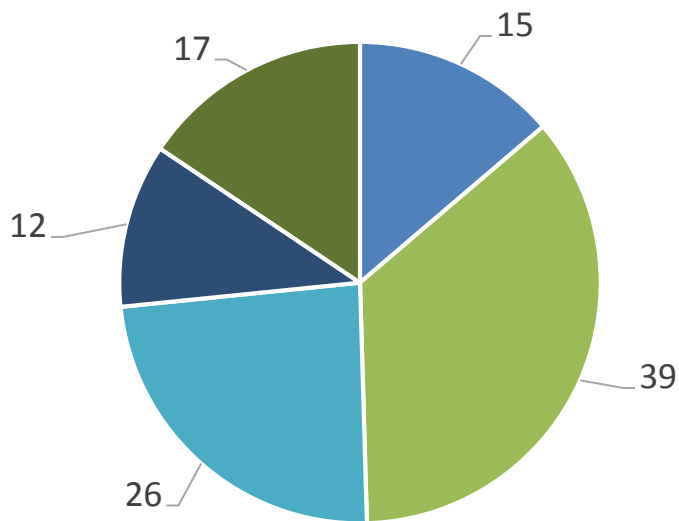
Number of Respondents: **109**

Address of Respondents



- Dettah, NT
- N'Dilo, NT
- Yellowknife, NT
- Dartmouth, NS
- Whitehorse, YT
- Fort Smith, NT
- Fort Resolution, NT
- Victoria, BC
- Unknown

Age of Respondents

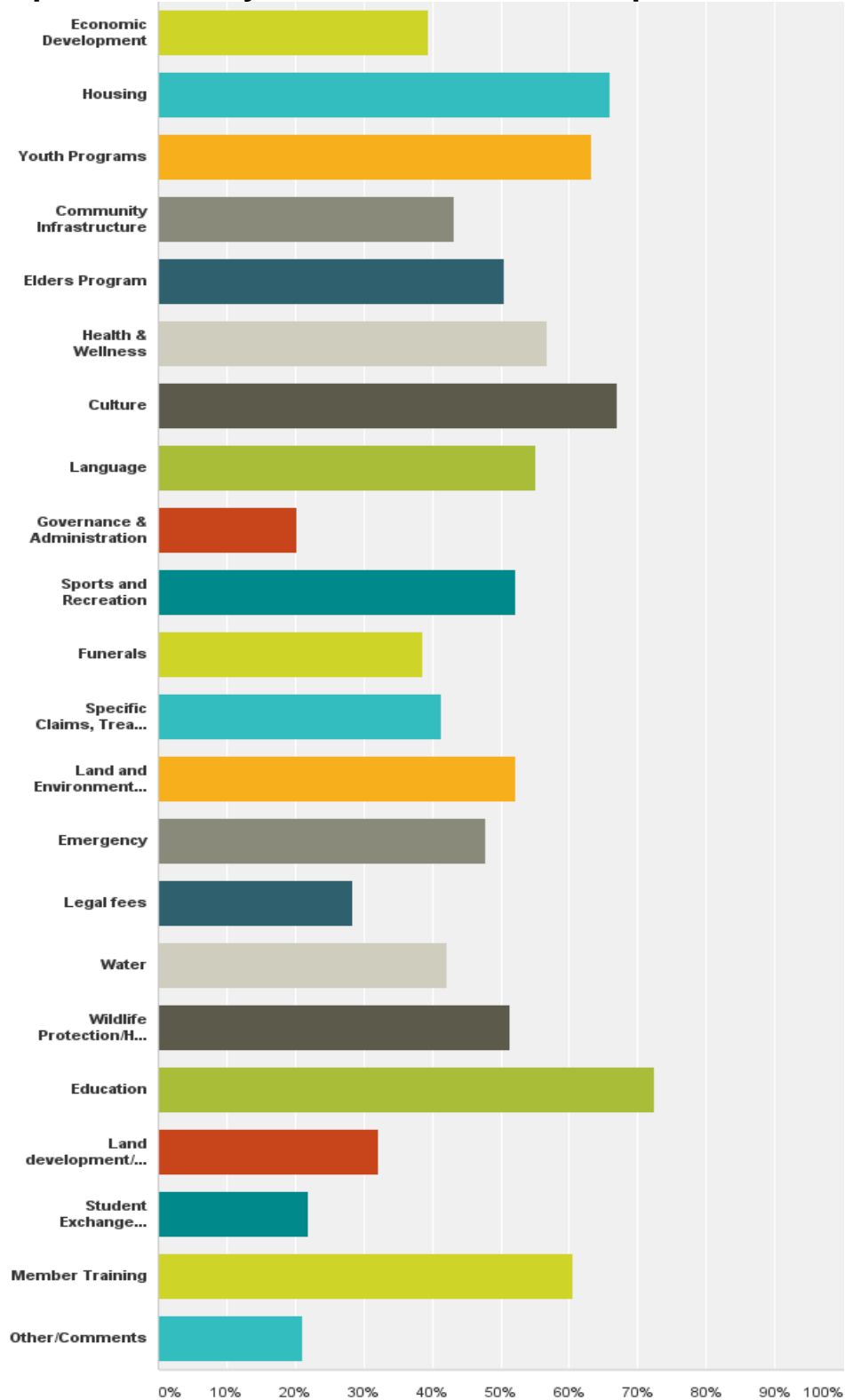


- Age 18-29
- Age 30-45
- Age 46-59
- 60+
- Unknown

Community Members Survey

Question 1.

Which purposes would you like to see the Trust provide funds for?



