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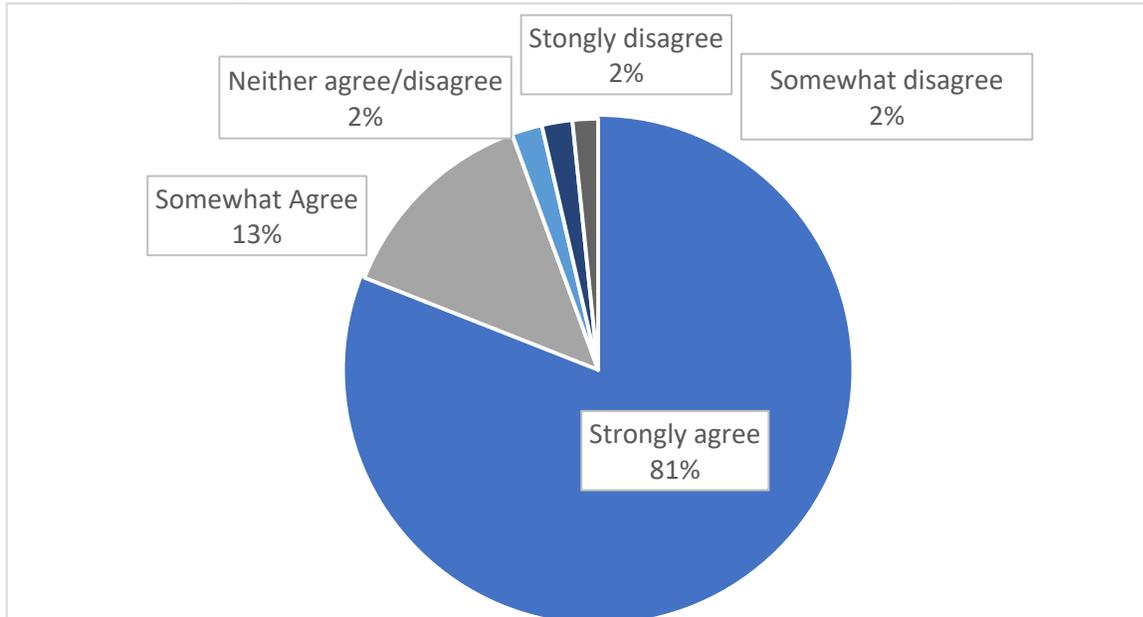
The Official Plan of the Township of the Archipelago makes statements about the goals and ideals around Land Use and Development for the area. Here are a few excerpts:

- “The natural environment is the predominant attraction of Georgian Bay cottaging and not the built form. Buildings merely facilitate an opportunity to appreciate the Bay for extended periods of time.”
- “The general goal of the Official Plan of the Township of the Archipelago Planning Area is to preserve the unique and high quality of the natural environment...”
- “Pressure for increased recreational use of the lands and waters of The Archipelago is inevitable...The goals and objectives of the Official Plan should not be compromised to respond to these pressures.”
- “The shoreline of Georgian Bay risks being transformed into a conventional cottage community.”
- “The conservation of the overall natural landscape and waterscape will be encouraged in an effort to preserve the natural appearance, character and aesthetics of the Township.”
- “A regulatory system that is designed to minimize obtrusiveness, preserve the natural landscapes and respect environmental features must necessarily contain a high degree of restrictiveness”

Agreement with Official Plan

PaBIA members were asked how strongly they agreed or disagreed with the statements above. Over 80% “strongly agree” with the Official Plan. Although 86% of the respondents strongly agreed in 2008, there is no significant difference in the results.

**Agreement with Official Plan for Land Use and Development**



Q3-How strongly do you agree or disagree with the above statements from the Official Plan for Land Use and Development?

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Agreement with Official Plan

The results were examined by various subgroups showing some differences. In all cases below, those who have been members longer, been coming to Pointe au Baril longer and are older, are significantly more likely to strongly agree with the Official Plan. Conversely, those who have been coming to Pointe au Baril for a shorter period of time still strongly agree with the Official plan but to a lesser extent.

**Agreement with Official Plan for Land Use and Development (Strongly Agree)**

<b>Total</b>		(N=305) Base	81%
<b>How long household a member</b>	20 Yrs. or less	(N=96)	74%
	21 Yrs. or more	(N=202)	<b>85%*</b>
<b>Generations as members</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	(N=90)	72%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	(N=81)	84%
	3 <sup>rd</sup> or more	(N=127)	<b>86%*</b>
<b>Years coming to PauB</b>	25 Yrs. or less	(N=50)	68%
	26 Yrs. or more	(N=249)	<b>84%*</b>
<b>Age</b>	Less than 55 Yrs.	(N=70)	71%
	55 to 64 Yrs.	(N=95)	80%
	65 Yrs. or more	(N=125)	<b>89%*</b>

Q3-How strongly do you agree or disagree with the above statements from the Official Plan for Land Use and Development?

\*Significant difference at 95% confidence level

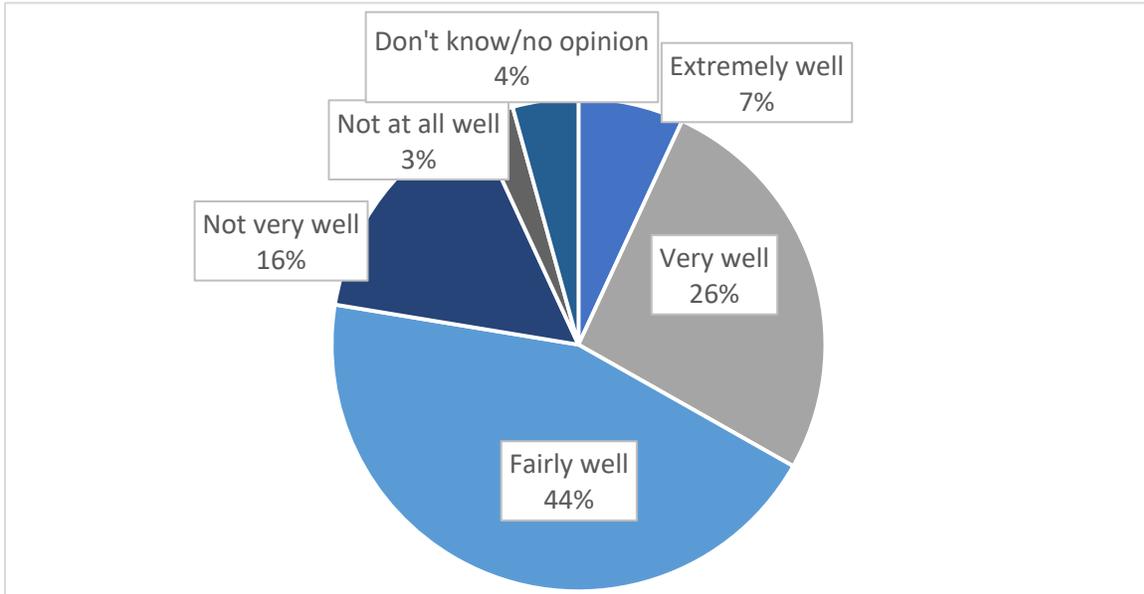
*Read: Generations-Significant difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> or more generations at 95% confidence level.*

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Adherence to the Official Plan

The largest portion (44%) believe the Official Plan is being adhered to “fairly well” with 33% saying “very” or “extremely well” and 18% saying “not very well”.

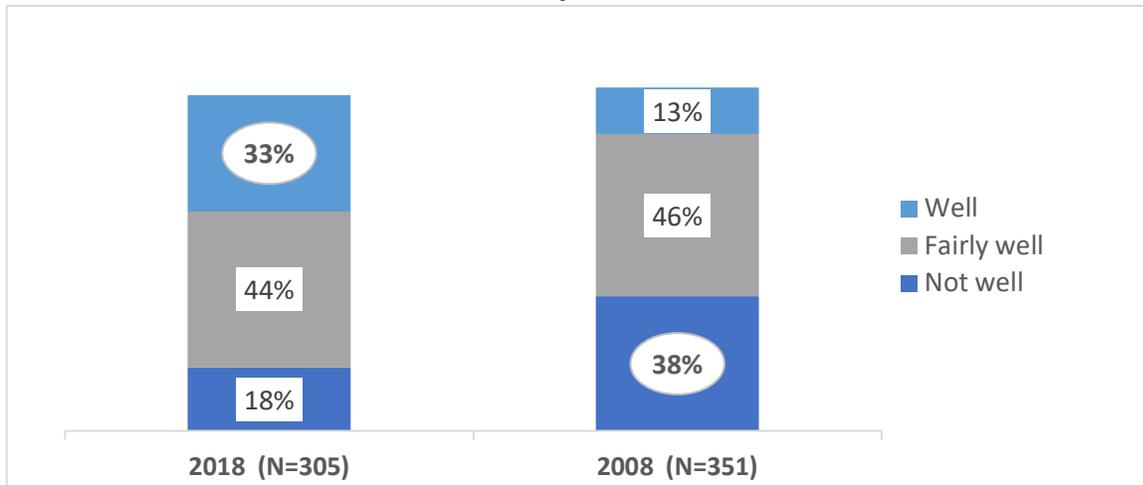
**How Well Township’s Official Plan Adhered To**



Q4-Based on your observations of land development in the area, how well do you think the Township's Official Plan is being adhered to? (Is Council living up to the ideals within the Official Plan?)

When comparing 2018 results to 2008, those saying “fairly well” remained constant. However, the 2018 ratings for “Well” and “Not Well” are the reverse of 2008 and significantly different.

**How Well Township’s Official Plan Adhered To**



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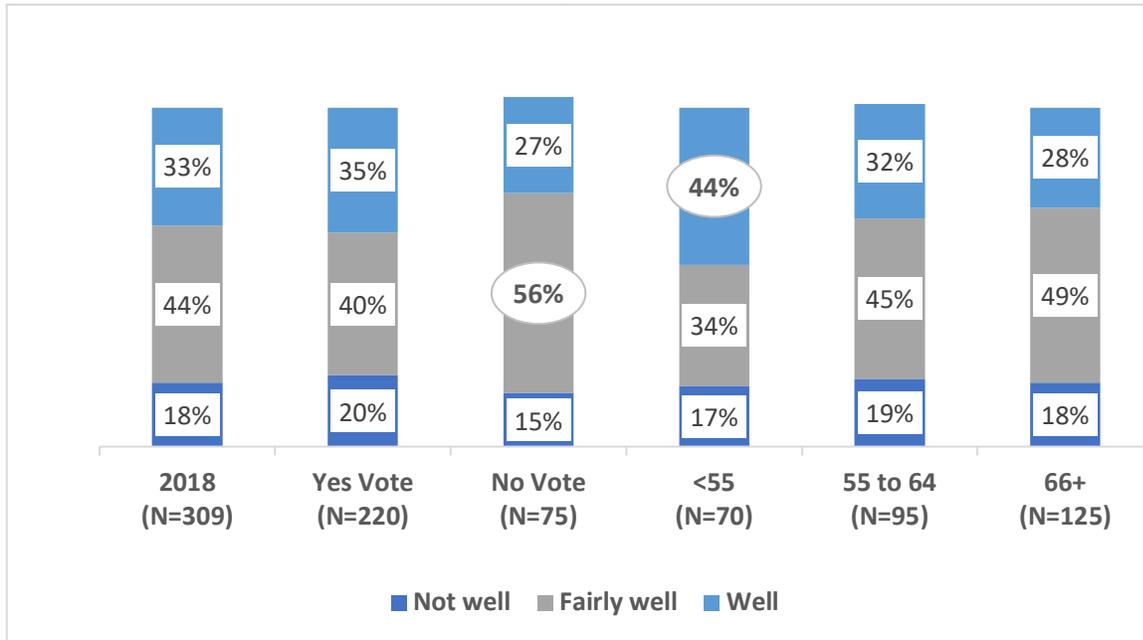
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Adherence to the Official Plan

When examined by subgroups, those respondents who are not able to vote in Canada are significantly more likely to say the Official Plan is “fairly well” adhered to (56%) compared to those who can vote (40%).

Respondents under 55 years old are significantly more likely to say the Township adheres to the Official Plan “very” or “extremely well” (44%) compared to people age 66 or older (28%) and people age 55 to 64 (32%).

**How Well Township’s Official Plan Adhered To**



Q4-Based on your observations of land development in the area, how well do you think the Township’s Official Plan is being adhered to? (Is Council living up to the ideals within the Official Plan?)

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The Comprehensive Zoning Bylaws (CZBL)

The Township implements the Official Plan via zoning bylaws. These bylaws have been enacted to ensure compliance with the Official Plan. Below we’ve listed some specific regulations and rules within these bylaws to help you understand the nature and direction of their purpose. Please read these and then answer the following questions.

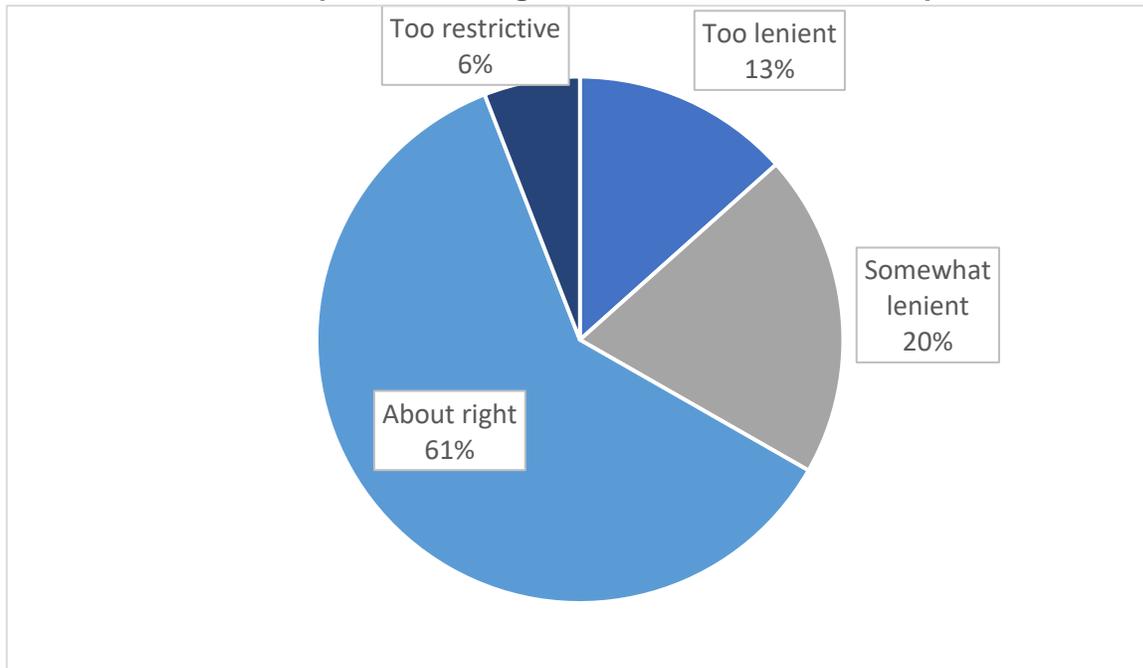
The CZBL has numerous property specifications for number of buildings, their size, shoreline setback, etc. Among these are:

- Maximum floor area of a main dwelling: 300m2 (3228 sq. ft)
- Maximum size of a sleeping cottage: 50.16m2 (540 sq. ft)
- Maximum number of sleeping cottages: three with total size of 150.48m2 (1602 sq. ft)
- Buildings setback from shoreline: 7.5 m (25 ft)
- Setback for tennis courts and swimming pools: 30 m (98 ft)
- Maximum height, main dwelling: 6m (20 ft). Sleeping cabins: 5m (16 ft)
- Maximum area for a boat house: 120m2 (1291 sq. ft.)
- Maximum width of a dock paralleling the shore: 15m (49 ft)
- Maximum height of residential wind turbine: 17m (56 ft)
- Maximum width of walkways: 2m (6.5ft)

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About a third of the respondents (33%) think the Zoning Bylaws are “lenient” with 61% saying they are “about right”.

