



35 Alice Street, Brighton ON K0K 1H0

Meeting Date: June 25, 2026
Location: Council Chambers

Time: 4:30 PM

Rural Advisory Committee Agenda

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1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the Municipality of Brighton is located on the Mississauga Anishnabeg (A-nish-in-naw-bek) territory and is the traditional territory of Mississauga. The Municipality of Brighton also acknowledges the Mississauga Nations are the collective stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1. Approval of the Agenda for the June 25, 2026 meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee.

- That the Rural Advisory Committee approve the Agenda for the June 25, 2026 meeting as presented or amended.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature Thereof

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1. Approval of the Minutes from the the May 13, 2026 meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee. 3 - 4

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6. Delegations

7. Discussion

- 7.1. Consolidation of Committees update
- 7.2. Rural Broadband Funding update
- 7.3. Status of Town Hall Meetings
- 7.4. Rural Roads "hard-topping" project
- 7.5. CBM Subdivision in Codrington
- 7.6. Communication Strategy for Rural Residents
- 7.7. Rural Resident Survey

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From Council May 19, 2026 meeting:

Resolution No. COU-2026-194

Moved by Councillor Bobbi Wright

Seconded by Councillor Hannah MacAusland

Council direct the Rural Advisory Committee to provide recommendations for Council's consideration based on the Brighton Rural Residents Survey.

[Brighton Rural Resident Survey](#)

[Data Q14 250918](#)

8. Correspondence

9. Next meeting date:
September 24, 2026

10. Adjournment

- 10.1. Adjournment of the June 25, 2026 Rural Advisory Committee meeting

**Corporation of the Municipality of Brighton
Rural Advisory Committee
Minutes
Council Chambers
May 13, 2026
4:30 PM**

Members present: Councillor Anne Butwell, Councillor Hannah MacAusland, Jackie Steele, Jackie van de Valk, Andre Ootjers, and Adriana Dilworth

Staff present: Danny Blatenszky, Manager of Operations and Jessica Polley, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order
By the Chair at 4:34 pm

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3. Approval of Agenda

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RAC Resolution No. 2026-4

Moved by Councillor Anne Butwell

Seconded by Jackie van de Valk

That the Rural Advisory Committee approve the Agenda for the May 13, 2026 meeting as presented.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1. Approval of the Minutes from the the February 26, 2026 meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee.

RAC Resolution No. 2026-5

Moved by Councillor Anne Butwell

Seconded by Andre Ootjers

That the Rural Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the February 26, 2026 meeting as presented.

Carried

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Discussion

7.1. Town Hall update

Verbal report from Deputy Clerk - Council has deferred discussions to May 19, 2026 Council Meeting.

7.2. Rural Broadband update

Verbal report from Deputy Clerk - Province amending Phase 1 agreements; work has continued.

7.3. Consolidation of Committees

The Deputy Clerk made note of comments from Members for Council's consideration.

8. Correspondence

There were no items for consideration.

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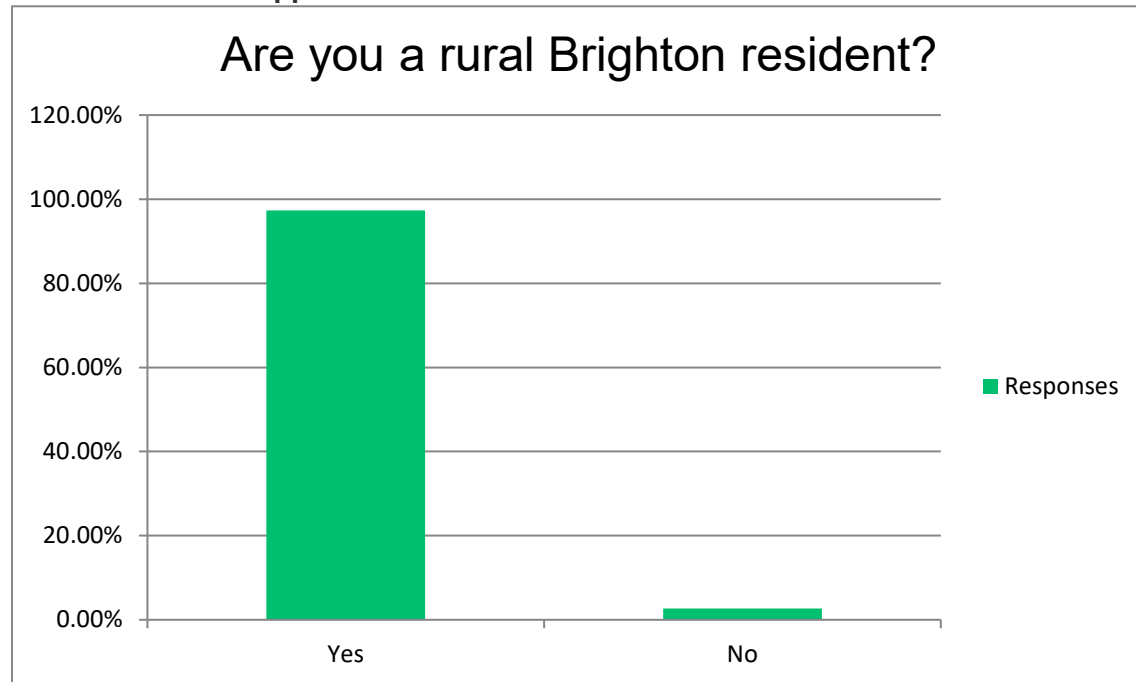
10.1. Adjournment of the May 13, 2026 Rural Advisory Committee meeting