Trust Purposes

Answer Choices	Responses	
Economic Development	39.45%	43
Housing	66.06%	72
Youth Programs	63.30%	69
Community Infrastructure	43.12%	47
Elders Program	50.46%	55
Health & Wellness	56.88%	62
Culture	66.97%	73
Language	55.05%	60
Governance & Administration	20.18%	22
Sports and Recreation	52.29%	57
Funerals	38.53%	42
Specific Claims, Treaty, Negotiations	41.28%	45
Land and Environment Programs	52.29%	57
Emergency	47.71%	52
Legal fees	28.44%	31
Water	42.20%	46
Wildlife Protection/Harvesting	51.38%	56
Education	72.48%	79
Land development/purchases	32.11%	35
Student Exchange Program	22.02%	24
Member Training	60.55%	66
Other /Comments	21.10%	23
Total Respondents: 109		

Trust Purposes Continued

Member Comments:

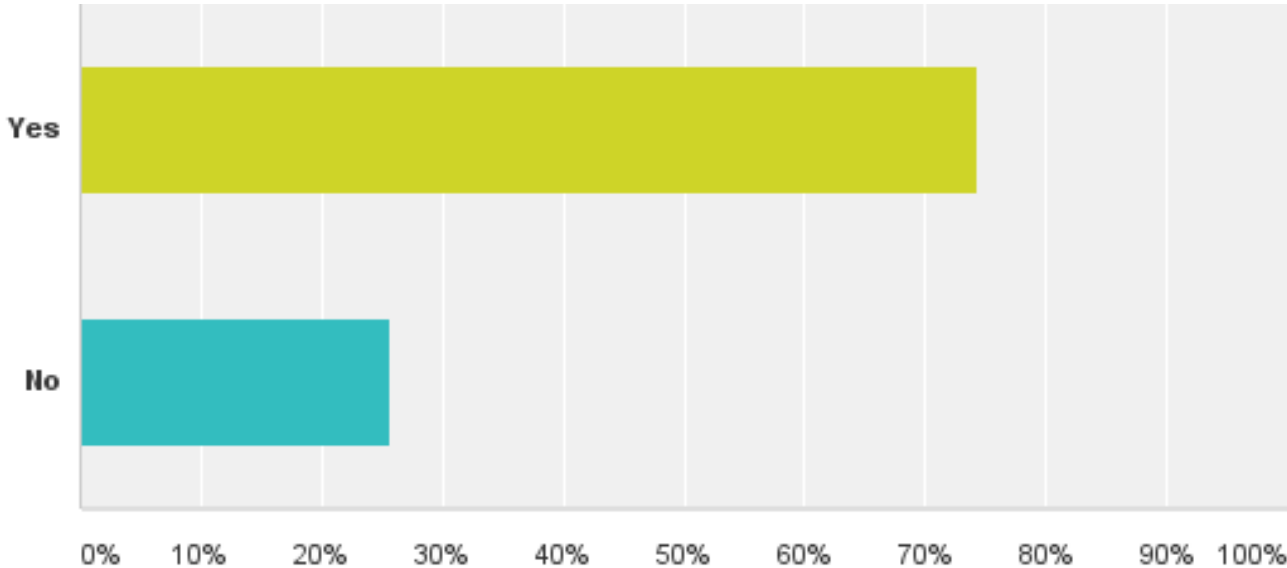
- Funding for social care programs that include child & family, drug & alcohol, care/assistance for elders
- Sports and Recreation centre
 - Gym
 - Arena
- Community safety, security, and emergencies
- Tourism
- Education
 - ERT Training
 - Rangers in Dettah course
- Emergency line for YKDFN members living off reserve
- Self-government
- Community warehouse for storage/working in

Trust Working Group Decision:

The top responses are housing, youth, culture, education, member training, and land and environment however all uses will be allowable in the Trust Agreement.

Question 2.

Should the Trust be allowed to do payouts?

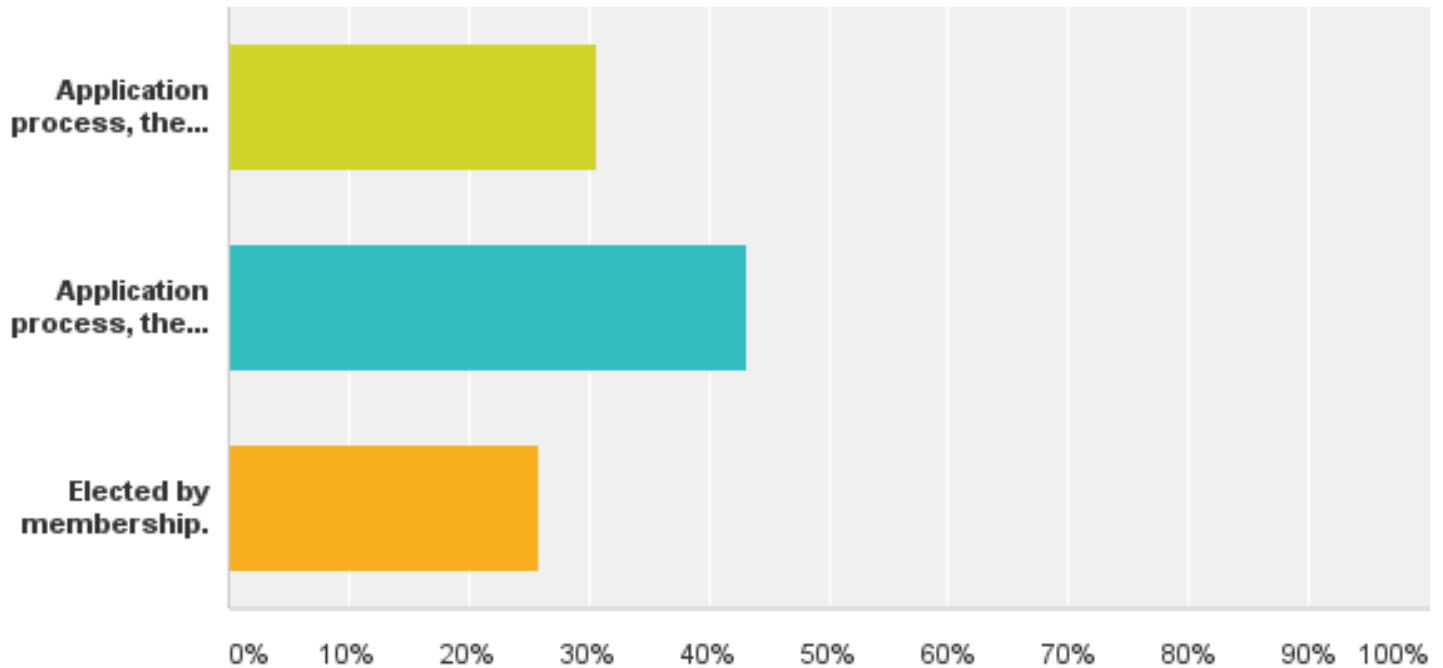


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	74.31% 81
No	25.69% 28
Total	109

Trust Working Group Decision:
The Trust Agreement will allow for payouts.