**Perception of Zoning Restrictions on New Development**



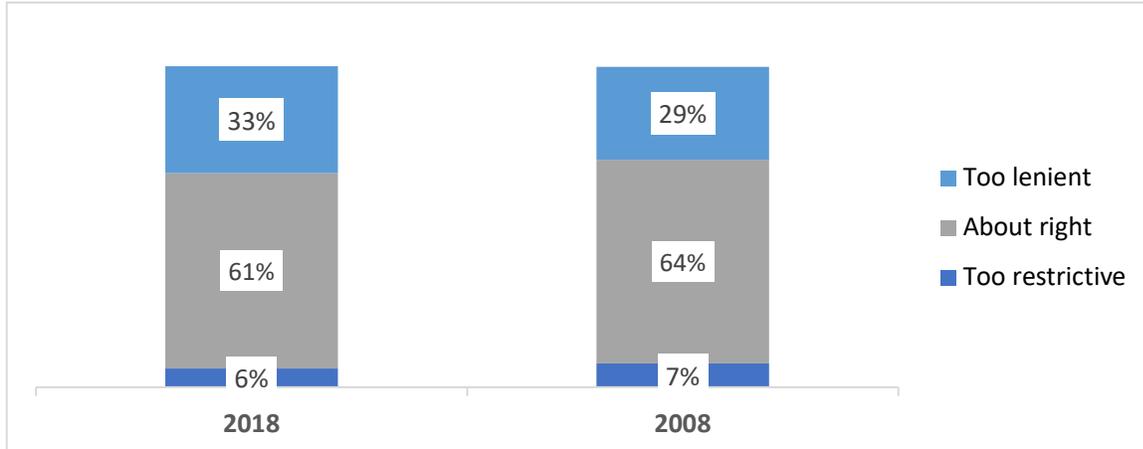
Q5-In general, for our community, do you feel that these restrictions for new development are: \_\_\_\_?

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The question in 2018 was changed somewhat from 2008 but produced similar results. While the majority (61%) think the bylaws are “about right”, a third (33%) think they are” too lenient”.

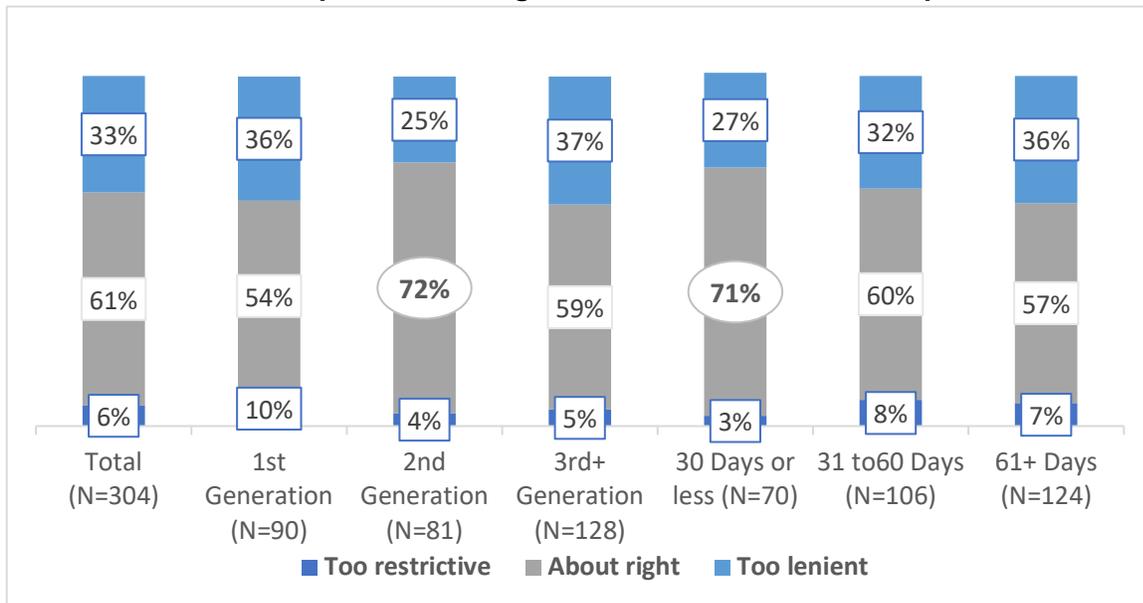
**Perception of Zoning Restrictions on New Development**



2018 Q5-In general, for our community, do you feel that these restrictions for new development are: \_\_\_\_?  
 2008 -Using your own property as a reference on size, setback and other details listed above, do you believe these restrictions for new development are: \_\_\_\_?

By assessing the subgroups, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation cottagers (72%) are significantly more likely to say the restrictions are “about right” compared to 1<sup>st</sup> generation (54%) and 3<sup>rd</sup> or more generation (37%) Members. Those spending 30 days or less (71%) tend to say the restrictions are mostly “about right” compared to those spending more than 60 days (57%) in Pointe au Baril.

**Perception of Zoning Restrictions on New Development**



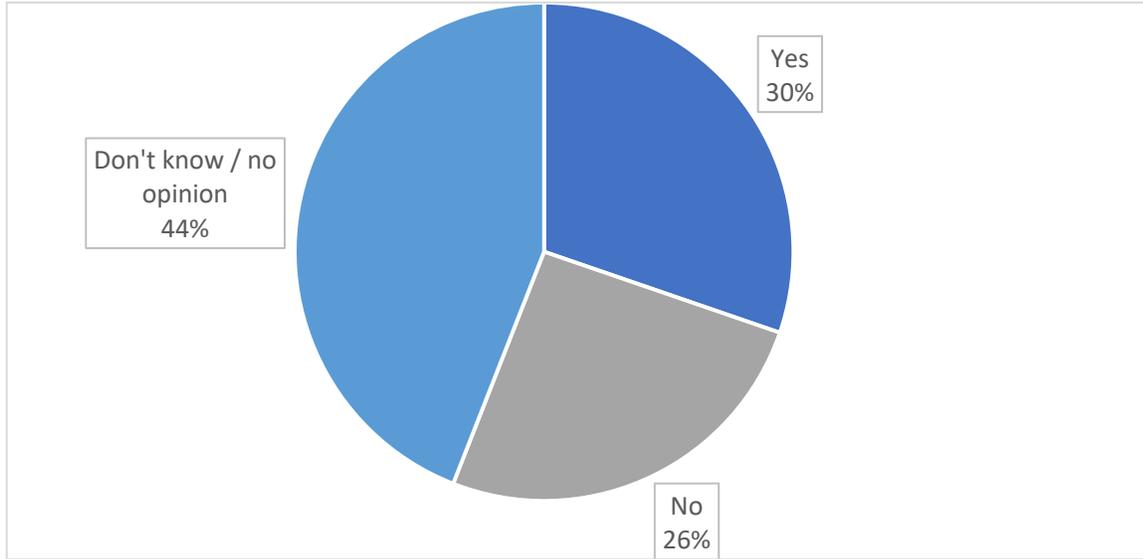
Q5-In general, for our community, do you feel that these restrictions for new development are: \_\_\_\_?

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Members were asked if they felt the building restriction bylaws were being adequately enforced or not. The largest portion (44%) “don’t know”.

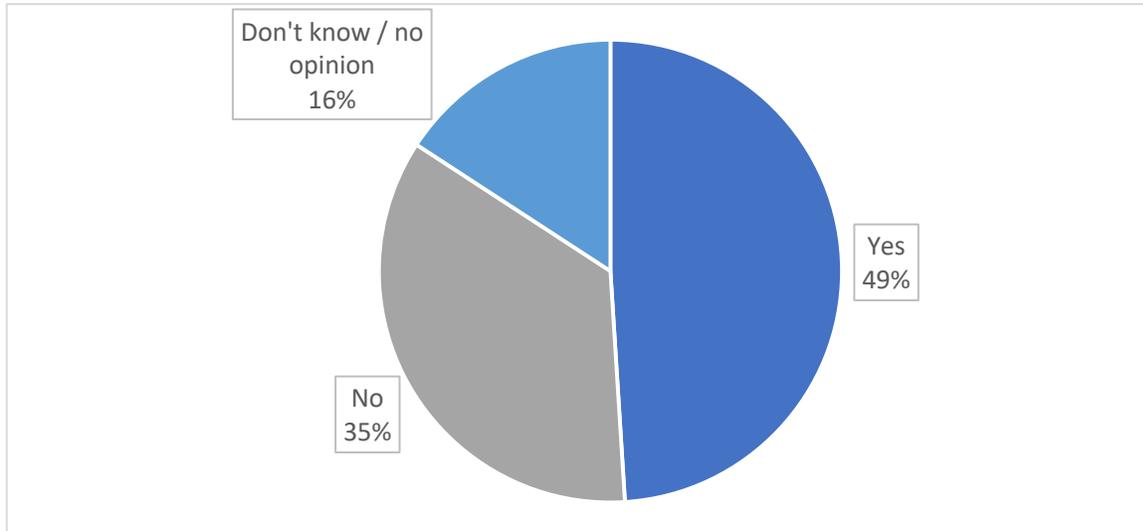
**Are The Building Bylaws Being Adequately Enforced**



Q6-Do you feel the existing building restrictions bylaws are being adequately enforced, or not?

All members were then asked if the restrictions should be tightened to prevent development or not. Almost 50% said “yes” to tighter restrictions.

**Should Restriction Be Tightened to Prevent Development**

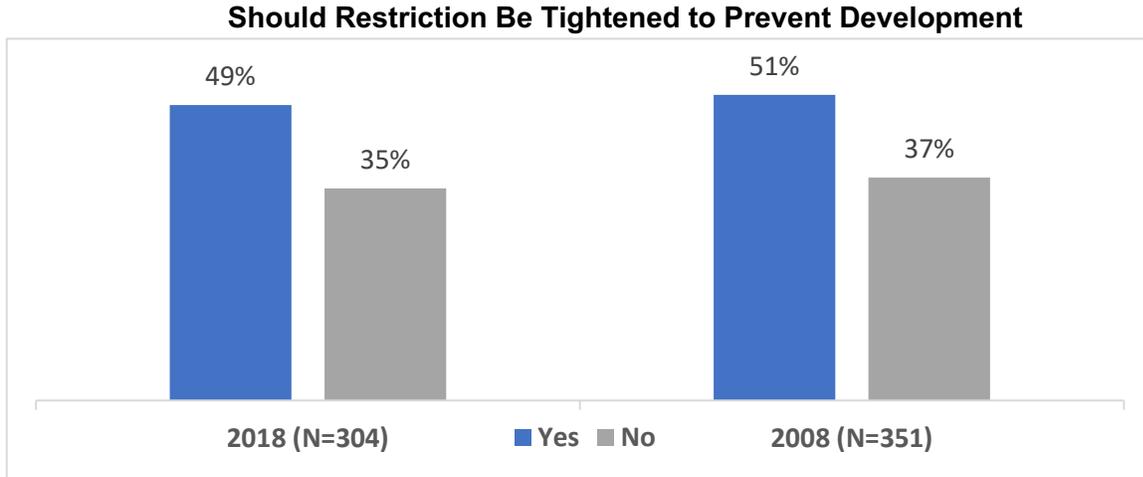


Q7-Should the restrictions be tightened to prevent development, or not?

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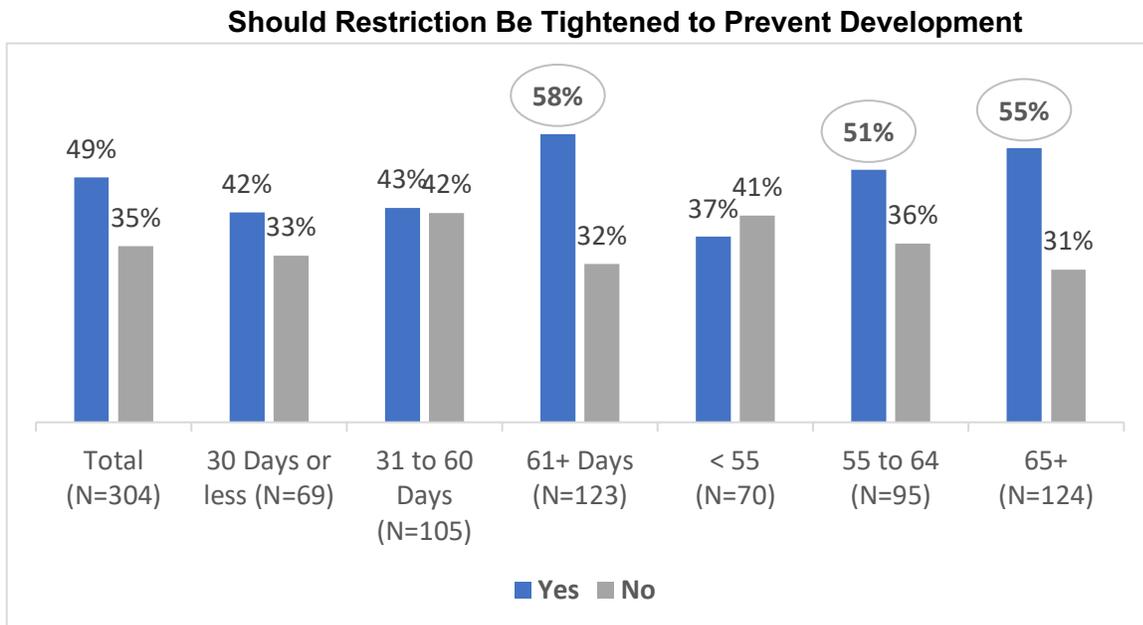
The Comprehensive Zoning Bylaws (CZBL)

When compared to the 2008 results, although the question was worded somewhat differently, the results remain the same. About 50% of the respondents feel the restrictions should be tightened.



2018 Q7--Should the restrictions be tightened to prevent development, or not?  
 2008 -a. Using your own property as reference... b. We want to understand why you feel the way you do about these restrictions. Should they be tightened to prevent further development?

Respondents who spend more than 60 days at the cottage each year are significantly more likely to want tighter restriction. Also, people age 55 and older (58%) are significantly more likely to say they want tighter restrictions. Those age 65 and over (55%) show an even greater tendency towards tighter restrictions.



Q7--Should the restrictions be tightened to prevent development, or not?

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At the end of the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaws sections, PaBIA members were asked if there were requirements that they felt should be different. The open-ended responses were categorized. The main categories appear below.

Bylaws Comments	%
Main cottage	14%
Boathouse	12%
Enforcing restrictions	12%
General requirements	12%
Setback	11%
Sleeping cottages	10%
Severance	8%
Dock	7%
Total responses	99

Q8 -Are there any specific requirements of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law (CZBL) of which you are aware and which you think should be different?