Adjourned by the Chair at 5:55 pm

Brighton Rural Resident Survey

Are you a rural Brighton resident?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	97.33%	146
No	2.67%	4
Answered		150
Skipped		3



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

What street/road do you live on?

Answered	147
Skipped	6

Brighton Rural Resident Survey
How long have you lived in Brighton?

Answered	150
Skipped	3

Brighton Rural Resident Survey

Which community is closest to you? (i.e., Smithfield, Gosport, Codrington, Hilton, etc.)

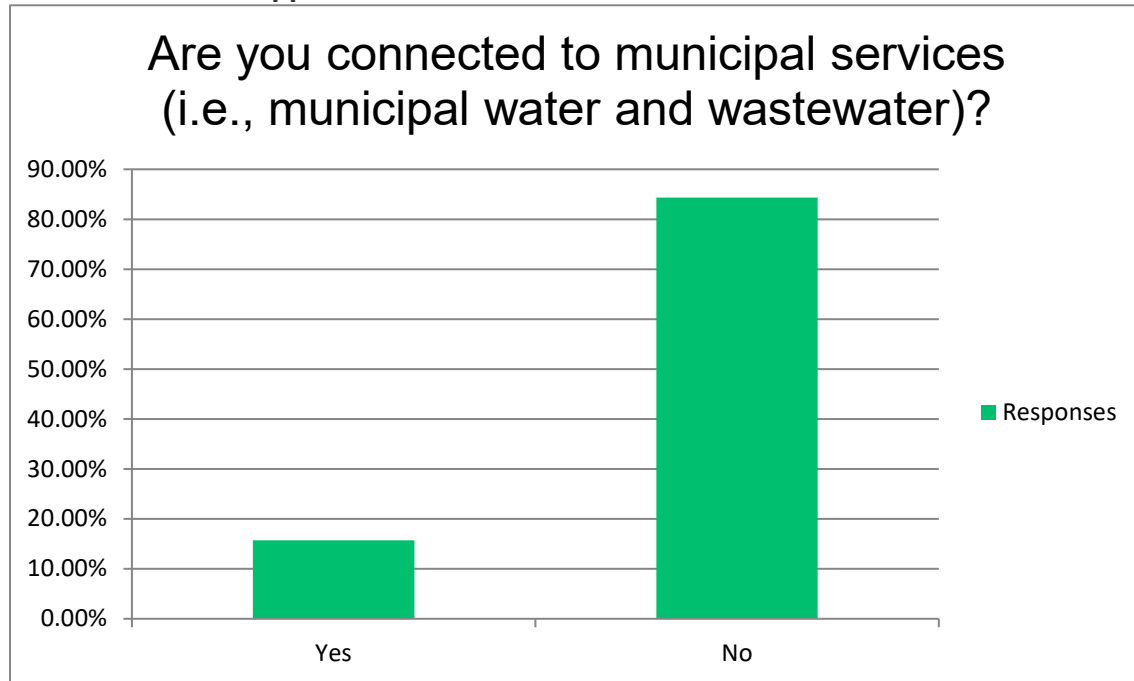
Answered 147

Skipped 6

Brighton Rural Resident Survey

Are you connected to municipal services (i.e., municipal water and wastewater)?