Question 3a.

How should a Trustee be chosen?



Answer Choices	Responses
Application process, then appointed by a committee.	30.77% 32
Application process, then elected by membership.	43.27% 45
Elected by membership.	25.96% 27
Total	104

Member comments:

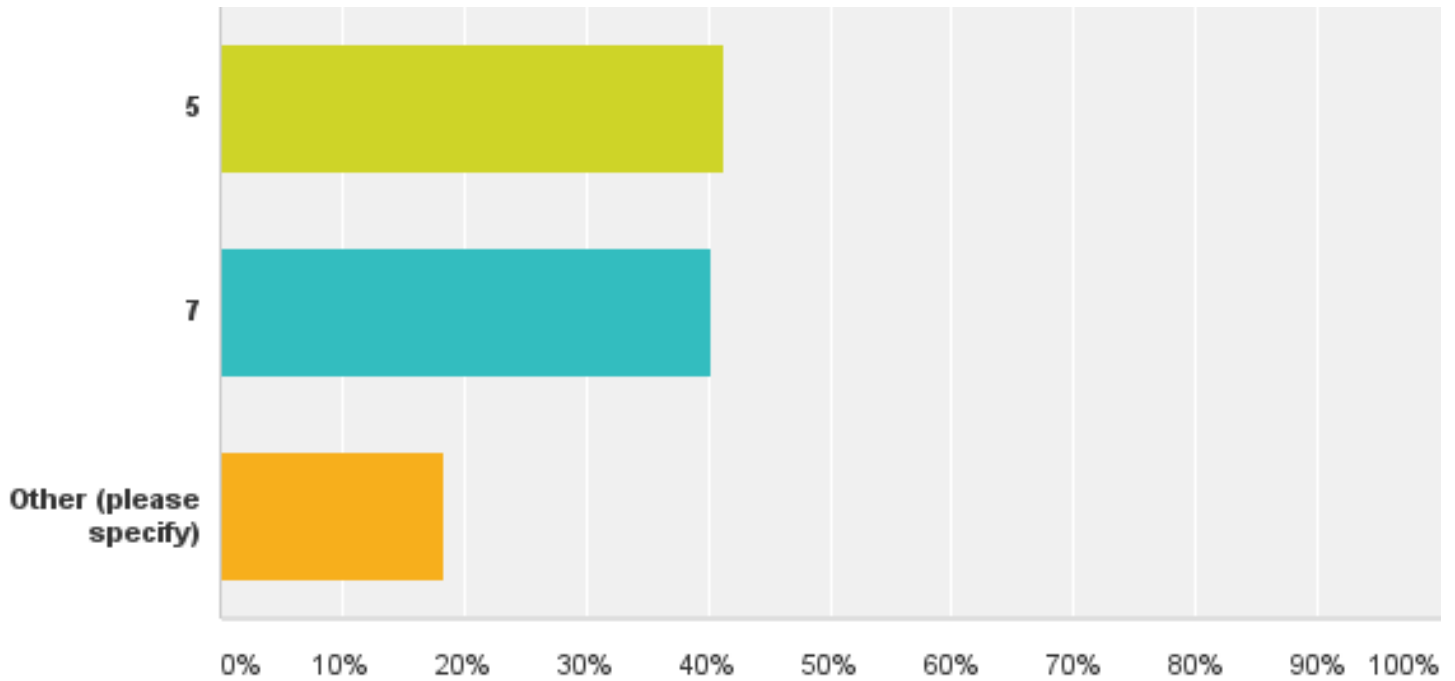
- A few members felt that all of the above are necessary in appointing Trustees
- Based on evaluation criteria so there is no biased selection
 - Experience and education are contributing factors
 - Knowledgeable of community needs
 - Family representatives
- Application Process

Trust Working Group Decision:

An application process will be created followed by an election of Trustees to take place at the same time as the election for Chief of Ndilo this summer 2017.

Question 3b.

How many Trustees should there be?



Answer Choices	Responses
5	41.28% 45
7	40.37% 44
Other (please specify)	18.35% 20
Total	109

Member comments:

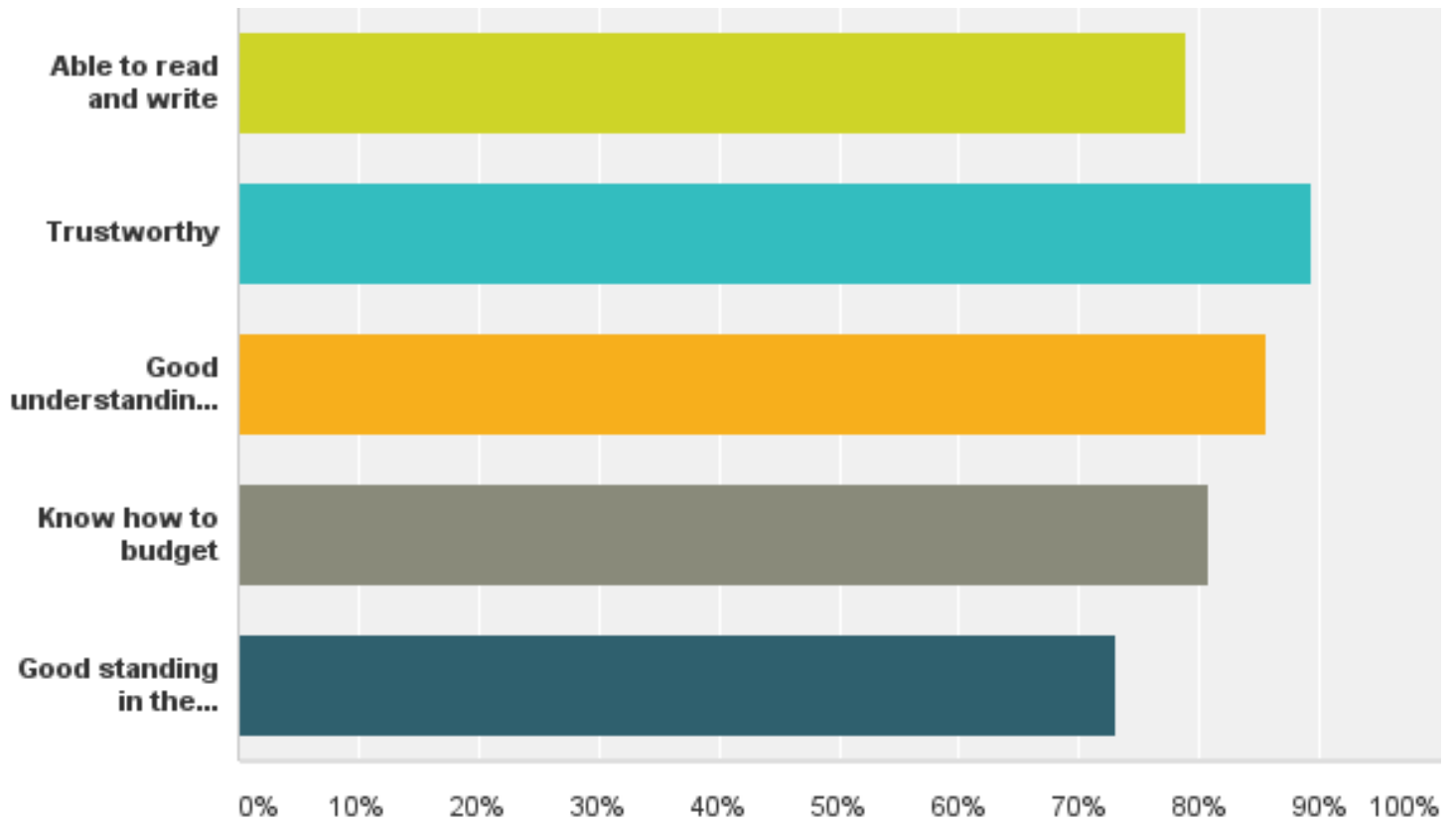
- Other suggestions were: 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 12

Trust Working Group Decision:

Responses above were close but given the amount of work required on a Trust, there will be 7 Trustees.

Question 3c.

What other characteristics should a Trustee have?



Answer Choices	Responses
Able to read and write	78.85% 82
Trustworthy	89.42% 93
Good understanding of community	85.58% 89
Know how to budget	80.77% 84
Good standing in the community	73.08% 76
Total Respondents: 104	

Question 3c Continued...

What other characteristics should a Trustee have?

Member comments:

- Suggested experience level and educational requirements:
 - Grade 12 minimum
 - Master's degree in economics governance
 - Background in business, accounting
 - Financial experience and working with other organizations/government
- Have knowledge of YKDFN history, culture, language, Dene Laws, and community needs
 - Involve elders for advice
- Respondents felt that Trustees should be fair-minded, responsible, transparent, competent, bondable, have morals and family values
- Live in Dettah, Ndilo, or Yellowknife
- Does not sit on Chief and Council

Trust Working Group Decision:

Must: clear Criminal record checks and meet legal requirements of a trustee.

Must be resident within Chief Drygeese Territory

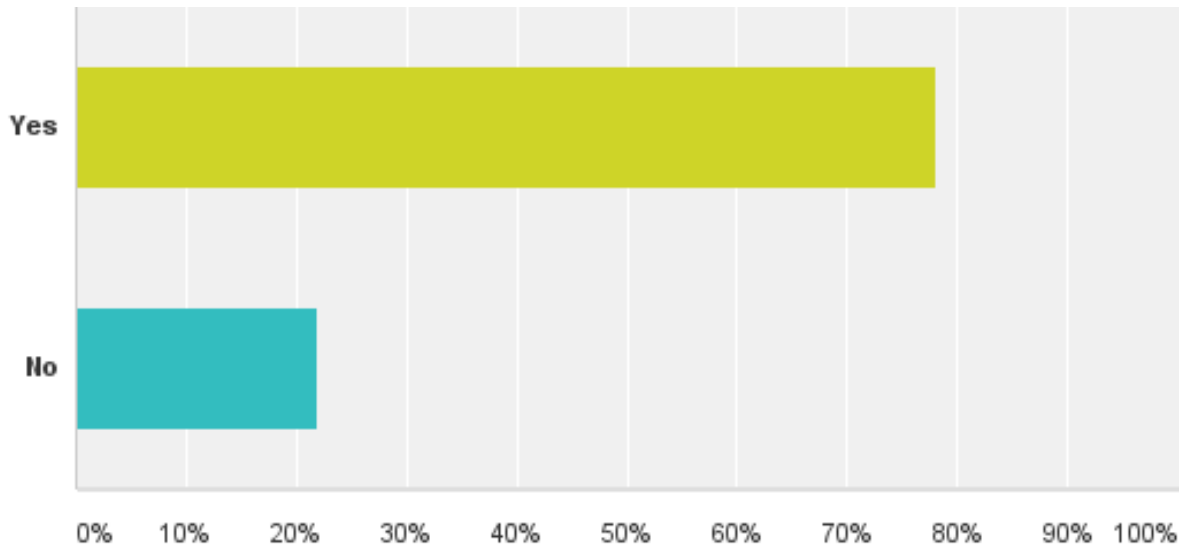
Must be a member (in the YKDFN registry) for 10 years

Cannot be a member of Chief and Council

Must be willing to take a trustee training course provided by the trust or administrative trustee within 9 months of being selected as trustee

Question 3 d.