Sample of responses:

- Maximum floor area of main dwelling should be restricted
- Square footage reduced for main dwelling
- Maximum area for main dwelling and for boathouse is too large
- Swimming pools? Really? They should not be allowed. There should be more ability to build boathouses
- Not certain if this already exists but there should be a height restriction on boathouses to prevent living space above
- Restrictions should be equally enforced
- Rigorously enforce the minimum build-able island size
- Regulations are only as good as their enforcement
- Have one maximum square footage for all buildings rather than a lot of buildings each with specified square footage maximums, maintaining the one kitchen rule
- Taken individually, many of the by-laws on development size are acceptable, but there needs to be some sort of restriction that reviews the combined development on a property. If an owner were to push the limit on all of the development restrictions, it would be too much. However, each one individually might be acceptable
- We need to limit and reduce overall building density on all lots by limiting the total square footage of all buildings and structures. Once the sf maximum has been determined, the owner should be allowed to determine the sizes of all buildings and structures other than the main cottage which should be limited to the existing limit of 300sm
- set back from shoreline should be at least 50 feet, preferably 75. boat house size too big
- Buildings should be set back more than 25feet from the water. Also, tennis courts, etc. should be out of view
- People are building too close to the shoreline

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Sample of responses continued:

- Building setback requirement should be greater than 25'. Building material colours should blend with environment (e.g. no red steel roofs).
- The number and size of sleeping cabins. The total lot coverage of all buildings
- The restriction on the size of a sleeping cabin (540 rule) should be lifted but the total size of sleeping cabins should remain the same. It should be that a property owner can have the ability to make these cabins fit what they believe is their need but still limit the total density. We may find that less density would happen because of this
- Sleeping cottages should not be restricted in size. One larger sleeping cottage is more efficient than multiple buildings
- Docks have become a big issue and the rules are not well enforced especially after inspection when changes are made
- I agree with size of main cottages, outbuildings etc. but I disagree with dock size restrictions however I also don't believe dock bylaws are adhered to by cottage owners in GB
- Minimum size of lot to sever should be increased, minimum shoreline frontage should also be increased to limit new lots

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CZBL - Severance of Existing Properties

There are provisions in the Township’s Official Plan to allow owners to sever their properties to create two or more separate and smaller properties. Within the bylaws, different neighbourhoods within the Township have different property severance requirements. Sans Souci, for example, is more restrictive than Pointe au Baril as it pertains to the minimum lot size that is required for severance such as outlined below.

**PROPERTY SEVERANCE COMPARISONS FOR POINTE au BARIL AND SANS SOUCI**

OFFICIAL PLAN NEIGHBOURHOOD	Pointe au Baril Island Neighbourhood				Sans Souci-Copperhead			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Potential number of new (additional) lots	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Total lots	2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5
Minimum lot size required to consider for severance	<b>2 hectares (4.94 acres)</b>	10 hectares (25 acres)	15 hectares (37.5 acres)	20 hectares (50 acres)	<b>5 hectares (12.35 acres)</b>	10 hectares (25 acres)	15 hectares (37.5 acres)	20 hectares (50 acres)

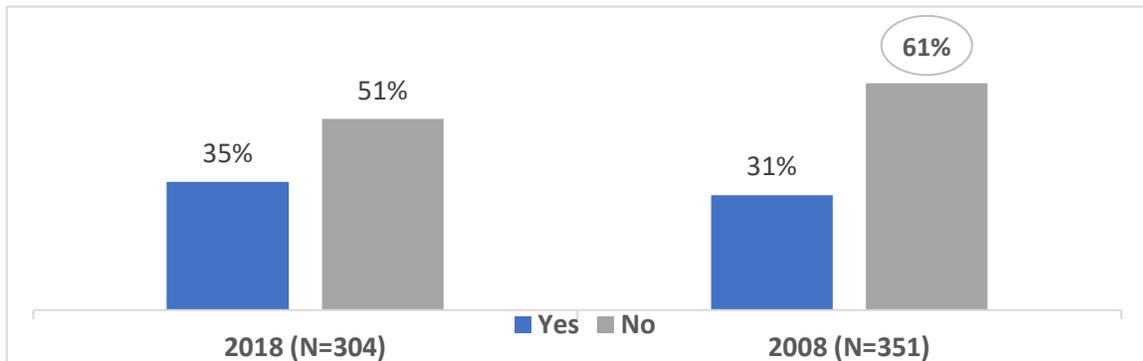
Based on a Township of the Archipelago 2018 report, if all lots eligible for severance in the Pointe au Baril Island Neighbourhood were developed in accordance with the provisions within the CZBL of the Official Plan as they currently stand:

- There is a potential for the creation of approximately 85 new lots.
- When adding the maximum number of buildings permitted PER lot, whether new or existing, the potential increase in Pointe au Baril Island Neighbourhood building density could be significant.

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PaBIA Members were asked if they felt the property severance provisions were consistent with the overall ideals of the Official Plan. Just over 50% felt they were not consistent. The question in 2008 was somewhat different. Over 60% did not think the severance rules fit the Official Plan. While the majority in both studies said “no”, the 2008 response was significantly higher.

**Are the Severance Provisions Consistent with the Ideals of the Official Plan**



2018 Q9-In general, do you think these property severance provisions in CZBL are consistent with the overall ideals of the Official Plan, or not?

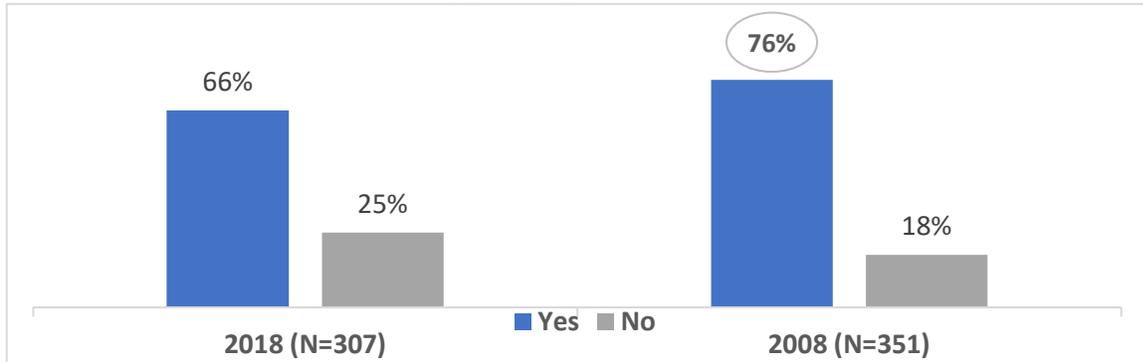
2028 -Generally speaking, do you think these Official Plan provisions are consistent with the overall objectives of the Official Plan: i.e., to preserve the natural landscape?

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CZBL - Severance of Existing Properties

Members were then asked if they would support tighter property severance restrictions as a tool to manage density, greater than the present standard size of 2 hectares (4.94 acres). Two-thirds of the respondents (66%) would support tighter restrictions. Again, the question was somewhat different in 2008 and yielded a significantly higher response for more restrictions (76%).

**Whether Support Tighter Severance Restrictions**



2018 Q10 -Would you support tighter property severance restrictions as a tool to manage density, greater than the present standard size of 2 hectares (4.94 acres).

2008 -Would you support tighter severance restrictions to manage density?

Among those who favoured tighter severance restrictions, the suggested minimum property lot size considered for severance are closely spread between 3, 4 and 5 hectares.

Minimum Property Lot Size	%
Greater than 3 hectares (7.5 acres)	27%
Greater than 4 hectares (9.8 acres)	34%
Greater than 5 hectares (12.35 acres)	23%
Greater than 6 hectares (14.82 acres)	16%

Q11-Please select one of the following as the minimum property lot size required to be considered for severance:

Base: Those who would support tighter restriction.

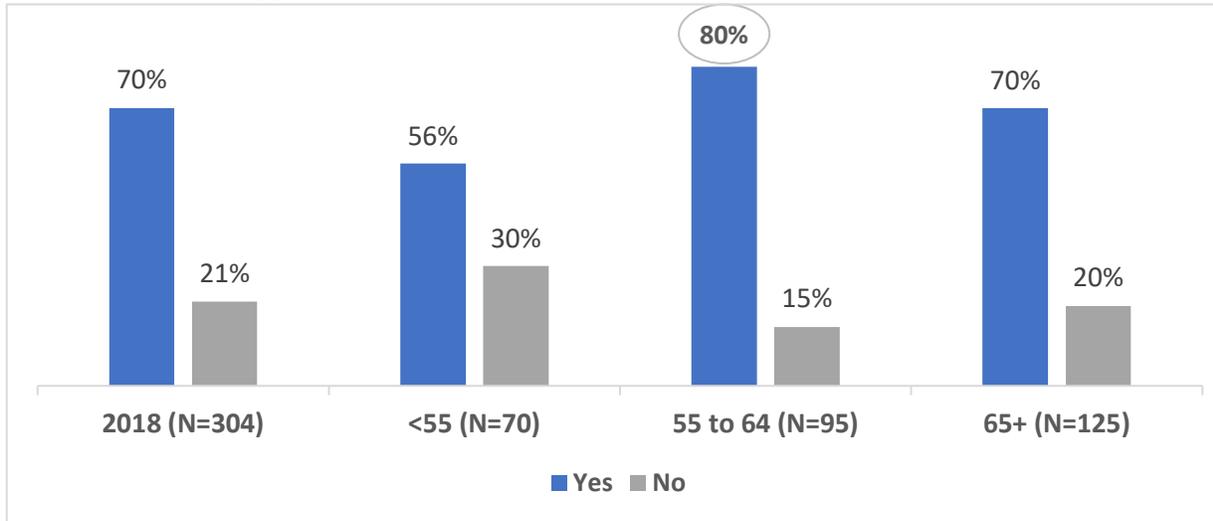
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CZBL - Severance of Existing Properties

Currently the minimum lot frontage for a newly severed building lot is 100 meters (328 ft.). The majority (70%) are in favour of an increase in the minimum lot frontage.

The only sub-group showing a significant difference was by age. Those respondents age 55 to 64 (80%) are significantly more likely to want to increase lot frontage than those younger (56%) and even somewhat more than those older (70%).

**Whether Support Increase in Minimum Frontage**



Q12-Currently the minimum lot frontage for a newly severed building lot is 100 meters (328 ft.). Would you support an increase in the minimum frontage to control density, or not?

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CZBL - Severance of Existing Properties

At the end of the severance section of the survey, Members were asked for any further comments about severance or lot size.

<b>Comments</b>	<b>%</b>
Frontage / Shoreline	19%
Severance	17%
General restrictions	16%
Special place	8%
Flexibility	8%
General	7%
Grandfather existing properties	7%
Total responses	99

Q13 -Do you have further comments regarding Severance and Lot Size?

Sample of responses:

- These are the two bylaws that will keep density down. We need to increase severance lot size and increase frontage to protect the unique PauB character and property valuations
- Tricky to consider. On a large island such as ours, the acreage does not necessarily relate to "frontage" - hence, we are facing a Muskoka-like wall to wall building aspect when large acreages are allowed to sever into small frontages
- The PAB Main Channel shoreline is vulnerable to "postage stamp" development. For this reason, I support increasing shoreline development restrictions and the minimum size of subdivision of existing lots.
- Frontage is a higher criteria than lot acreage for severance allowance
- Given the irregular shape of islands, is there another criteria that can be used? Do you count shoreline as navigable waters or any area?
- If someone divides 25 acres 3 times as allowed, then the buyer of those lots could divide once more as the rules are written. I would be OK with severance as is if that loop hole was closed
- A small increase in the restrictions would make a big difference. I don't think it is reasonable to restrict all severance or make it impossible for very large properties to be severed.
- My opinions depend in some part on the amount of new lots that would be made available based on changing minimum frontage and lot size. For example, the current restrictions would allow for 85 new lots to be created, but I would need more information on how increasing minimum frontage and increasing original lot size would change this number. If, say, increasing minimum frontage would lower the new lot number to 60, for example, that would more strongly urge me to agree with an increase
- I think the minimum frontage and lot size could be determined by lot shape.
- I think there should be allowances for "back lots" that meet the lot size requirements but don't have the minimum frontage.
- Every new building impacts the ecology of the island forever, as well as increasing the impact of waste and toxicity to the Bay. We have something special that should be preserved with as minimum an impact as possible.
- This is the entire key to preserving PaB- tighter restrictions are needed.
- We are in a unique area.... although we agree with many of your positions...grandfathered small lots also need some attention.

- Again this needs to be visited on a case by case basis
- in the past there have been many attempts to get variances on lot size and severance. Variances should be virtually impossible to get.
- I don't believe it is fair to make these changes to limit property values of cottages that have been in families for generations
- I would think it would be fair to grandfather the existing property to be held to the standard of today.
- If I purchased an asset a generation ago to one day subdivide for my children, the suggestion above is you have devalued my investment. That would mean grandfathering current islands...or simply reduce the amount of current allowable buildings on the 2 acres. We also need members at the Ojibway which supports our cottage values
- If a family is able to sever their lot in order to continue to maintain a life-long family cottage property in Pointe au Baril, they should be allowed to do so. Many families are not "made of money". It would be unfortunate if a family had to sell their property just to pay Capital Gains Taxes, when the property is handed down to them. A chance to sever the property would be of assistance to them.

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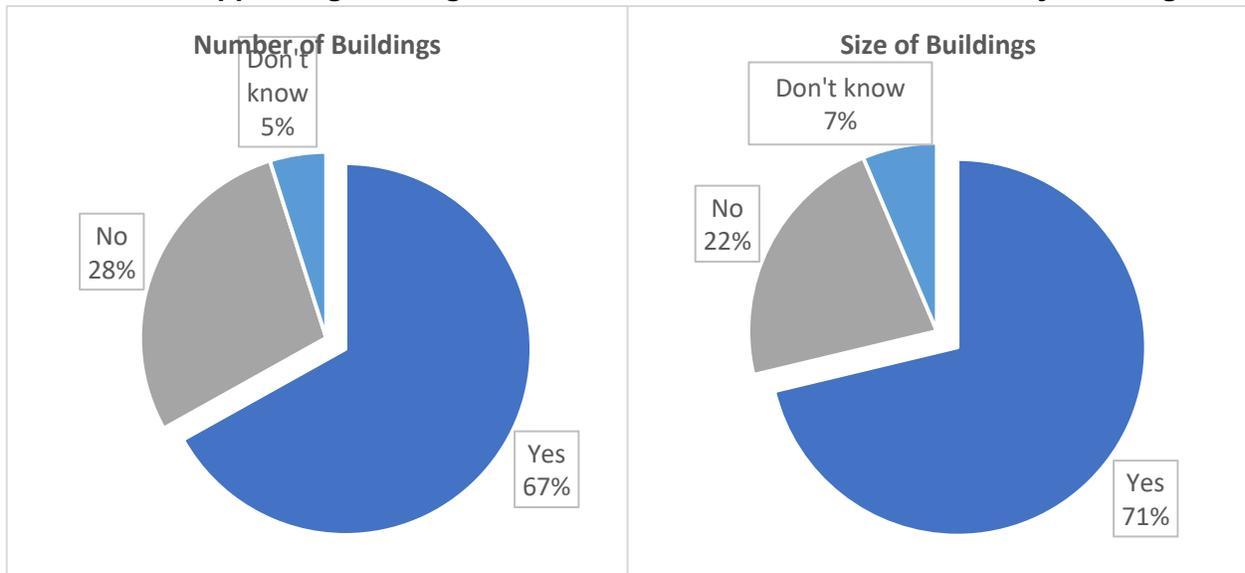
CZBL – Accessory Buildings

Accessory Buildings [i.e., non-inhabited buildings such as utility or recreational] – The current limit on the size of an accessory building is equal to the ground floor area of the main cottage. Depending on the size of an island or building lot, a current provision of the zoning bylaw provides for up to three accessory use buildings (this excludes sleeping cabins). Consequently, a large enough lot could have three additional accessory buildings, each the size of the main cottage footprint.