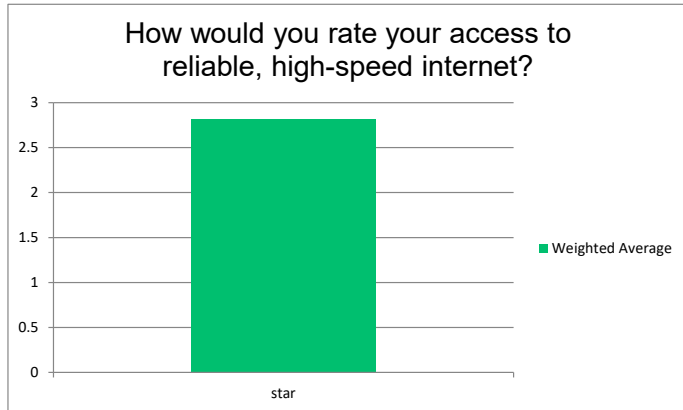
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	15.69%	24
No	84.31%	129
Answered		153
Skipped		0



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

How would you rate your access to reliable, high-speed internet?

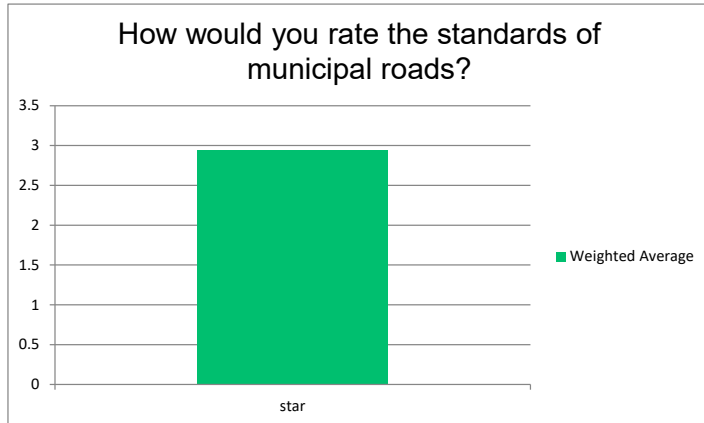
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star	20.92%	24.18%	20.92%	20.26%	13.73%	153	2.82
Please provide any additional comments here.						66	
						Answered	153
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Brighton Rural Resident Survey

How would you rate the standards of municipal roads?

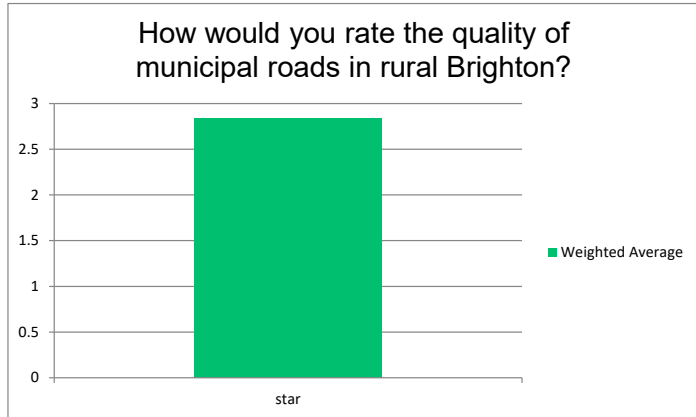
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star	4.67%	7	21.33%	32	48.67%	73	25.33%	38	0.00%	0	150	2.95
Please provide specific comments here.						48						
						Answered	150					
						Skipped	3					



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

How would you rate the quality of municipal roads in rural Brighton?

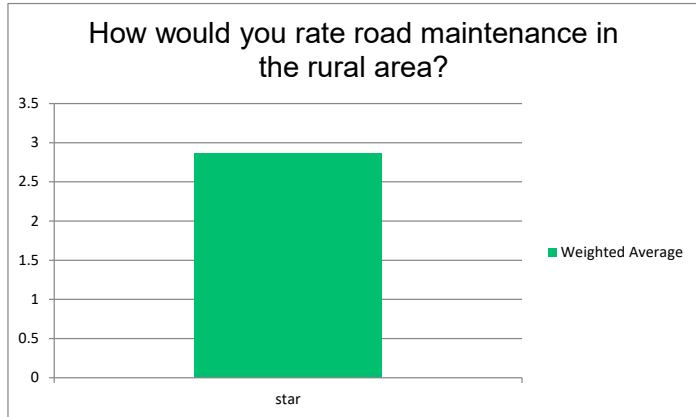
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star	3.92%	6	28.10%	43	49.02%	75	18.30%	28	0.65%	1	153	2.84
Please provide any additional comments.											34	
											Answered	153
											Skipped	0



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

How would you rate road maintenance in the rural area?