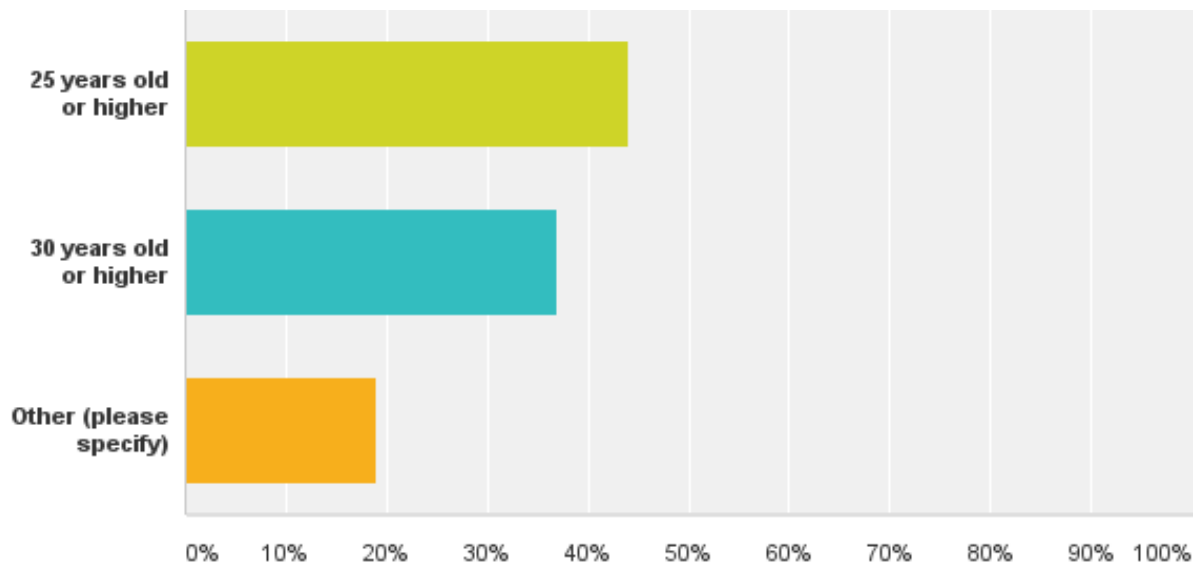
Should there be a minimum age for a member to be a Trustee?



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	77.98% 85
No	22.02% 24
Total	109

Question 3 e.

If yes, what should the minimum age of a Trustee be?



Answer Choices	Responses	
25 years old or higher	44.05%	37
30 years old or higher	36.90%	31
Other (please specify)	19.05%	16
Total		84

Member comments:

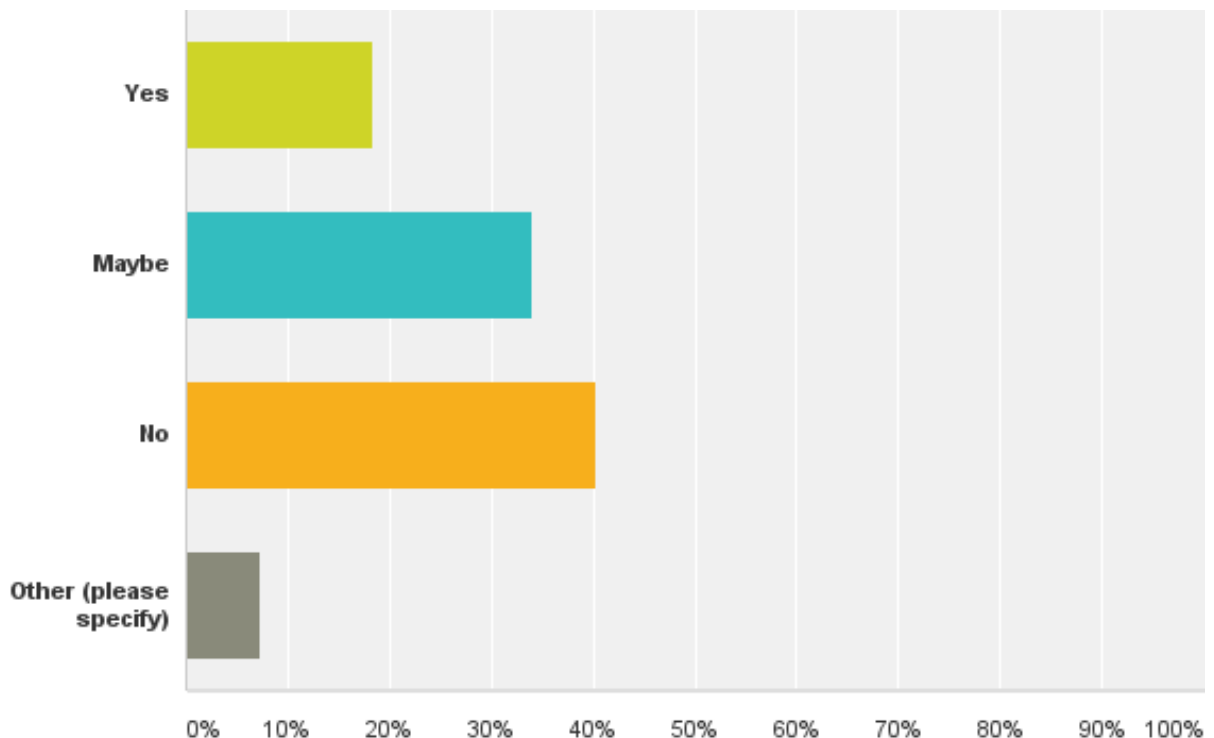
- Other suggestions include: 18, 19, 20, 27, 35, 40, 45, voting age
- Respondents would like to involve youth to participate to have future knowledge of process
 - Could miss out on talent if there is an age requirement

Trust Working Group Decision:

The community was split between a minimum age of 25 (42%) and 30 (38%). The Working Group decided to go with the community majority – minimum age of 25 and older.

Question 3 f.