The questions about accessory building concerned the number of buildings and the size of buildings. Two-thirds of PaBIA respondents (67%) would support tighter regulations on the number of accessory building and 71% support tighter restrictions on the size of accessory buildings.

The results from 2018 and 2008 showed no statistically significant difference.

**Whether Support Tighter Regulations on Number and Size of Accessory Buildings**



Q14-Would you support tighter regulations on the number of accessory buildings, or not?

Q15-Would you support tighter regulations on the size of accessory buildings, or not?

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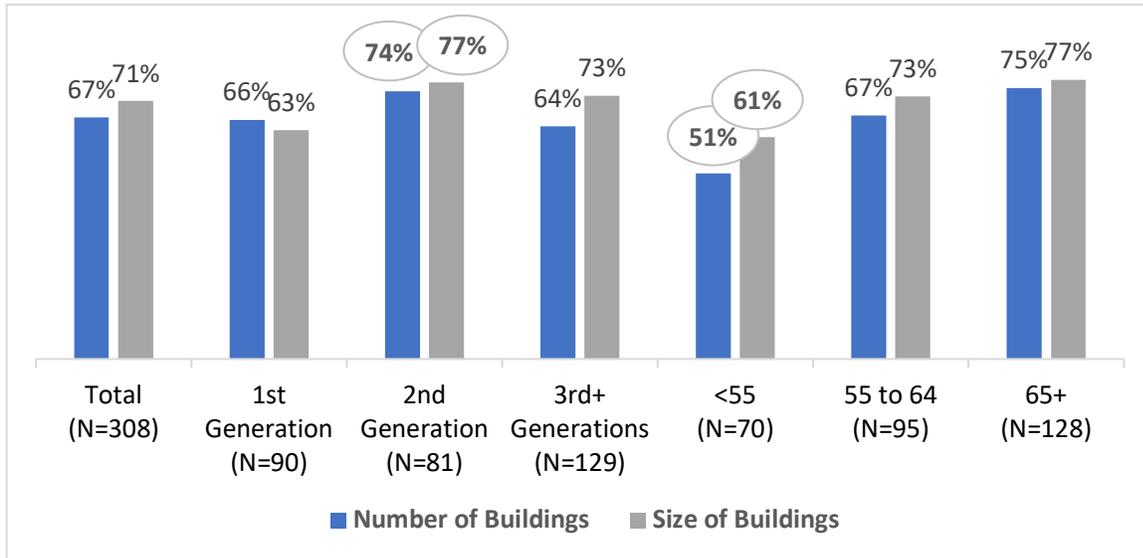
CZBL – Accessory Buildings

Significant differences were apparent when examined by number of generations of PaBIA Members and by age.

Second generation respondents were more likely to want tighter regulations for both number of building (74%) and size of buildings (77%) compared to those in their 1st generation as respondents.

Respondents under age 55 are significantly less likely to want tighter restriction on the number of accessory building (51%) compared to those 55 and over. They are also significantly less likely to want tighter restrictions on the size of accessory building (61%) compared to those 65 and over.

**Whether Support Tighter Regulations on Number and Size of Accessory Buildings  
“Yes”**



Q14-Would you support tighter regulations on the number of accessory buildings, or not?

Q15-Would you support tighter regulations on the size of accessory buildings, or not?

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CZBL – Land Shaping: Blasting and Clearing

One of the statements in the Township Official Plan includes, “The conservation of the overall natural landscape and waterscape will be encouraged in an effort to preserve the natural appearance, character and aesthetics of the Township.”

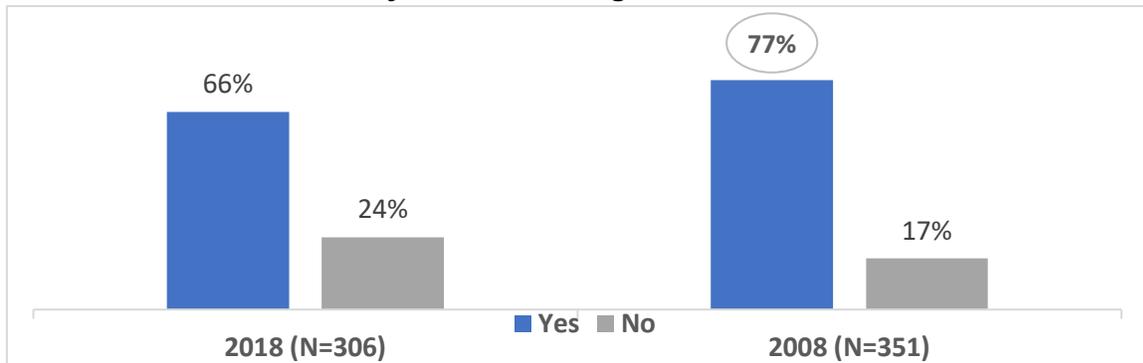
Currently the Township of the Archipelago has no restriction on clearing trees. Some townships have passed by laws that allow for no more than 25% tree clearing within 15m (45 ft) of the shoreline.

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PaBIA Members were asked if they thought the Township of the Archipelago should have bylaws restricting tree removal.

Two-thirds (66%) of the respondents feel there should be restrictions on tree removal. In 2008, three-fourths (77%) of the respondents felt this way which is a significantly higher percentage.

**Have Bylaws Restricting Tree Removal**



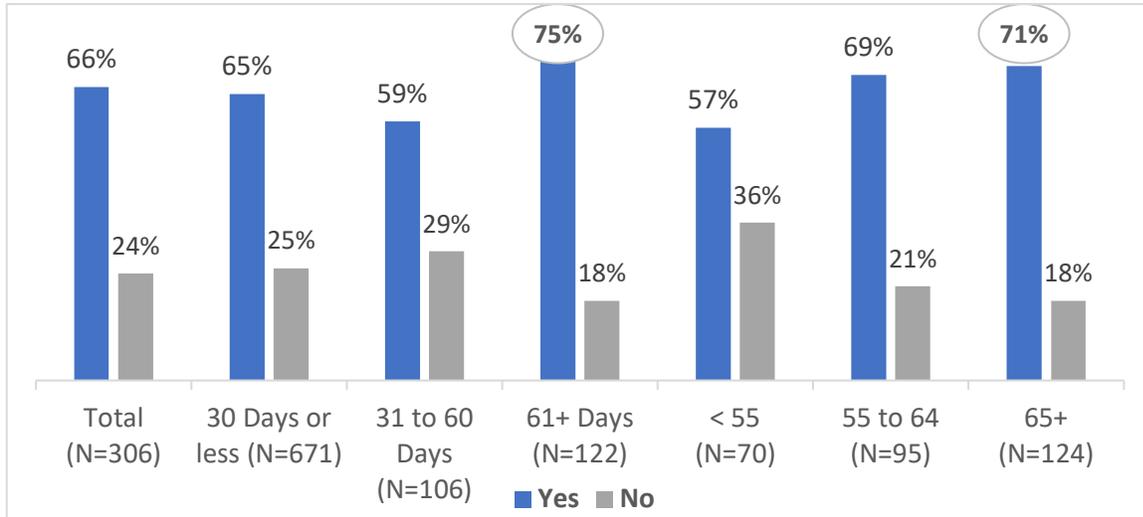
Q16 -Do you think the Township of the Archipelago should have a bylaw restricting the removal of trees, or not?

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CZBL – Land Shaping: Blasting and Clearing

Differences appeared by length of time spent at the cottage and by age. Respondents who spend more than two months at the cottage (75%) are significantly more inclined to want to restrict tree removal than those who spend 30 to 60 days (59%). In addition, there is a significant difference between those age 65 and over (71%) and those age less than 55 (57%).

**Have Bylaws Restricting Tree Removal**



Q16 -Do you think the Township of the Archipelago should have a bylaw restricting the removal of trees, or not?

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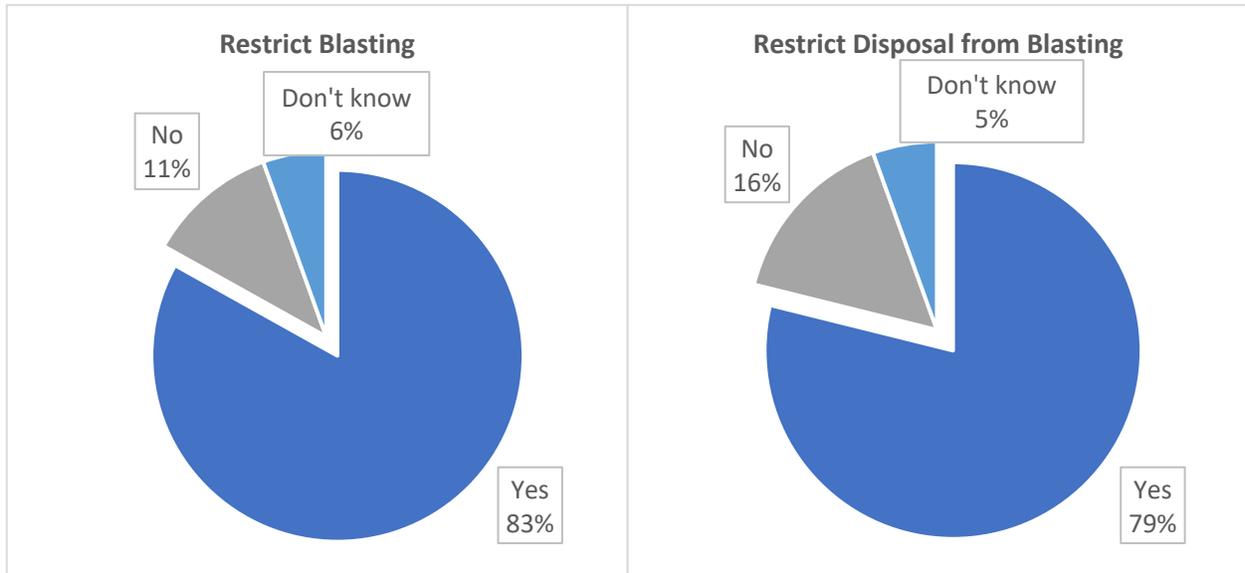
CZBL – Land Shaping: Blasting and Clearing

Blasting, to keep a building within the height bylaw of 6m (20 ft) is currently allowed when certain conditions are met: i.e., not visible from shore, more than 15m (50 ft) set back, etc. There is currently no provision for or restriction of blasting to alter the shape of a shoreline or otherwise change the natural topography of a property other than as indicated above.

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The majority (83%) think there should be restrictions on blasting as well as regulating disposal of the fill (79%). These results closely match the 2008 results,

**Whether Township Should Have Restrictions on Blasting**



Q17 -Should the Township have restrictions on blasting to alter the natural topography of the land, or not?

Q18 -Currently, blasting is allowed in the Township to help place buildings. Do you feel disposal of the remnants from the blasting (the fill) should be regulated, or not?

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PaBIA’s Role Representing Its Membership

An important part of PaBIA’s mission, as a ratepayers’ association, is to represent its Members with the Township and its Council. PaBIA has historically worked closely with Council in developing policies reflected in the Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning Bylaws. PaBIA has also commented and appealed property development decisions when it felt that the decisions granted by Council did not meet the Official Bylaw ideals.

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There was strong support for PaBIA to play a role in all areas related to Council Zoning, Bylaws and the Official Plan with 74% or more rating these factors as very important. Monitoring minor variances was less important.

About a quarter of the respondents did not feel they were familiar enough with how PaBIA represents its members with Council. Another 40% to 52% are satisfied with their representation. The results demonstrate the need for PaBIA to better communicate their interaction with Council.

Members were asked how important it is for PaBIA to represent them with Council on the following factors and then to rate how satisfied they are with how PaBIA represents them.

In almost all subgroups, communication with our Councillors was rated as most important. Attending hearings on zoning matters and working with Council to close loopholes were rated about equal by most followed by appealing decisions when necessary. Monitoring requests for minor variances was rated the lowest in importance, but was still important for almost 50% of the respondents.

<b>Ways PaBIA Interacts with Council</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Satisfied with Representation</b>
Communicate with our Councillors to educate and foster cooperative issues	78%	52%
Attend hearings on zoning matters of concern	75%	45%
Work with Council to close loopholes in the Bylaws	75%	44%
Appeal decisions made by Council when necessary to enforce the provisions of the CZBL and Official Plan	74%	44%
Monitor requests for minor variances	49%	39%
N/A Not familiar enough		22% - 29%

Q19 -How important is it for PaBIA to represent you with Council on each of the following: \_\_\_? (Very important, Somewhat important, Neither important nor unimportant, Not very important, Not at all important)

Q20 – How satisfied are you with how PaBIA represented you with Council on each of the following: \_\_\_? (Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Somewhat dissatisfied, Not at all satisfied, N/A Not familiar enough)

## RESULTS – OFFICIAL PLAN

### PaBIA’s Role Representing Its Membership

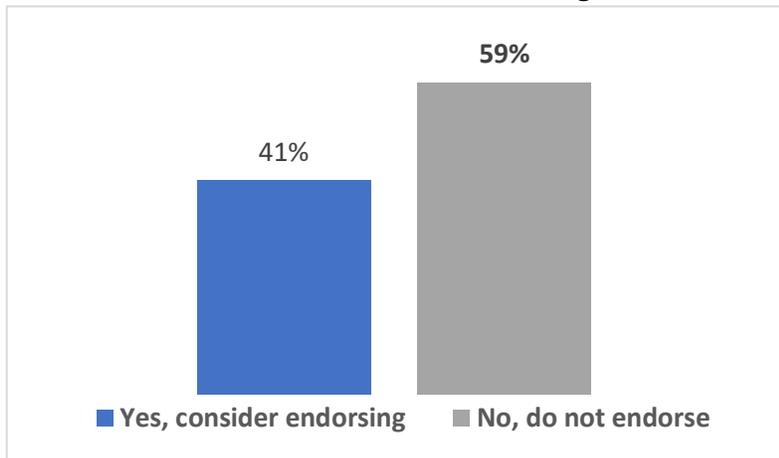
Within the mandate of representing its Membership, the PaBIA Board chose not to endorse any candidate in the 2018 municipal elections.

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Just over a majority (59%) do not want the PaBIA Board to consider endorsing a candidate in the future. It is recommended that PaBIA Board does not endorse any candidates.