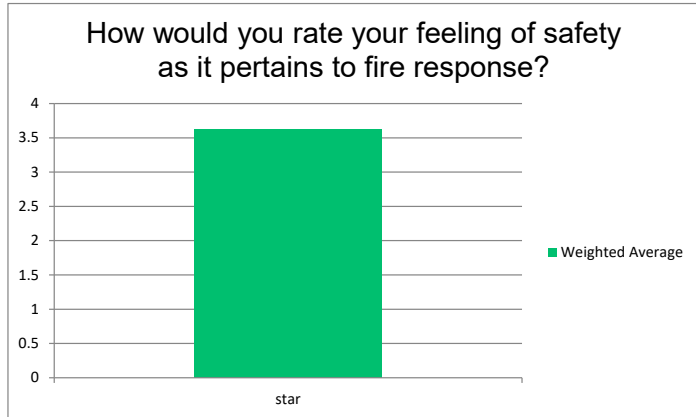
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star	4.58%	7	28.76%	44	46.41%	71	16.99%	26	3.27%	5	153	2.86
Please provide any additional comments.											42	
											Answered	153
											Skipped	0



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

How would you rate your feeling of safety as it pertains to fire response?

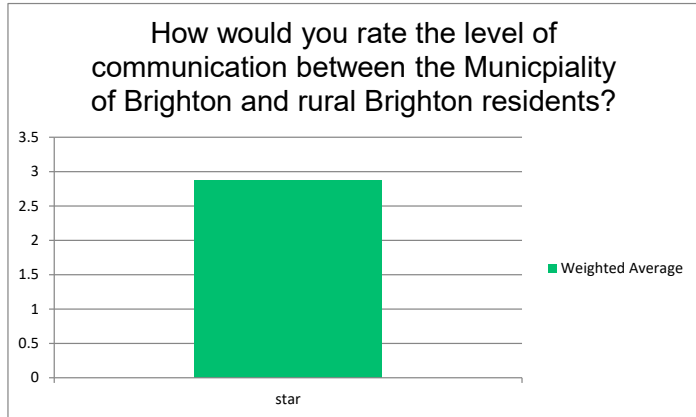
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star	2.70%	4	7.43%	11	29.73%	44	44.59%	66	15.54%	23	148	3.63
Please provide any additional comments.											36	
											Answered	148
											Skipped	5



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

How would you rate the level of communication between the Municipality of Brighton and rural Brighton residents?

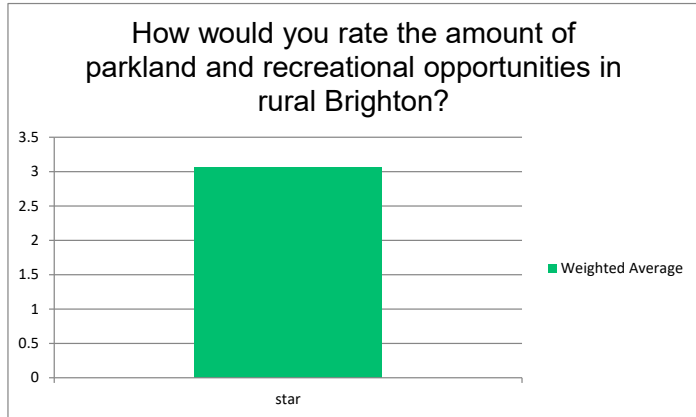
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star	4.67%	28.00%	45.33%	18.67%	3.33%	150	2.88
Please provide any additional comments.						27	
						Answered	150
						Skipped	3



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

How would you rate the amount of parkland and recreational opportunities in rural Brighton?