Would you be interested in being a Trustee?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	18.35%	20
Maybe	33.94%	37
No	40.37%	44
Other (please specify)	7.34%	8
Total		109

Question 3 f.

If yes, why?

Member comments

- Would like to be involved with determining how the Trust Fund will be handled
- Background in Trust Law and Aboriginal Law - Experience/Knowledge in: Finance, boards and committees, budgets
- Community resident, aware of community needs
- Love of my people and future wellbeing of children very important
- Would like to be involved with determining how the Trust Fund will be handled
- Trustworthy and it would be a good learning experience
- Will consider if appointed by Chief and Council

Trust Working Group Discussion:

We thank all Members who stated their interest in becoming a Trustee and will let Members know when the application process begins.

Question 4 a.

Please share any ideas you have to reflect Dene culture into the Trust.

Member comments:

Respondents would like to incorporate Dene Laws and Values into the Trust agreement. Other suggestions include:

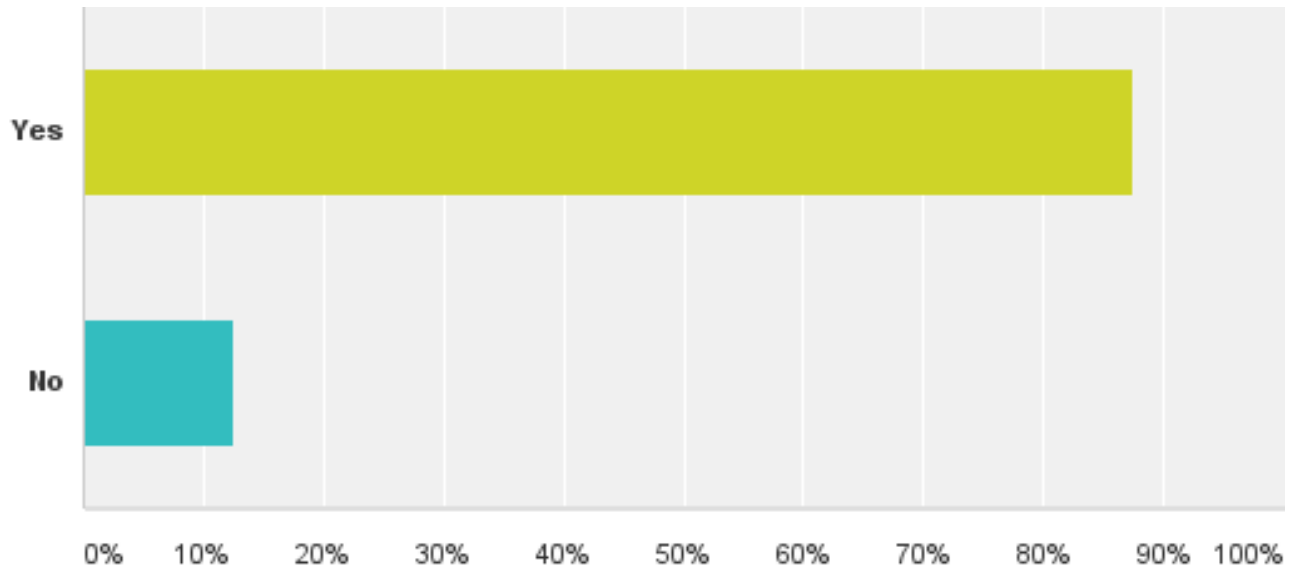
- Promote and preserve culture including:
 - Hunting, fishing, trapping, harvest program
 - Language
 - Community gatherings
 - Fire Feeding & feast drum dances at AGM
 - Begin every meeting with a prayer
 - Drum making; drum dances; drum singing;
 - Our history; our language
 - Art and Music
 - Respect for all creations
 - Justice program with a First Nations perspective
 - Involve Elders
- Invest in our land / land activities
 - Landscaping
 - Air, water
 - Protect our resources
- Cultural eco-tourism
- Invest in our youth
 - Programs
 - Cultural teachings
 - Scholarships
- Culture is important, however it should not override the way decisions are made on how to spend money

Trust Working Group Discussion:

More discussion is required on this to determine how this will be achieved.

Question 4 b.

Do you think the name of the Trust should be in Dene?



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	87.50% 91
No	12.50% 13
Total Respondents: 104	

Question 4b continued...

Do you think the name of the Trust should be in Dene?

Member suggestions:

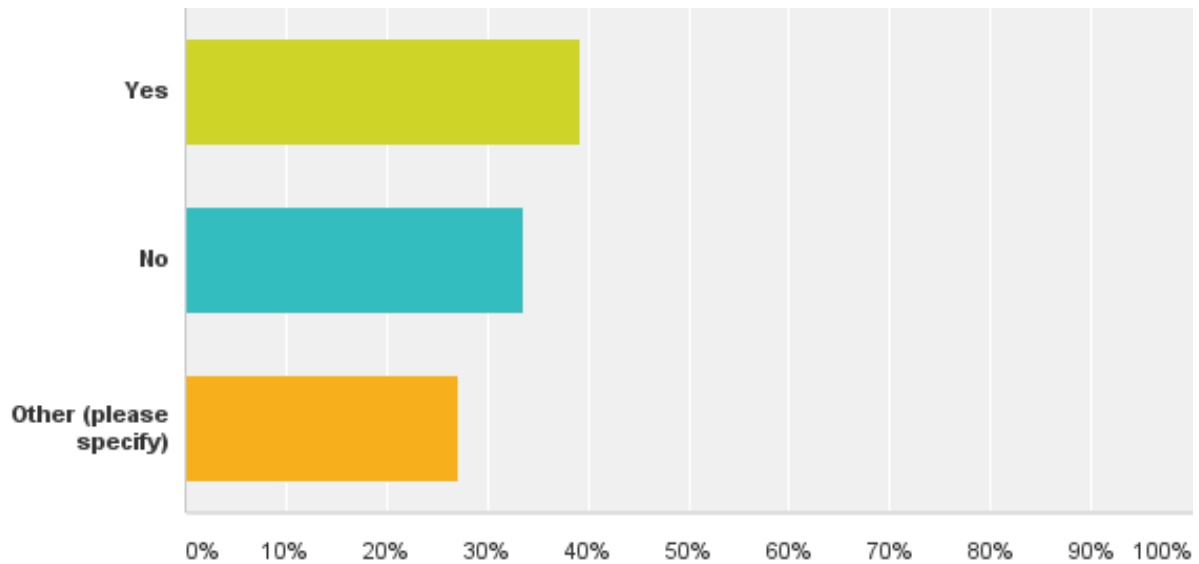
- Keeper of Laws
- Dene Trust Fund.
- Williideh Trust
- Willi deh 'Cho
- In both English and Dene
- Akaitcho
- YK Dene Trust Fund
- Natso-Strong
- Dene Nord
- Sade Somba
- Our Money
- Gonaowo Soomba = Our Way of Life Money
- Gosoomba = Our Money
- Ida Gogha Soomba = Our Future Money
- Hoti Ets'enda Gha Soomba = Money to Live Well
- 'Saving money' or 'saving for future' in Wiilideh. Check with Elders for ideas and a language specialist for proper spelling.
- 1) Gonè T'sq 2) Wetà T'sedaa
- Money for our Next Generations
- Allow students to vote and choose a name for the Trust