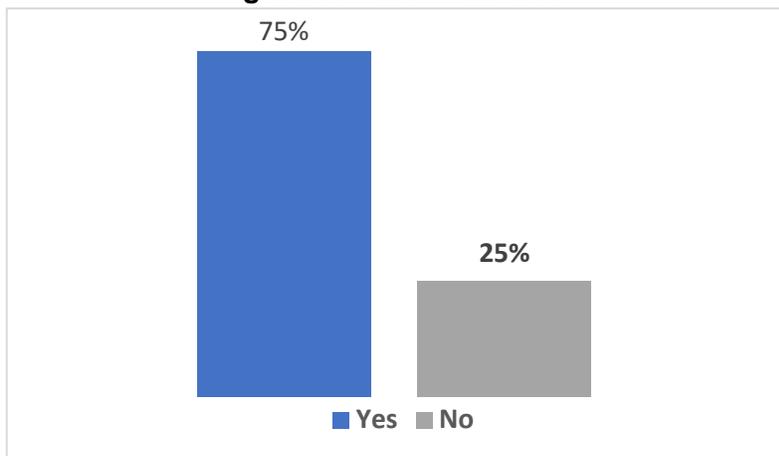
Three-fourths (75%) of the respondents are eligible to vote in Canada. The eligible voters are significantly more likely to say “no” to endorsing a candidate than non-eligible voters (62% vs 48%).

### Should PaBIA Board Consider Endorsing Candidates



Q21 -For any *FUTURE* elections, however, would you like PaBIA’s Board to consider endorsing individual candidates, or not?

### Eligible to Vote in Canada



Q49 -Are you eligible to vote in Canada?

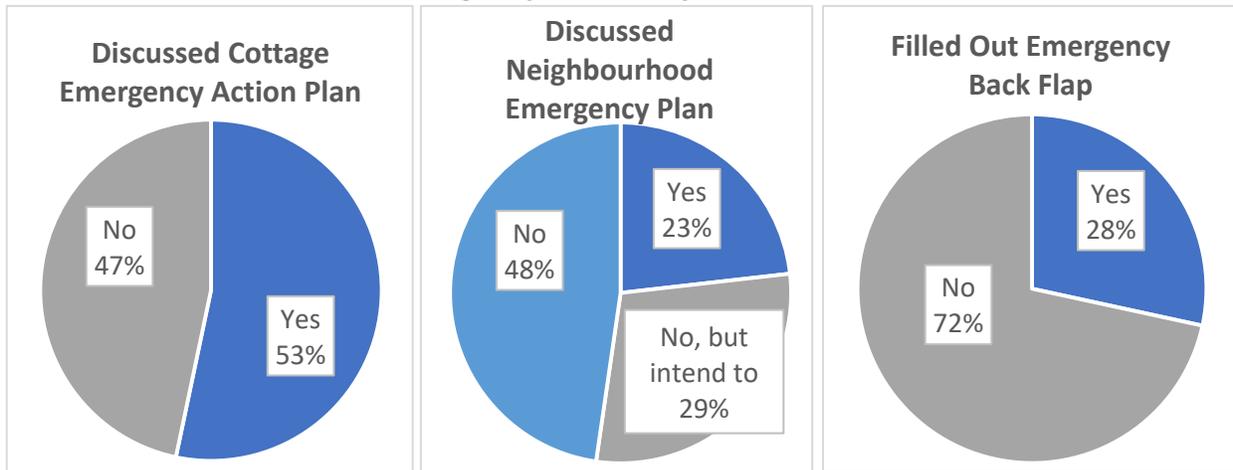
**RESULTS – EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

The 2018 Yearbook contained a special section on Member Safety including a Cottage Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) and the back flap which was removeable to fill-out with emergency information.

Over half (53%) of the respondents have discussed the Cottage Emergency Action Plan and over half (52%) have discussed or plan to discuss the Neighbourhood Emergency Plan. Only 28% have actually filled out the back flap for quick reference.

This is a good start. It takes time and some organization. The Neighbourhood Emergency Plan needs someone in their area to take the lead. PaBIA should keep educating Members on these emergency safety tips and references.

**Emergency and Safety Information**



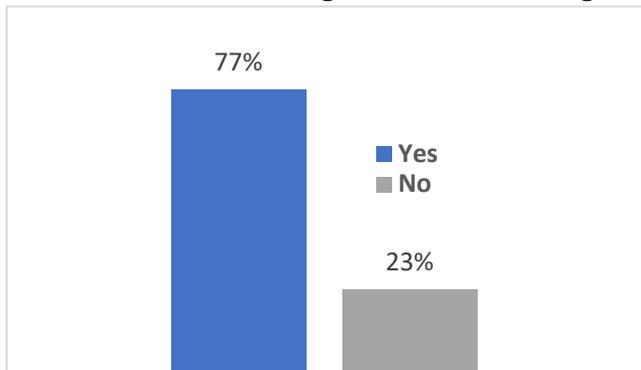
Q22 -Have you discussed your “Cottage Emergency Action Plan” (CEAP) as outlined in the 2018 Yearbook, or not?

Q23 -Have you discussed a neighbourhood emergency plan, or not?

Q24 -Have you filled out the PaBIA Emergency information on the back flap of the 2018 Yearbook, or not?

Over three-fourths (77%) want PaBIA to look into and recommend a seasonal emergency response program.

**In Favor of Researching a Seasonal Emergency Response Program**



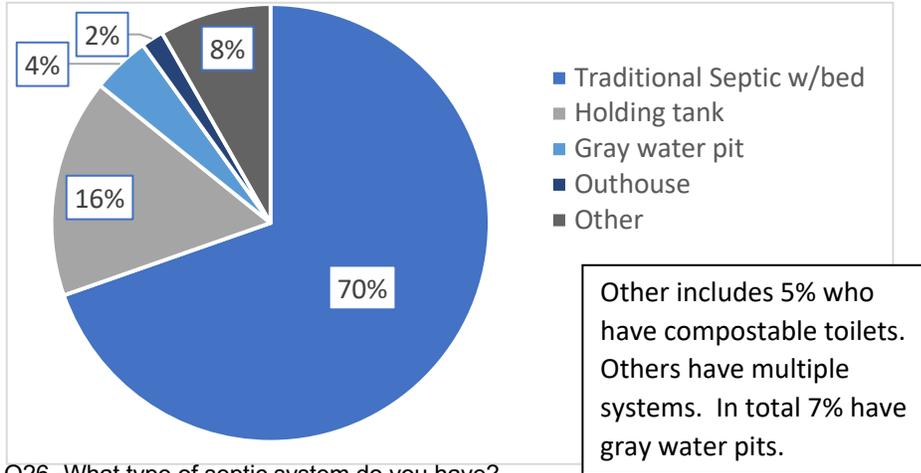
Q25. Would you support an initiative to investigate and recommend a seasonal emergency response program in our water access community funded in whole or in part by our Township property taxes, or not?

**RESULTS – ENVIRONMENT**

This section addressed septic systems and the need to inspect septic systems every 5 years and cleaned when required. More education is needed on this matter to ensure Members know about inspections and cleaning.

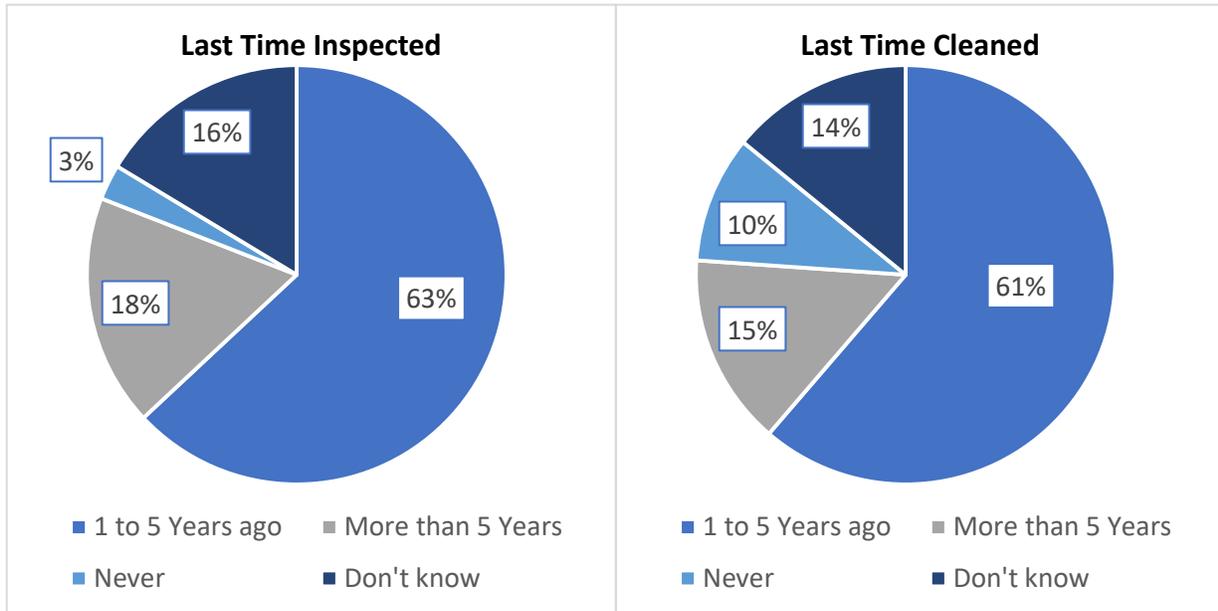
Most respondents have a traditional or advanced septic treatment system with a weeping bed (70%) or a septic holding tank (16%). And over 60% of those have had their system inspected and cleaned in the past 5 years.

**Septic Systems of PaBIA Members**



Q26 -What type of septic system do you have?

Those with traditional septic systems and those with holding tanks were asked about the last time they had them inspected and cleaned.



It is recommended that septic tanks be inspected every 5 years and cleaned when required.

Q27 -When was the last time, if ever, you had your septic tank inspected?

Q28 -When was the last time, if ever, your septic tank was cleaned?

**RESULTS – ENVIRONMENT**

PaBIA Members were asked for input with an open-ended question about environmental issues or concerns they would like PaBIA to address.

Water quality is a key concern including algae, detergents, old motors leaking oil, bilge pumping, discharge from cruisers, etc. Speeding boats was also a major concern not only for safety, but also the impact of waves on the shoreline. Noise pollution was also mentioned mainly from the use of jet skis. Maintaining natural habitat is important covering forest management, endangered species and natural wildlife as well as eradicating invasive species. Some respondents would like to see some regulations for cruisers and transient visitors. Light pollution was also an issue.

PaBIA should continue to educate its Members about these concerns and suggest ways to help.

Environmental Concerns	%
Water	7%
Speeding boats/wake	6%
Noise pollution	6%
Forest management	5%
Light pollution	5%
Cruisers/transient visitors	4%
Septic	4%
Fish	3%
Invasive species	3%
Endangered and natural wildlife	3%
Development	2%
Plastics	2%
Old engines/motor pollution	2%
Water level	2%
Climate change	1%
Fireworks	1%
Other	9%
Total responses	309

Q29 -Some of the environmental issues and concerns that PaBIA monitors include water quality and invasive species, stewardship of GBLT and cleanup of Crown land, etc. What other issues would you like to see PaBIA address (where possible)?

Examples of Comments:

- Restriction and regulation on use of phosphate detergents and soaps and shampoos. Specifically, Algae blooms
- Algae blooms
- types of cleaning and personal care products sold in local stores
- toxic algae
- Potential Oil Spill Situations, plan accordingly.
- Bathing soaps used in water
- Pollution in the water (e.g., garbage, old stoves in the lake, etc.)

## RESULTS – ENVIRONMENT

Examples of Comments continued:

- blue green algae
- water quality
- Water clarity and purity
- increased random water testing for water quality
- Pumping out bilge water into the bay is a source of pollution.
- water levels and specifically how they impact on the shore lines
- water levels
- Water levels are still important. They should work with GBF on its aquatic protection issues.
- Speeding boats / irresponsible boating
- Boat traffic
- Speeding boats in channels erode shorelines and create dangers to boaters, swimmers
- speed of traffic in the main channel at Brignall Banks
- Recreational "sport" boating - jet skiing and waterskiing - on calm, shallow, environmentally sensitive bays - as in the bay behind Hole-in-the-Wall.
- Boat traffic
- Excessive speed of boaters in narrow waterways
- speed through narrow channels
- Boats creating damaging wakes.
- Noise pollution from jet ski
- Through communication put an emphasis on noise control - late night parties, jet skis and motorized wake boards.
- To many Seadoes
- Noise pollution and habitat disruption by gangs of jet skiers. They weave around the markers at high speed like a grand prix race. This disturbs the peace and wildlife! Please slow down, discontinue "club" groupings. If they must tour this way, please go slow and enjoy the nature they destroy!
- noise pollution
- Noise including discharge of firearms
- Forestry management planning with MNRF and the Township, having regard for invasive species and fire risk.
- Continue the excellent work on the control of phragmites. We would like more guidance and oversight in the control of pine tree insects.
- Help/advice with insect infestations
- Fire monitoring
- Fire suppression and prevention strategies.
- Invasive tree bugs
- recommendations to cottagers to clear dry brush, fell standing dead trees (especially near waterways)
- Forest management. Assistance for removal of dead or diseased trees.
- Health of our trees
- Dumping of cleared brush and refuse on crown lands.
- Concern about whether there is control over the bigger visiting cruisers dumping whatever in our waters
- Mooring restrictions for transient boaters

**RESULTS – ENVIRONMENT**

Examples of comments continued:

- Cruisers parking in small bays and dumping gray water
- transient camping on Crown land
- Cruisers can be filthy, discharging black water. Also their cleaning takes detergent that goes right into the water.
- Foreign houseboats and picnickers on private land, especially when they light a fire or dump in the lake.
- Regulating speed of transient cruisers/boats to minimize shoreline damage.
- Septic inspections & septic system maintenance
- bilge & septic tank pumping
- septic inspections
- Improved septic system monitoring
- Tougher audit of septic systems to manage sewage and the removal of detergents used in cleaning clothes and dishes
- A catch and release mandate for the all game in the PaBIA traditional map area inshore from PauB lighthouse to Kishkadena to Hertzberg to Keegan Rock for a period of three to five years.
- over fishing by big bass boats
- fish and wildlife populations
- fish stock levels
- Fish conservation with MNR
- Habitat - overfishing in Pointe Au Baril
- More info on reducing and removal of invasive plant species
- Planting of invasive species in ornamental gardens. Importation of soil for ornamental gardens.
- Education about invasive species, especially phragmites
- Be aware of endangered species -- animals, fish, plants -- and make public what those are.
- maintaining natural animal habitats
- Endangered animal conservation
- Hunting & Trapping Limitations
- Fight development of Georgian Bay shores. The Key River fire this summer should never have happened.
- over development
- Releases of Crown Land for Sale
- Management of land use
- Micro-plastics
- Plastic Waste Monitoring (Accumulation) in Waterways / Watersheds
- Use of plastics
- Age of outboard motors
- pollution from outboard engines
- Elimination of 2 stroke motors.