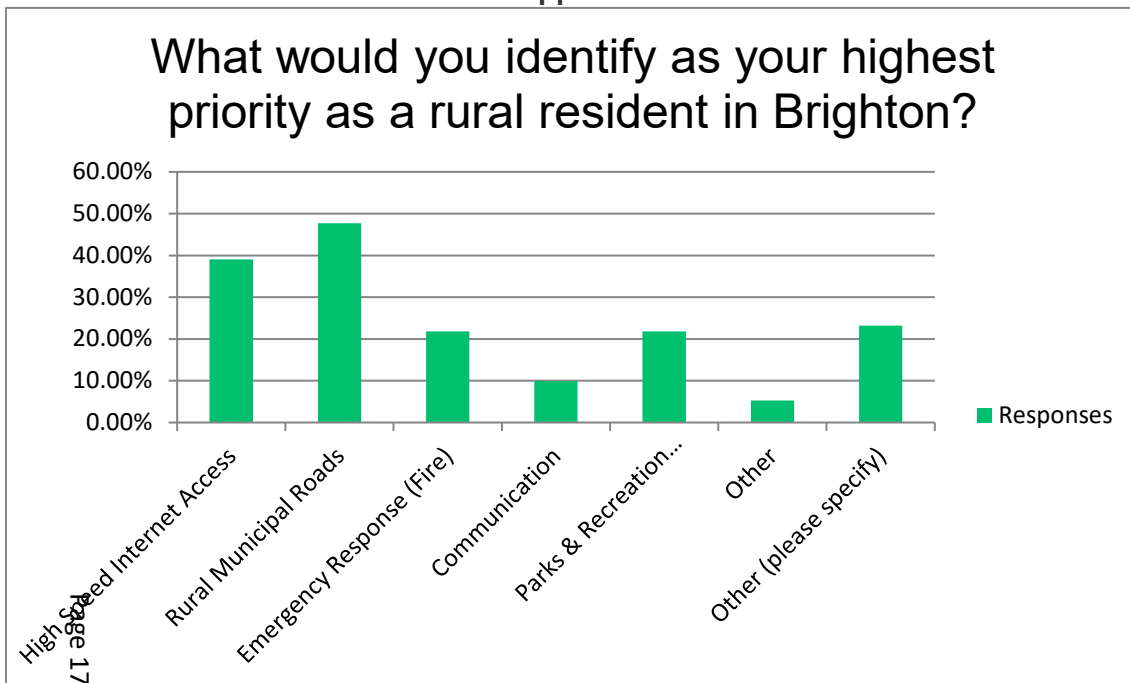
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star	7.43%	11	16.89%	25	43.24%	64	27.03%	40	5.41%	8	148	3.06
Please add any additional comments here.										37		
										Answered	148	
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Brighton Rural Resident Survey

What would you identify as your highest priority as a rural resident in Brighton?

Answer Choices	Responses	
High Speed Internet Access	39.07%	59
Rural Municipal Roads	47.68%	72
Emergency Response (Fire)	21.85%	33
Communication	9.93%	15
Parks & Recreation Opportunities	21.85%	33
Other	5.30%	8
Other (please specify)	23.18%	35
Answered		151
Skipped		2



Brighton Rural Resident Survey

Please provide any additional comments about rural Brighton here.

Answered	57
Skipped	96

Q14 Please provide any additional comments about rural Brighton here.