Trust Working Group Discussion:

We will review the names suggested, follow up with Elders Senate and then choose an appropriate name.

Question 4 c.

Should the Trustees be fluent in Dene?



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	39.25% 42
No	33.64% 36
Other (please specify)	27.10% 29
Total	107

Member Comments:

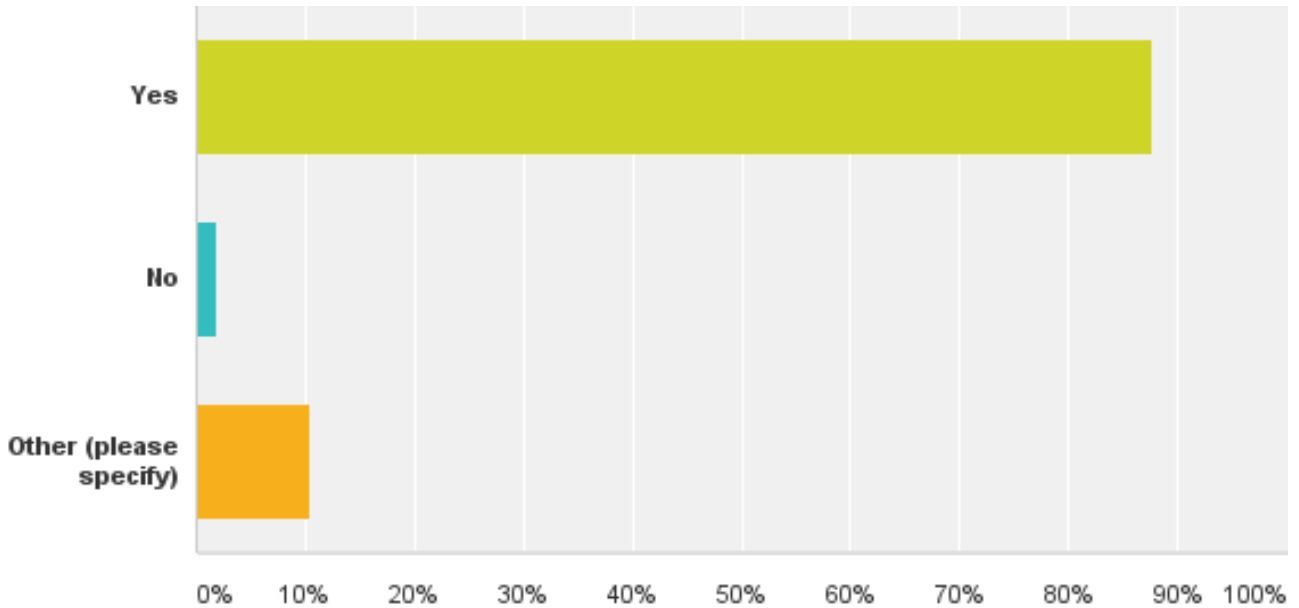
- Fewer people are fluent in the Dene language, it should not be a requirement otherwise too many people will be excluded from the decision making
- Numerous people feel the Trust should be written in English and Dene
- People do not need to be fluent in Dene to make good decisions. That would leave too many people out of the decision making, however speaking the language would be an asset
- Should have a good knowledge of Dene culture and language
- Translators can be hired for community meetings and other communications as required

Trust Working Group Discussion:

More discussion required on this topic.

Question 4 d.

Do you want to see Dene Laws applied to the Trust?



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	87.62% 92
No	1.90% 2
Other (please specify)	10.48% 11
Total	105

Member comments:

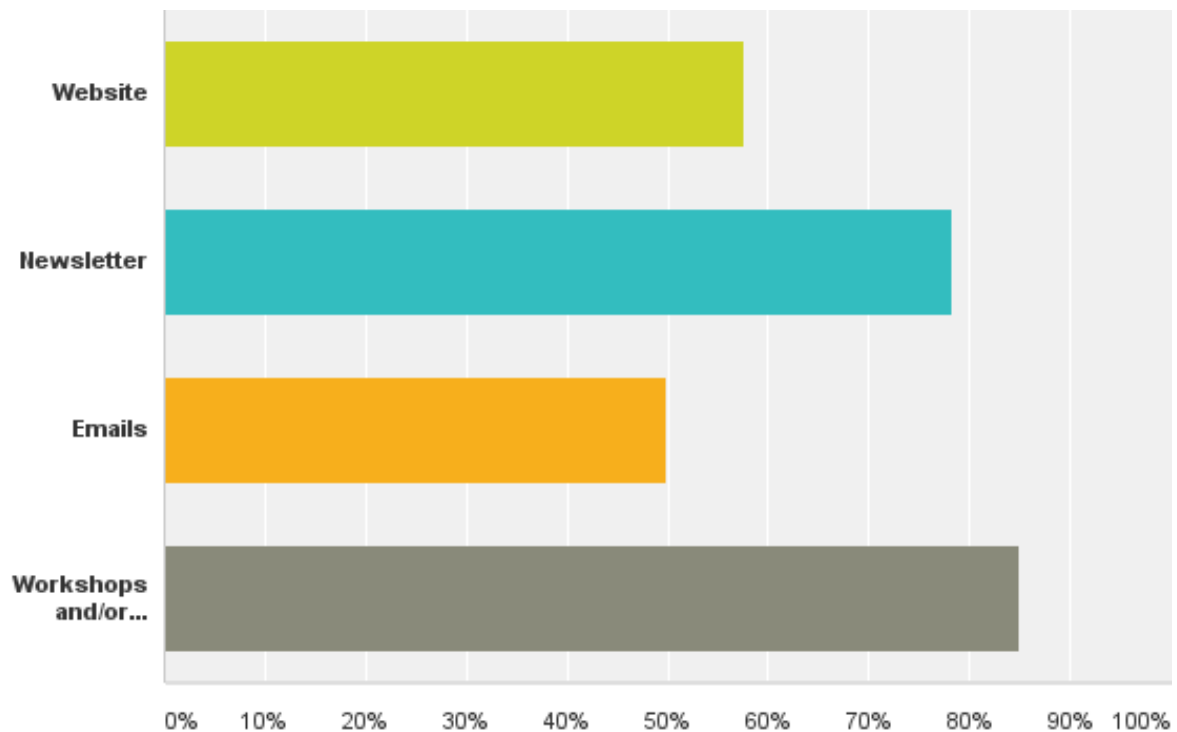
- A suggestion was made to apply the Dene Laws to the Terms of Reference
- Be accountable to the membership
- Dene laws are not applicable to the Trust
- Trustees should understand the meaning of our Dene Laws
- Various responses were unsure of how the Dene Laws would apply to the Trust
- Dene Values should be the backbone of the Trust
- Elders teach the youth “Dene Laws”

Trust Working Group Discussion:

Discussion required as to how to use Dene Laws and/or to reference them in the Trust agreement.

Question 5 a.

How should Trust information and updates be shared with the members?



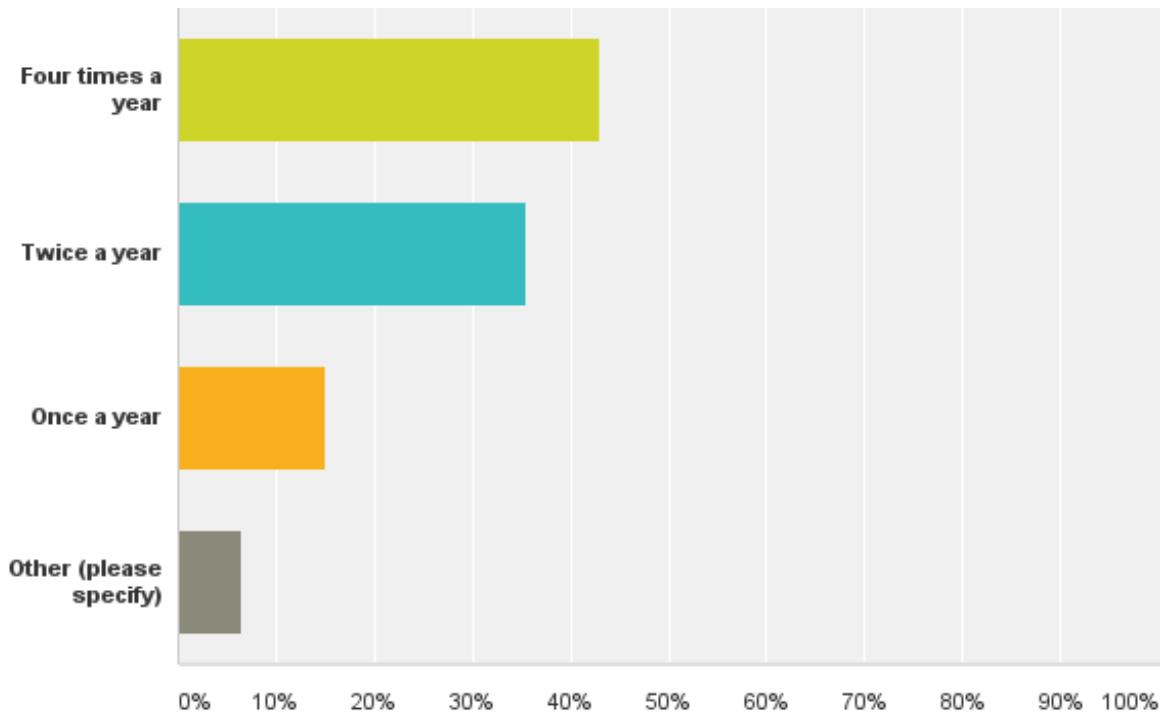
Answer Choices	Responses
Website	57.55% 61
Newsletter	78.30% 83
Emails	50.00% 53
Workshops and/or community meetings	84.91% 90
Total Respondents: 106	

Member comments:

- Other suggestions include making the information public, utilizing social media platforms, going house to house, putting out flyers to all the houses, newspaper, radio announcement,
- There was concern about the website and newsletters being too public, information should be restricted to members
 - Non-sensitive information to be distributed via website, e-mail, newsletter, Confidential information to be mailed, and hold community engagements (members workshops/meetings)
- Community meeting update
- Hire a communications person to assist the Trustees

Question 5 b.

How often should Trust information updates be provided?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Four times a year	42.99%	46
Twice a year	35.51%	38
Once a year	14.95%	16
Other (please specify)	6.54%	7
Total		107

Member comments:

- Every meeting
- End of fiscal year end
- Three times a year

Trust Working Group Discussion:

The responses to question 5 a. and 5 b. will be provided to the Trustees for when they develop the Trust policies and procedures manual.



Thank you for engaging in the Trust planning process!