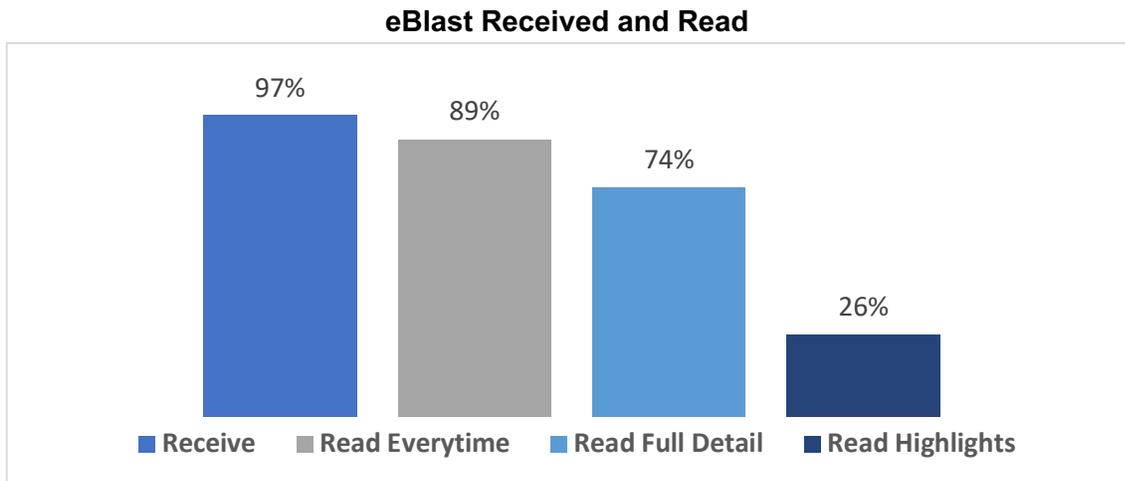
## RESULTS – COMMUNICATION

The PaBIA eBlast is incredibly well received and read in full demonstrating how pertinent, timely and interesting the content is.

Members prefer getting the eBlast to searching the website for information.

### PaBIA eBlast

Over 95% of the respondents receive the PaBIA eBlast with an amazing 89% who read it every time. The eBlast can be read by just looking at highlights or in full detail. Almost three-fourths (74%) read the full detail.



When asked what other information they would like in the PaBIA eBlast, most comments were very positive about the eBlast as is. Some people said they would like more reporting of PaBIA as a ratepayer association communicating what is going on with Council and PaBIA's interaction. It was apparent when asked about their satisfaction with the PaBIA Board's that more communication needs to be done. Since more people read the eBlast than go to the website, basic information can be in the eBlast with links to more detailed information on the PaBIA website. Some of this is already being done.

Respondents are all interested in their surrounding community although it may not be PaBIA's role. They are wanting to know more about what's happening in and around our area from Parry Sound to the First Nation Reserve, activities, volunteer activities, group outings, etc. PaBIA could work with [Pointeubarilcommunity.ca](http://Pointeubarilcommunity.ca) website and link to information on their website.

Of course, islanders are always interested in weather reports (even in winter), and water levels and quality.

It is important for the eBlast to continue to educate PaBIA's Members on issues such as speeding boats, invasive species, fire prevention, safety, etc.

**RESULTS – COMMUNICATION**

PaBIA eBlast

eBlast Suggestions	%
Well done -Positive comments	6%
Community	3%
Council	3%
eBlast specific	3%
Development	2%
Weather	2%
Water	2%
Education	2%
Photos	1%
PaBIA	0%
Other	4%
None	2%
Read eBlast	100.0%

Q38 -What other information would you like to see in the PaBIA eBlast?

Sample of Responses:

- I think that it is quite complete
- It is well done as is.
- You got it all covered
- It is already excellent
- Great job, Hilde!
- I think you all are doing a wonderful job.
- The editors are doing a great job now.
- Both the eblast and the Yearbook are outstanding. Very little to criticize. If anything, sometimes I think the eblast has too much detail in it Cut back on the extraneous information whenever possible.
- good as is. keeps me connected to PaB especially in off season
- human interest stories
- More info on mainland issues e.g., status of wind farm and transmission line fire investigation
- local information, pertaining to Parry Sound
- Enjoy reading about community wildlife observations, bird nestings etc. This galvanizes a pro-active conservation attitude about the whole environment.
- pow wow and other local events
- Volunteer work being carried out that needs help
- Community action days once or twice a month in the summer. What could we do together? Make it a party.
- more specifics on what is happening in the community before it happens
- More organized group trips/excursions (by boat).

## RESULTS – COMMUNICATION

### PaBIA eBlast

Sample of Responses continues:

- News of activities in PauB Station that would help connect the islanders with them
- Development possibilities / Council Reports
- Some of the variances requested and permitted or not permitted. Some other controversial Council actions or decisions.
- Link to Council minutes so we know discussion on the issues directly affecting us
- possibly outline the COA happenings & Councilors/PaBIA board stance and why.
- Council updates on municipal matters
- Board-Councilor activities
- More information about ratepayer/Council matters so membership is informed in this area as well. They are not now.
- Voters no records for councilors
- Less biased editing and selection of information
- better navigation on the links, currently hard to see and can be confusing
- More objectivity in presentation of information
- ties nicely with website
- improved, modern format would make the eblast more readable
- See earlier comments re: bylaw reminders and PWC-drivers' behaviour
- More environmental suggestions and education!
- More specific info about by laws, zoning, variances, etc
- Actions being taken by other neighbourhoods (e.g. Sans Souci) that would impact/mirror what we could do
- The water level/ice cover and maybe recent storm or wildfire activity.
- Severe weather alerts.
- Would like winter updates - ice in, ice out dates, water levels, snow pack levels, etc.
- weather trends
- Weather summery, such as rainfall amounts, storm damage etc
- Shortcuts to other information, like hydro one power outage maps and status)
- More info re water levels
- more water quality information
- Water level, and fire restriction.
- water testing results
- emergency evacuation in the case of injury; also, where to go if injured; fire emergency reminders
- Boating respect

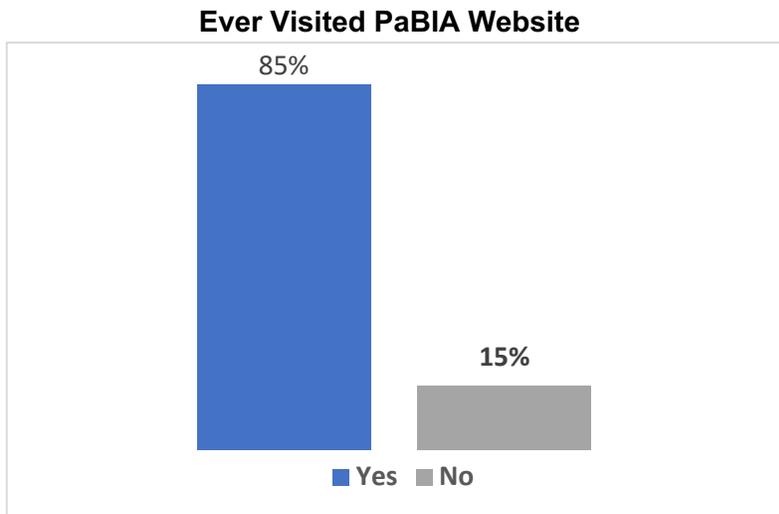
**RESULTS – COMMUNICATION**

PaBIA Website

While the majority of PaBIA respondents (85%) have visited the PaBIA website, they seem to visit it mainly in the summer and not very often.

Most respondents rely on the push technology of the eBlast to get their information rather than being proactive in going to the website. There were many positive remarks about the PaBIA website.

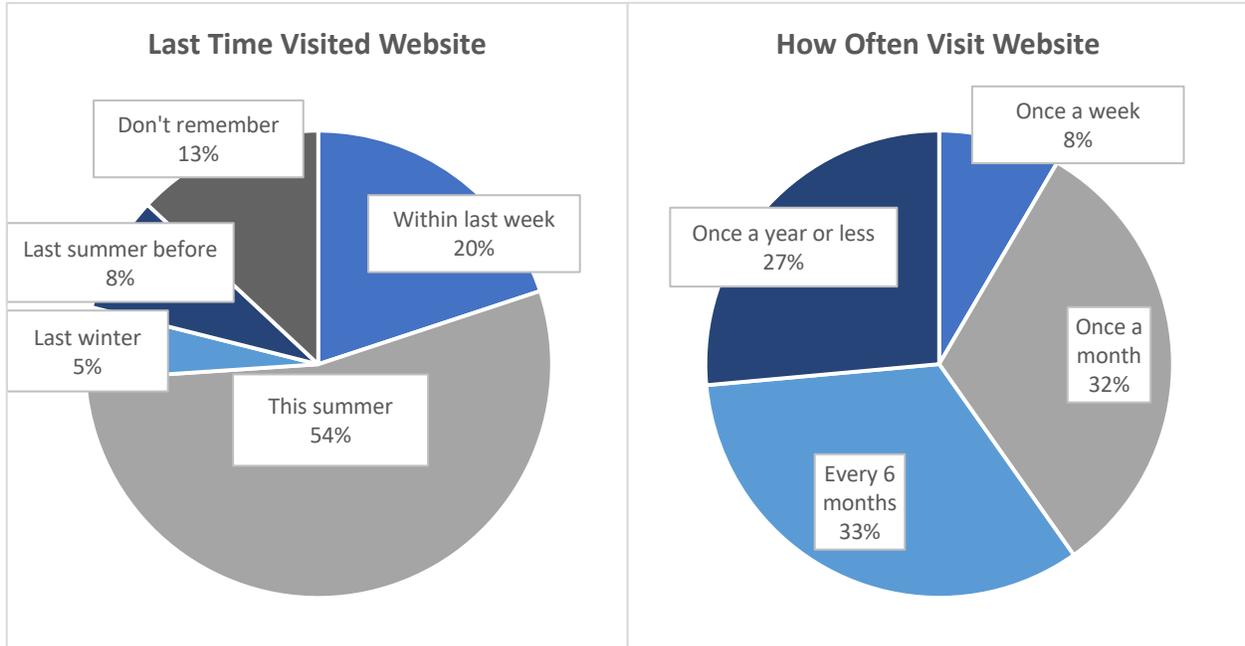
The website provides the perfect vehicle for reporting on what is happening with the Township and Council as well as keeping members apprised of PaBIA’s work with Council, Board minutes, and committee work. Much of this already exists so having links more frequently from the eBlast would better keep Members up to date.



Q30 -Have you ever visited the PaBIA website, or not?

**RESULTS – COMMUNICATION**

PaBIA Website



Q31 -When was the last time you visited the PaBIA website?

Q32 -How often do you visit the PaBIA website? Based on those who have visited the PaBIA website.

Members were asked about other information they would like on the PaBIA website.

Website Suggestions	%
Positive comments	8%
Educate	5%
PaBIA	3%
Land Use	3%
Web specific	3%
Weather	2%
Water	2%
Prefer eBlast	2%
Gov/Council/TOA	2%
Ads	1%
Photos	0%
None	4%
Other	10%
Based on those who have visited the PaBIA website.	291

Q33 -What (Other) information would you like the website to provide? How could the website be improved?

## RESULTS – COMMUNICATION

### PaBIA Website

#### Sample of Responses:

- Fine job being done on website
- I think you do a good job as is
- I can't think of anything- it is a very good website and I appreciate the e blasts
- It is excellent!!
- The site is informative and keeps us abreast of happenings during our long winter absence.
- even though I don't use it frequently please keep it up!
- boating rules of the road; noise; it's an excellent website!!!
- The website is very comprehensive and useful. As mentioned before, more information on dealing with invasive pine tree insects would be helpful.
- I really enjoy reading about conservation efforts and observations about animal/bird/insect life and changing cycles
- Fire preparedness for islander's awareness
- environmental educational material - e.g. reduction of one-time plastics use, soaps, grey-water from boats etc.
- Bear alerts
- Products and ideas for having the lowest environmental impact possible while in P au B
- Community Safety Info - Break-Ins, Drinking & Boating, Bear sightings
- might be worthwhile to publicize requests for minor variances submitted to the township
- FAQs on "Thinking About Severing" -- what does a member need to know before applying to ToA?
- List of council decisions regarding building permits, variances and decisions.
- Listing of zoning variance applications
- Specifics on the rules of buildings
- FAQs on "Thinking About Building" -- what does a member need to know before applying to ToA?
- greater explanation of SOME the members' benefits, (e.g. water testing -- how is that done & where)
- consistent log and pictures of winter cottage checks
- It is very good that all of the Directors and the other volunteers are listed on the website. It would be good to include a brief summary of the mandate of each of the positions.
- Name directory (like in the PaBIA book) with a search function?
- Online look up for member contact info
- Chart of Board and Committee structure which identifies volunteers
- Summer dates/calendar by March 15th so those from afar can plan holidays
- would like a "members only" section with contact information that could be individually updated
- the info is not up-to-date
- Easier search engine

## RESULTS – COMMUNICATION

### PaBIA Website

Sample of Responses continued:

- Webcams to see water/ice conditions
- Arrival and departure of ice cover - by area
- I love the webcam and weather information
- Year-round webcam (s)
- increased winter web cams
- notice of adverse weather events -- wind, rain/snow, lightning -- anything that might affect our property
- Possibly water level & ice cover although sometimes I believe that's anecdotally reported.
- local water levels
- Water test results should be published
- I prefer to keep informed by newsletters and yearbook
- The eblasts are great making it unnecessary to go to the website!
- I get a lot of my information from the newsletters - not sure I need to go to the website
- need to have better linkage to the GB5 and to the TOA
- Regular updates on government relations
- More focus on ratepayer issues. Members generally have no knowledge of this and PaBIA's involvement in it. It is not sexy but, it is important. Property owners are woefully ignorant on all this stuff.
- updates on the issues facing TOA
- advertising slots to local businesses to increase revenue base
- Classifieds for items
- Recommend priorities of issues needing attention
- Rental properties available
- If it were more of a vehicle for community, or 2-way dialogue, versus just push communications.
- Community Bulletin Board for member postings
- A clear statement of principles relating to the results of this survey.

**RESULTS – COMMUNICATION**

PaBIA / Ojibway Yearbook

The only question directed at the annual Yearbook was to ask for improvement or changes. As with the eBlast, PaBIA Respondents are very complimentary about the Yearbook: “fabulous”, “terrific”, “impressive”, etc.

Annual Yearbook Suggestions	%
Well done/positive	11%
Editorial	3%
Directory	2%
Put online	1%
Education	1%
Map	1%
Safety	1%
Ratepayer	1%
Photos	1%
PaBIA	1%
None	3%
Other	1%
Total responses	69
Base	309

Q39 -Considering the content of the annual Yearbook, what improvements or changes, if any, would you like to see made?

Sample of Responses:

- I love the yearbook and look forward to it every spring
- Well done now
- Continue outstanding job!!! Thank you!
- It's fabulous already (and so are the e-blasts)!
- It's very well done!
- It is very impressive as is.
- It's already pretty incredible
- None! The yearbook is AMAZING and should be celebrated for its consistent quality/content!
- Encourage new content on cottage living, past historical memories, personal experiences.
- More and more the Yearbook is becoming a handbook, emergency numbers, etc. Any additional information such as trash hours and rules are welcome.
- Like the cottage histories that were done a number of years ago. More of those would be welcomed
- More information on local community (Indian reserve, permanent community)
- Slightly larger print for member contact info.