Answered: 57 Skipped: 96

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'm happy that we chose Brighton and appreciate the opportunity to express my thoughts on these matters.	6/20/2025 3:23 PM
2	Leave it alone! Don't turn rural Brighton into an urban sprawl.	6/19/2025 10:20 PM
3	Beautiful area and welcoming neighborhood. Wish we had more choices for Satellite TV and Internet.	6/19/2025 8:37 PM
4	Pay a lot of taxes for no services, we live on a County Road and find the winter plowing and sanding is lacking in quality and timing after a storm.	6/19/2025 10:33 AM
5	I love rural Brighton, I wish there was food delivery available tho, like pizza or something for dinner	6/19/2025 9:40 AM
6	Having more camera as Smith street in Smithfield is a Raceway	6/19/2025 9:05 AM
7	Take lessons from Cramahe on how to control cannabis farms. The rural Air quality is compromised by the stench.	6/19/2025 8:53 AM
8	Glad to live in rural Brighton -- keep the farm land, just that -- FARM LAND! But we do need access to high speed internet, just because we are farming, does not mean that we are not running multi-million dollar operations, that RELY on internet.	6/19/2025 8:26 AM
9	While I accept the fact that property taxes are for the collective benefit of the entire community, I also think we should be getting something for the large amount of money we pay in property tax. As far as I can see, we get very little. Our property tax bill is twice what it was in our last (smaller) community, and there we had municipal water/sewer, street lights, well-paved roads, sidewalks... You get the picture. I have to wonder where the money is going, and if council understands that it's our money they're spending.	6/19/2025 7:41 AM
10	Communications about building projects could be better. Maybe a dedicated social media page to get word out rather than mail. Park development on the waterfront with a beach could spur tourism. Community rec centre with an indoor splash pad and pool would be used. Discount to Presquille for residents or a dedicated week for locals would be nice.	6/19/2025 7:28 AM
11	Train horns after midnight need to stop. Detrimental to health. Have not had a good night sleep since moving here. Planning to sell.	6/18/2025 10:14 PM
12	When fixing up a road fix the edge road so water can drain off the sides of road instead of adding to the top of the road and water just sits along the edge. Also take the ditches and road to the full 66 feet	6/18/2025 8:16 PM
13	More policing on rural roads and in community safety zones.	6/18/2025 8:08 PM
14	Please stop building new homes without the resources needed and taking away marshland as well, specifically on Cedar	6/18/2025 7:24 PM
15	I am deeply concerned about the illegal shooting (guns) taking place at the end of Goodfellow Road. These are people shooting for "fun" and making a huge mess. This is unacceptable.	6/18/2025 6:24 PM
16	Please reduce speed limit in Hilton so we can get our mail and get out of our driveways. Been a few accidents just in the time we moved here. Especially at cemetery Ed and highway 30. It's a hamlet so reduced speed makes sense especially when those stopping to turn into their driveways when everyone is driving 90. If it was 60 then they would be driving 70, much safer.	6/18/2025 5:54 PM
17	Just fix the roads! With real pavement!	6/18/2025 5:48 PM
18	Children live here. Please accommodate. The rate of building does not match the rate of infrastructure. Which is feeling gross.	6/18/2025 5:40 PM

19	None	6/18/2025 5:24 PM
20	Areas need to be upgraded. Not band aid fixes!	6/18/2025 5:23 PM
21	Since 40% of our property taxes go to subsidizing the municipality, I believe that needs to change. If the cost of upkeep for the town of Brighton is higher than rural Brighton, then a new formula needs to be implemented. We aren't on municipal water/sewer yet we help pay for these services. Maybe the cost of living in town needs an increase in property taxes to fund the upkeep so the 40% of rural property taxes can stay rural to maintain the infrastructure outside of Brighton.	6/18/2025 5:12 PM
22	Drop speed limit from 401 to town. Should only be 60 klm & no engine brakes. It's become a race way.	6/18/2025 4:52 PM
23	More shopping amenities as Brighton is getting a hotel and will attract more people with NOTHING to shop for.	6/18/2025 4:42 PM
24	Ditches are not clear out. Too many and high cattails Safety concerns for drivers.	6/18/2025 4:24 PM
25	The Municipality is more active, communicative, and community-based than other municipalities I've lived in and the workers should be proud of that.	6/18/2025 3:45 PM
26	Again, increased residential south of tracks, concerned about fire and ambulance, my other concern is about speeding cars and lack of enforcement	6/18/2025 2:34 PM
27	Great place to live.	6/18/2025 2:32 PM
28	Speeding and aggressive driving is a serious concern	6/18/2025 2:15 PM
29	Brighton is a wonderful ❤️ place to live.	6/18/2025 2:15 PM
30	Some roads cannot easily be widened or upgraded due to things like shoreline a d marshland. This needs to be considered when planning growth. Do we really need more subdivisions?	6/18/2025 11:36 AM
31	We feel that more communication and involvement with the areas outside of the immediate town would be appreciated.	6/18/2025 10:57 AM
32	Bell needs to run Fiber Optic all the way down Smith St.	6/18/2025 10:27 AM
33	We absolutely love living here.	6/18/2025 10:08 AM
34	We also need a survey on accommodation in-and-around the Brighton area. We are seeing too many condominium single level homes being built (& now possibly a 4 story hotel) but nothing being said about needing more rentals in our community.	6/12/2025 12:52 PM
35	Roads improved then Internet PLEASE!!!	6/12/2025 11:42 AM
36	We can always improve roads and infrastructure but there is an expense to it. Over all, I feel Brighton has struck a reasonable balance.	6/12/2025 11:25 AM
37	Garbage collection is sloppy. Recycle containers are not properly emptied and containers are thrown to the ground. No local bus service.	6/12/2025 10:19 AM
38	This will not be a popular comment however I believe and have witnessed 'road rage' at the 40 km speed limits on rural roads where 50km would be very safe and even 60 km acceptable. I have seen a resident jump out and wave at vehicles that they perceive vehicles going too quickly and cars race by vehicles going too slowly in rural sections where there are no residences. It was a mistake allowing municipal counselors to decide road speed limits and one over arching set of regulations administered by professionals for the entire province would be more appropriate.	6/12/2025 6:29 AM
39	more than 3 years ago there was a program announced for high speed internet with no followup with the exception of an information session in Brighton (Hydro reps) and then absolutely nothing. I have been waiting for any option for years. the lack of options and communication on this issue is extremely frustrating.	6/9/2025 12:57 PM
40	besides garbage pick-up, snow plowing, and a quick road-grade once or twice, what do we get for our ever increasing tax dollars?	6/4/2025 7:03 AM
41	Don't build houses on prime farmland!!! Everyone needs to eat!!!	6/2/2025 9:15 AM
42	Great town to live in	6/1/2025 5:20 PM

43	Education attending Britton high school. Garbage on the roads	5/21/2025 11:22 AM
44	I am on the border of Cramahé and Brighton, the shoulders should be paved as the asphalt is cracking again for the 3rd year in a row. It's becoming a concern because it can eventually cause an accident or some serious damage.	5/20/2025 2:09 PM
45	It is understood that there are only 25 kilometers of gravel roads in Brighton; all gravel roads should be hard topped to bring them to at least the same lowest standard as other rural roads within the next 2 years. During the recent ice storm, many residents and businesses in the rural part of Brighton did not have access to electricity for more than three days. Loss of electricity service in the rural area also resulted in: no availability of heat from furnaces dependent on electricity; no water from wells with electric pumps used to supply drinking water for people, pets and farm animals; and no power for household or business lighting, electronic communication devices, machinery, electric appliances used for cooking and refrigeration, etc. These were serious deficiencies for anyone without access to a power generator and adequate fuel supply. To my knowledge, no municipal information was made available to rural residents about potential warming centres, check-ins for vulnerable people, or a helpline(s). The potential for other emergencies or disaster events is growing, Brighton needs to be better prepared to help meet resident needs during these events.	5/19/2025 9:36 PM
46	Care must be taken to protect agricultural land and plan housing development thoughtfully	5/19/2025 7:48 PM
47	All rural gravel roads should be paved or tar and chipped. Our gravel roads have washouts, huge potholes as well as periodic flooding. No new gravel has been added in over 6 years, and neighbours indicate it has been over 20 years since new gravel has been applied. Totally unacceptable as funds are available to repave other municipal roads in reasonable condition before some roads get any hardtop treatment. Poor brushing and ditching practices contribute to poor roads in rural Brighton.	5/19/2025 2:49 PM
48	Taxes are excessive for services Received.	5/12/2025 10:22 PM
49	Simpson is classified within town limits and pay higher taxes, but should be classified as rural due to no water, gas, internet services, unpaved roads.	5/7/2025 11:17 PM
50	Our road becoming very busy especially during camping season and recent development of new housing in the area. Getting dangerous to walk or bike along our road due to increased traffic, and a lot of organized cyclists use these roads during the summer months and without wider biking paths on the road for both cyclists and walkers, it is becoming dangerous due to the increased traffic	5/7/2025 5:52 PM
51	After 2.5 years in the community, we are extremely pleased with our decision to move to Brighton area. Internet is an issue. Otherwise, living on a private road, not much else I could see as improvements in our life.	5/7/2025 11:31 AM
52	I just feel rural is being overlooked	4/17/2025 3:51 PM
53	Blowing and sanding only half our road is just not satisfactory.	4/13/2025 5:42 AM
54	Fibe internet would be great to have.	4/12/2025 10:35 AM
55	Poorest roads in the district	4/8/2025 4:25 PM
56	Snow clearing this year was very good in our area- prompt, thorough, mindful of roadside obstructions	4/8/2025 4:07 PM
57	The Mill Rate for the county and municipality less the school levy are much higher than Aurora where I have a permanent residence.	4/8/2025 11:40 AM