## RESULTS – COMMUNICATION

### PaBIA / Ojibway Yearbook

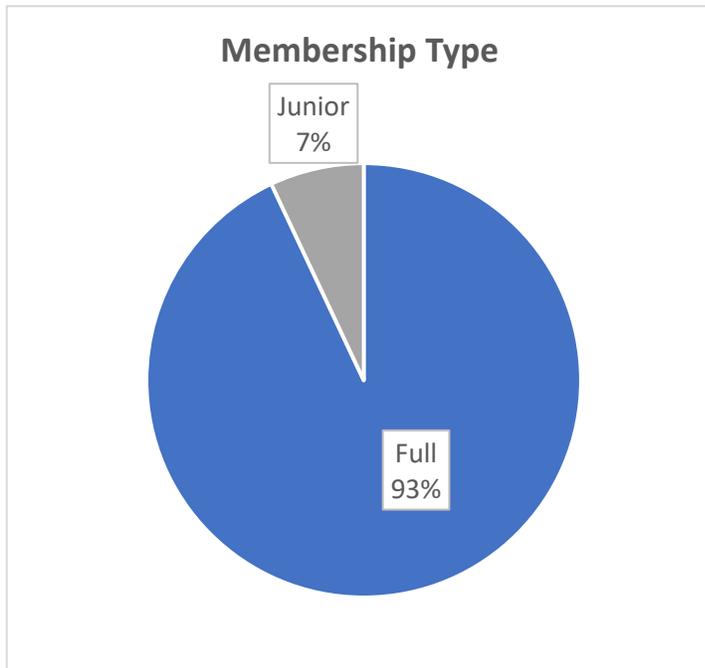
Sample of Responses continued:

- increase the font size for older people :-)
- Emergency info more prominent. ie: use red pages or back cover or first page
- An overall larger format directory
- On-line version as well with password access for members only
- move the yearbook to online with a "members only" section
- reminders about driving boats slower; reminders about other courtesy items like not blasting music, shielding electric lights, not trespassing.
- More environmental observations - everyone reads these over the course of the summer
- More information about pests, invasive species, etc. and how to deal with them.
- maps with more detail
- It is outstanding. No suggestions except what I mentioned before with more emphasis on ratepayer matters even though they are not sexy.
- Updates from PABIA board members are typically generic, though I'm not sure what can be done and I understand why these pieces are included
- limit reports to one page

## RESULTS – PaBIA MEMBERSHIP

### Type of Membership

Most (93%) of the respondents have Full membership.



Q40 -What type of PaBIA Membership do you have?

Junior membership was started in 2015 to obtain greater involvement from people age 19 to 35. Their family must be Full members.

The number of Junior members' responses was too small to break out and show statistical differences, but their responses show similar patterns to the Full Members only they are less likely to know about land use and septic systems.

The only area showing a significant difference is in their main reasons for joining PaBIA. Not surprisingly, the events are much more important to the Junior Members. (See detail in Q41.)

- Events (Regattas, Sailing, Naturalist, Triathlon, Jr Member, etc.) (60% Junior vs 16% Full)
- Provide Safety (markers, Emergency oversight) (35% Junior vs 53% Full)

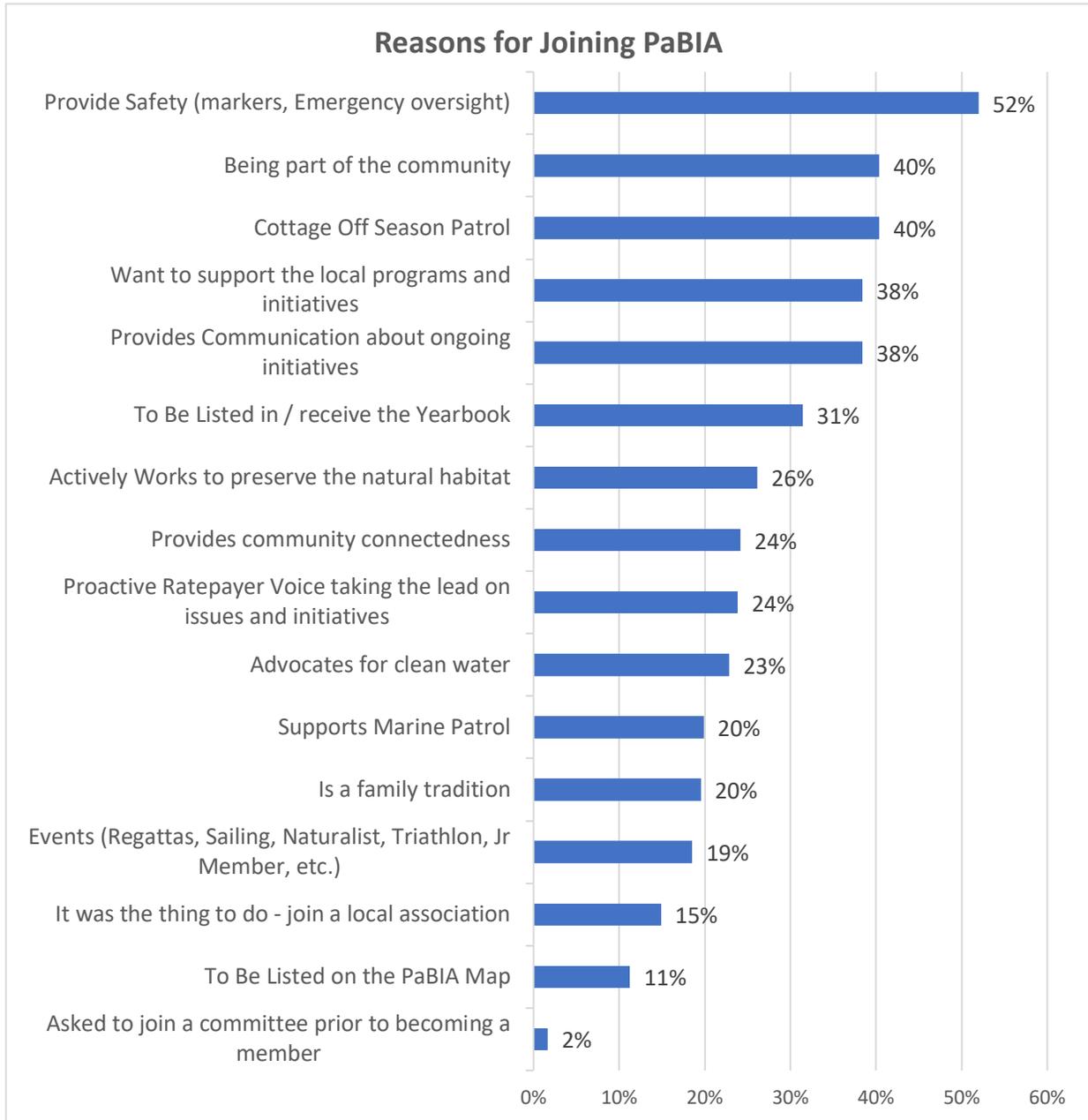
Junior members are somewhat less likely to go to the website and read the eBlast in detail. Since they spend less time at the cottage (70% spend 30 days or less), they are not engaged in all aspects of PaBIA.

**RESULTS – PaBIA MEMBERSHIP**

Reasons for Joining PaBIA

Members were asked their main reasons for joining PaBIA. Given 16 reasons, they were asked to pick their top 3 reasons. (The reasons were randomly rotated online to eliminate any order bias.)

The markers and cottage off-season patrols are tangible benefits. Being part of the community is a key reason as well as being informed about ongoing initiatives. The top 5 reasons remained the major reason across all sub-groups.

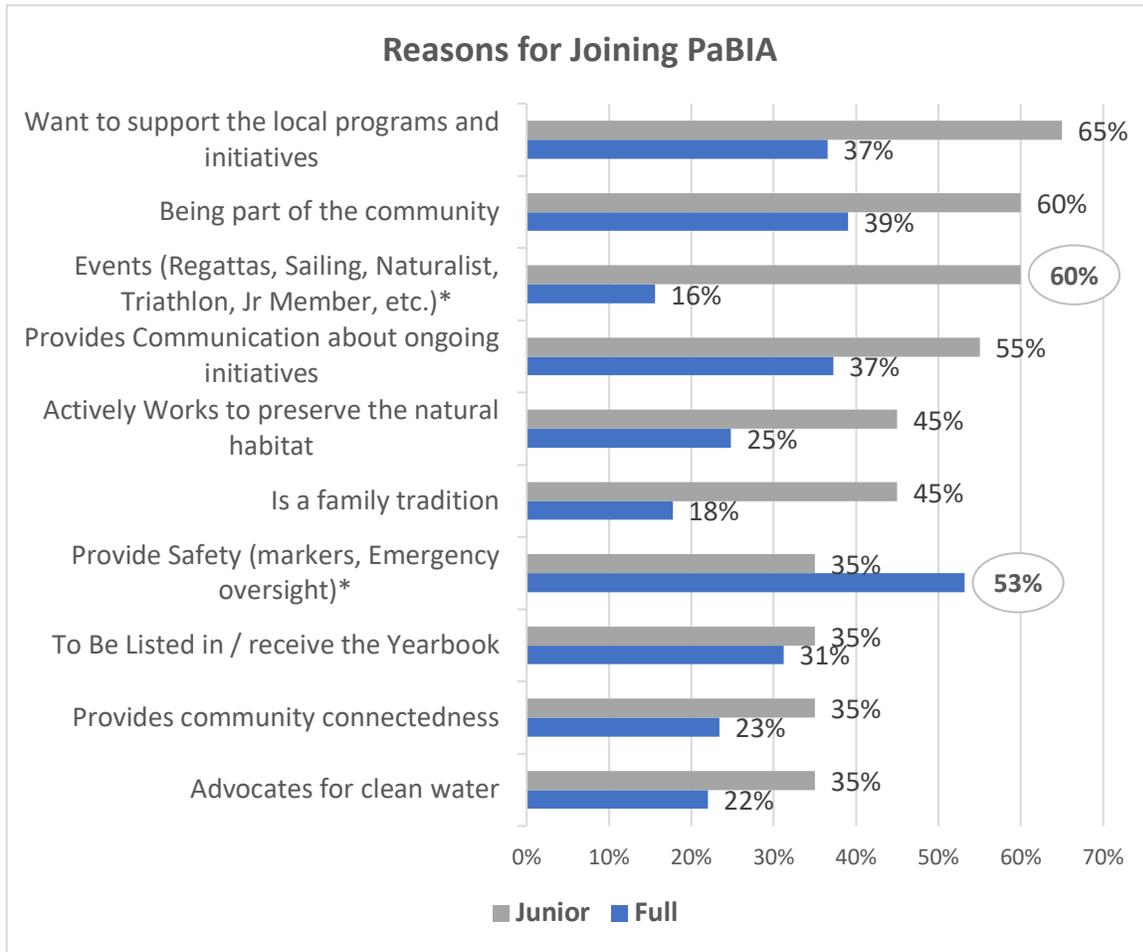


Q41 -What were your main reasons for joining PaBIA? Please select your top 3 reasons.

**RESULTS – PaBIA MEMBERSHIP**

Reasons for Joining PaBIA

When recruiting and working with Junior Members, PaBIA should speak to the events it sponsors, being part of the community, and the work and education it does about preserving the natural habitat and water quality.



Q41 -What were your main reasons for joining PaBIA? Please select your top 3 reasons.

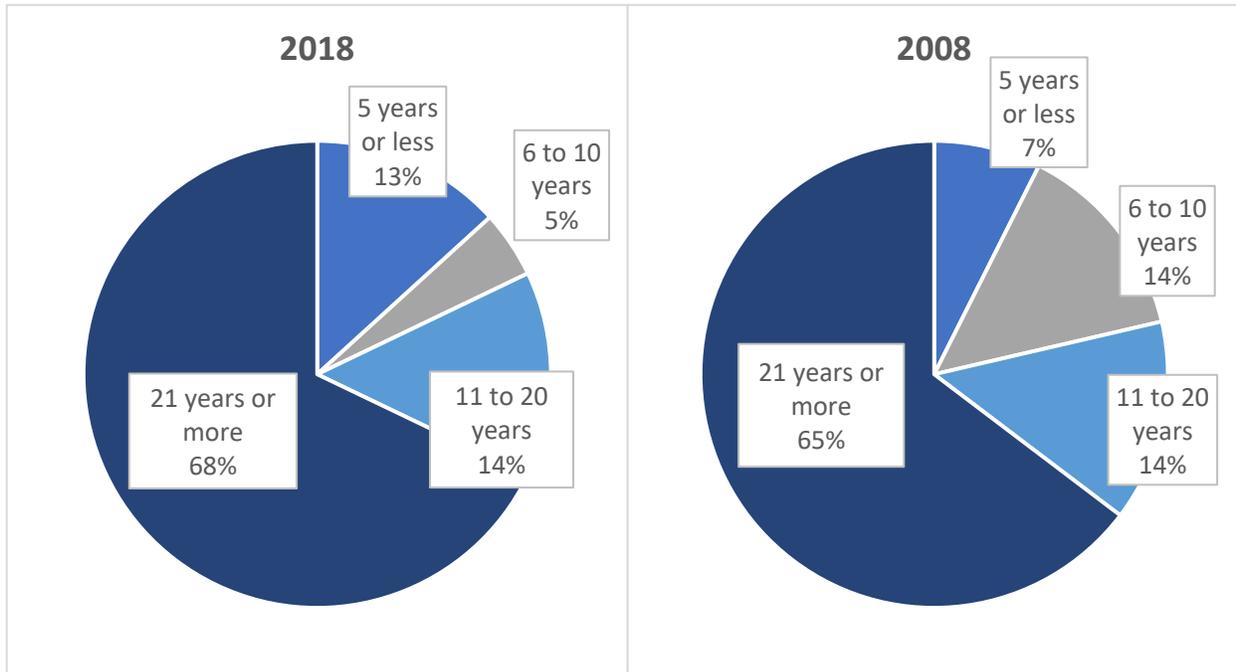
- Significant difference between Full and Junior Members.

**RESULTS – PaBIA MEMBERSHIP**

Year of Membership

In both 2008 and 2018, most respondents (over 65%) have been PaBIA Members more than 20 years.

**Years Household Has Been PaBIA Member**



Q42 -How long has your household been a PaBIA Member?

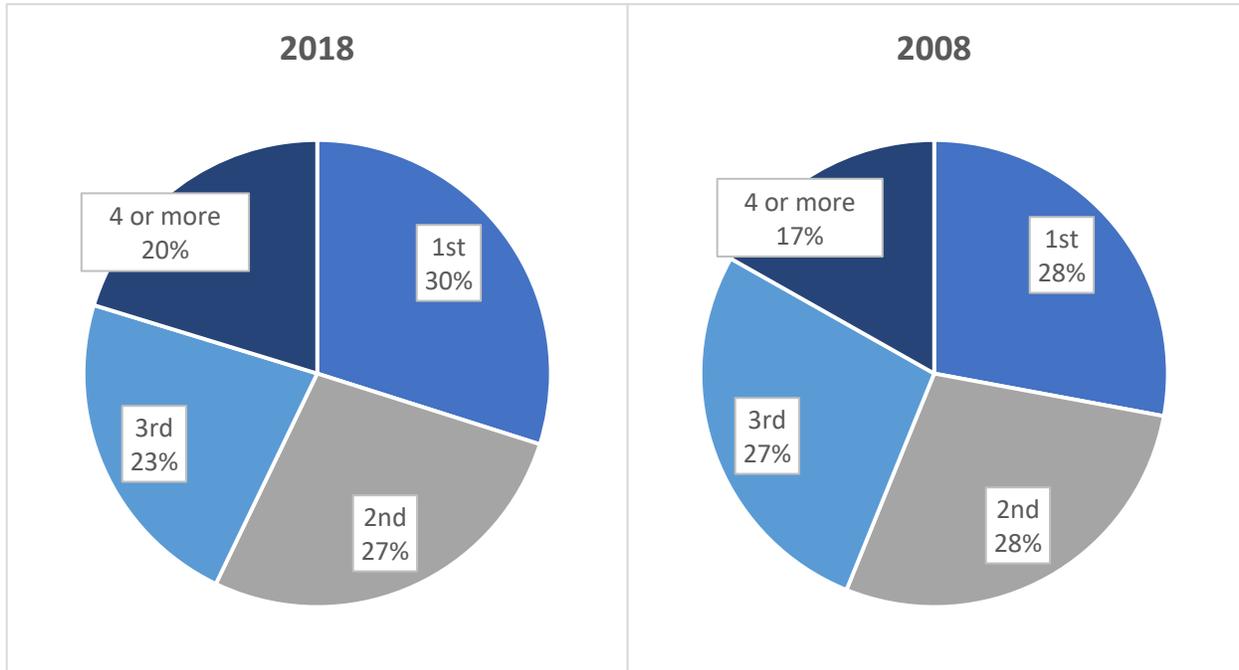
**RESULTS – PaBIA MEMBERSHIP**

Generations of Membership

PaBIA respondents are spread fairly evenly across generations as members in both 2008 and 2018.

As noted in various sections, there were some differences between first generation Members compared to multiple generation Members.

**Generation Household Has Been PaBIA Member**



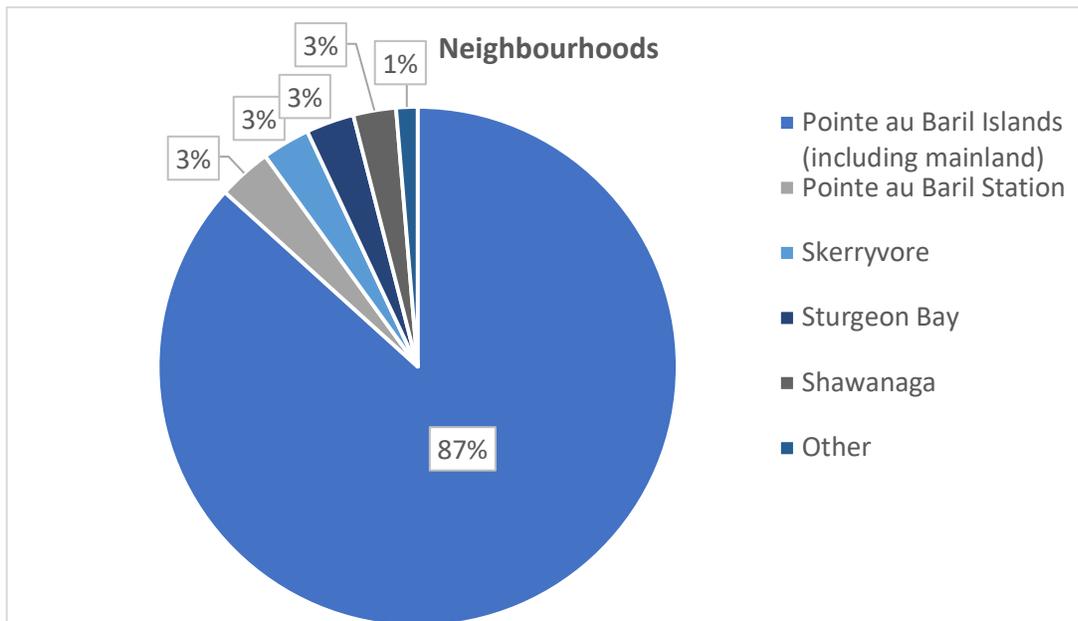
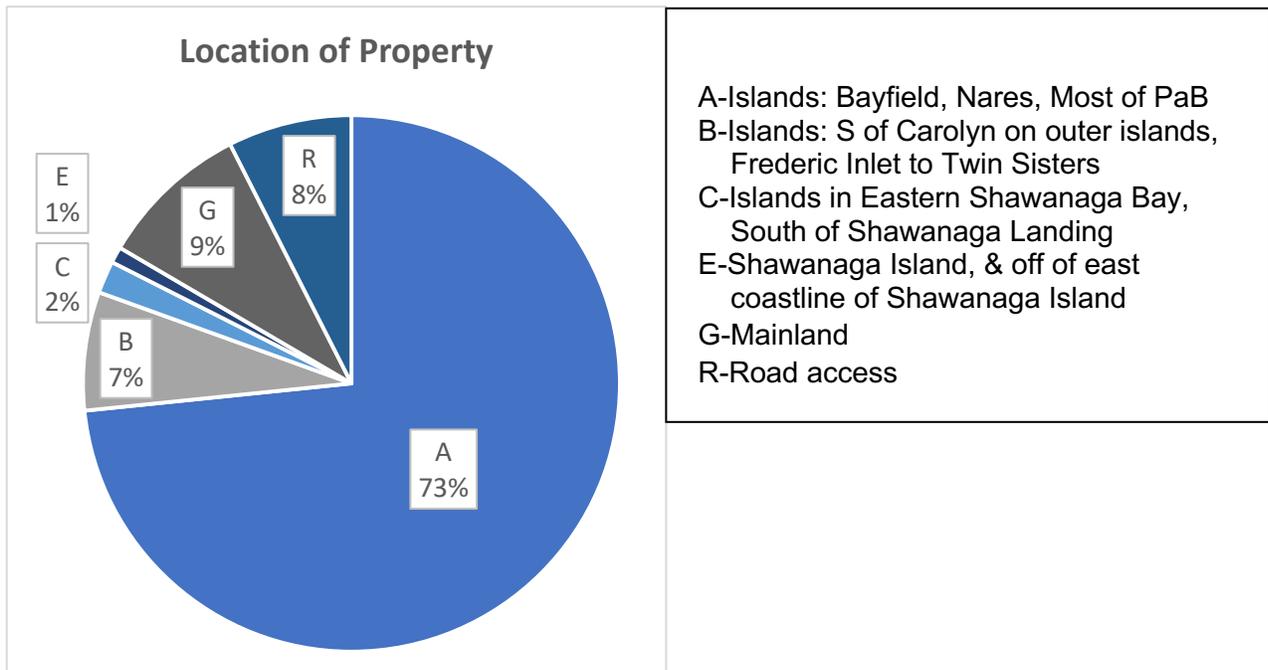
Q43 -How many generations has your household been a PaBIA Member?

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX – GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Location of Property

The survey code contained a letter that identifies where the respondent has property. We also asked a question about in which neighbourhood they reside. In both cases, there were not enough respondents in the groups to look at the results by sub- groups.



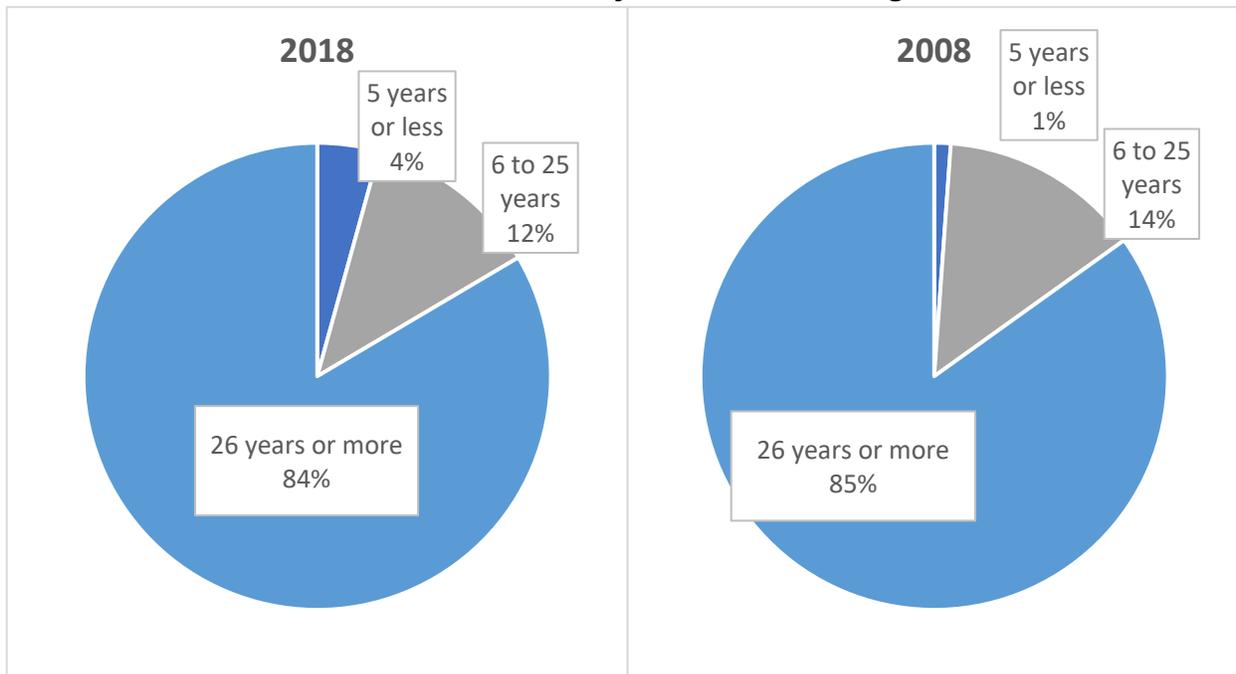
Q44 -In which of the following neighbourhoods do you reside? (Shawanaga was a write-in in "Other".)

**APPENDIX – GENERAL INFORMATION**

Time in Pointe au Baril

About 85% of PaBIA Member families have been coming to Pointe au Baril for more than 25 years.

**Years You and Immediate Family Have Been Coming to Pointe au Baril**



Q46 -How many years have you and your immediate family been coming to Pointe au Baril?

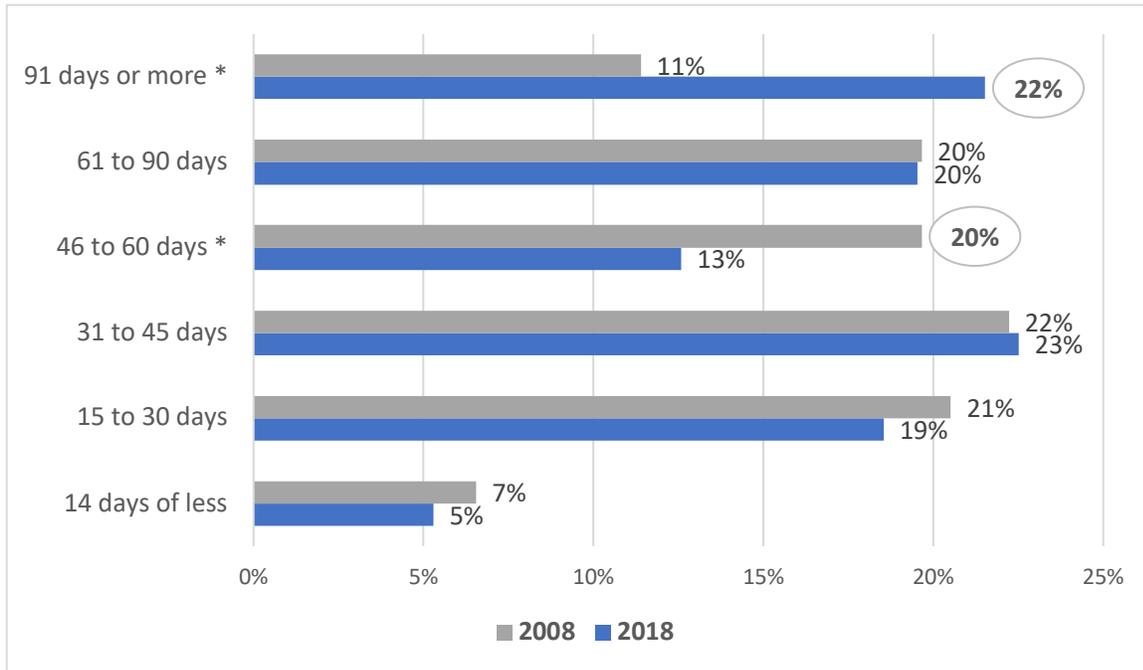
**APPENDIX – GENERAL INFORMATION**

Time in Pointe au Baril

Junior Members spend less a month or less at the cottage. 42% of PaBIA members are lucky enough to spend 2 months or more in Pointe au Baril. In 2018, the respondents spending more than 90 days is significantly higher than in 2008 (22% vs 11%).

Some significant differences have been noted when comparing those spending more time at the cottage compared to those spending less time.

**Number of Days Generally Spent at Pointe au Baril**



Q47 -Approximately how many days per year do you generally spend at Pointe au Baril?

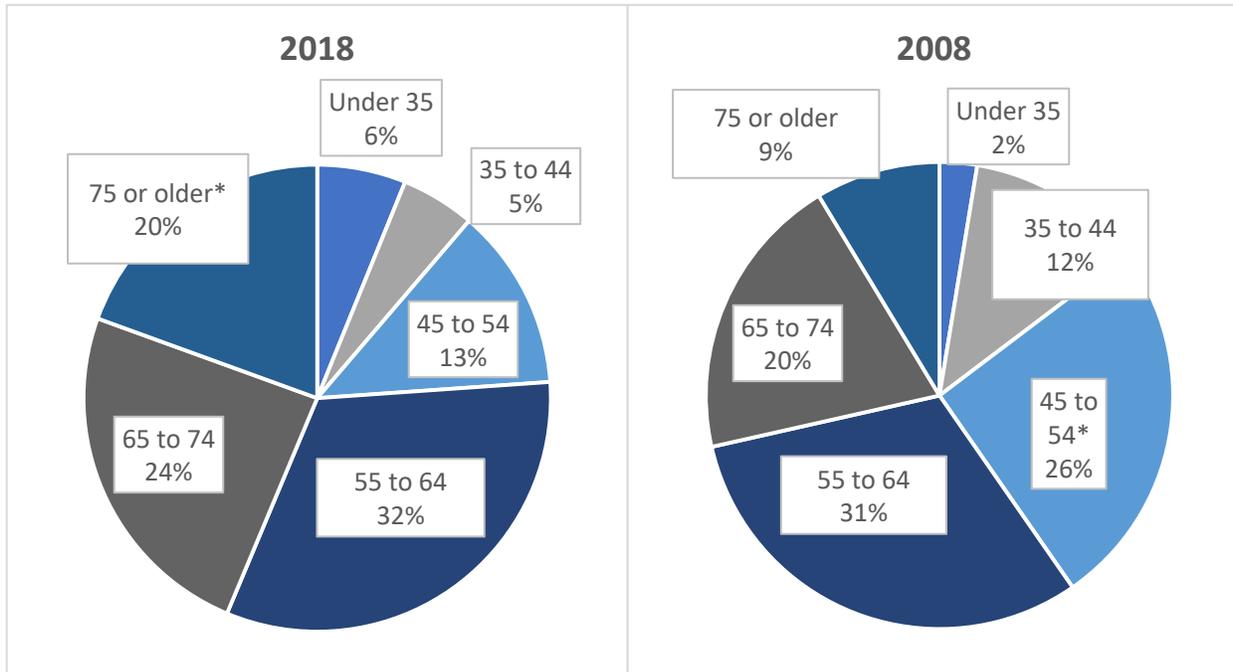
\*Significant difference between 2008 and 2018.

**APPENDIX – GENERAL INFORMATION**

Age

The median age (half are younger, and half are older) of respondents in 2018 is approximately 63.5. The median age in 2008 was approximately 58.9

**Age of PaBIA Members**



Q48 -What is your age?

\*Significant difference