### Engagement Survey Results Corporate Results

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### Introduction

- Strathcona County conducted its 2019 Engagement Survey for its 1,996 employees via the WorkTango platform between April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Strathcona County aims to develop <u>satisfied</u> and <u>engaged</u> employees; employees who seek for their needs to be met, are content completing their required duties and know that their work is making a difference so that they commit to achieving the organization's vision on a daily basis
- The employee survey will support our overall efforts to improve engagement of employees, and our collective efforts on the initiative. The survey aims to:

IT IS	IT IS NOT
A tool to understand employees' views	<ul> <li>An evaluative tool to assess leadership</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>A tool for leaders to understand employee engagement themes / trends</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The only element in determining engagement initiatives</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>A tool designed to identify opportunities</li> </ul>	
A snapshot of a % of employee data at a point in time	

- Response rate for the survey is 67% overall; this represents a 6% increase over the last survey conducted in 2017 and continues the upward trend in participation since 2009
  - For organizations of Strathcona's size (in # of employees) and complexity, this response level is aligned around the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile; WorkTango considers a response rate of 70% or greater to be considered a strong level of response from employees

% Response Rate (2019) - Strathcona Overall (1332 out of 1996)		67%
% Response Rate (2017) - Strathcona Overall (1216 out of 2009)	61%	





### **Background on Engagement**

#### What is Engagement?

 Employee engagement is a strong feeling of connection that employees have for their jobs, organization, managers or co-workers that leads them to strive to do their best work and ensure the organization succeeds.





### Response Rates by Division

Commissioner & Mayor's Office (30 out of 33)	90.9%	
Community Services (779 out of 1311)	59.4%	
Corporate Services (188 out of 231)	81.4%	
Financial & Strategic Management (67 out of 76)	88.2%	
Infrastructure & Planning Svc. (268 out of 345)	77.7%	





### Response Rates by Department

Assessment & Tax (14 out of 15)	
Communications (13 out of 13)	
Corporate Finance (35 out of 40)	
Corporate Planning (10 out of 11)	
Economic Development and Tourism (9 out of 9)	
ERP Replacement Project (8 out of 10)	
Executive Administration (17 out of 20)	
Facility Services (39 out of 55)	
Family and Community Services (80 out of 107)	
Fleet Services (38 out of 50)	
Human Resources (45 out of 51)	
Information and Technology Services (54 out of 60)	
Legislative and Legal Services (12 out of 15)	
Planning and Development Services (64 out of 73)	
RCMP and Enforcement Services (90 out of 119)	
Recreation, Parks and Culture (365 out of 671)	
Strathcona County Emergency Services (142 out of 247)	
Transit (102 out of 167)	
Transportation and Agriculture Services (82 out of 119)	
Transportation Planning and Engineering (28 out of 33)	
Utilities (85 out of 111)	

93.3%
100.0%
87.5%
90.9%
100.0%
80.0%
85.0%
70.9%
74.8%
76.0%
88.2%
90.0%
80.0%
87.7%
75.6%
54.4%
57.5%
61.1%
68.9%
84.8%
76.6%

### **Next Steps**

#### Who is seeing the results?

Who?	What?
Chief Commissioner	All - including open-ended 'as-is' comments
Executive Team	Their division results and their division's open-ended 'as-is' comments
Directors	Their department results and their department's open-ended 'as-is' comments
Managers*	Their branch results and their department's open-ended 'as-is' comments
Employees	Their department and corporate summary results

\*Open-end 'as-is' comments will be shared by directors with managers Note: Anonymity threshold of 5 for each attribute/category filter must exist

#### **Timeline of Action Planning**

Work Tango Leader Training June 10 - 11 Employee Corporate Results Sessions June & July 2019 Department Results Shared July & August 2019

Action Plan Creation Fall 2019

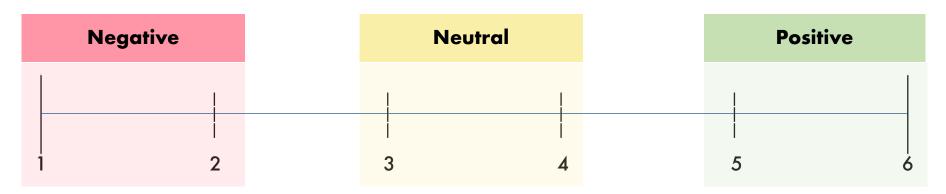
• For further information, please consult the survey support team





### How to Interpret Engagement Results

- The 56 rating-based questions (i.e., scored on a 1 to 6 scale, from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree') for the 2019 Engagement Survey has been grouped into the following six categories:
  - Engagement
  - Satisfaction
  - Work Environment
  - Leadership
  - Values
  - Service Excellence
- Scores for the survey for the purposes of reporting are divided into "negative", "neutral" and "positive" levels, and all results in this report will follow this graphical representation of results:



 Proportions of each grouping reflect the proportion of total responses which fall under each category; note that values may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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 Data shown is adherent to WorkTango's "anonymity threshold" and Employee Promise; please contact your survey support team or WorkTango support for further details

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### **Engagement Results**



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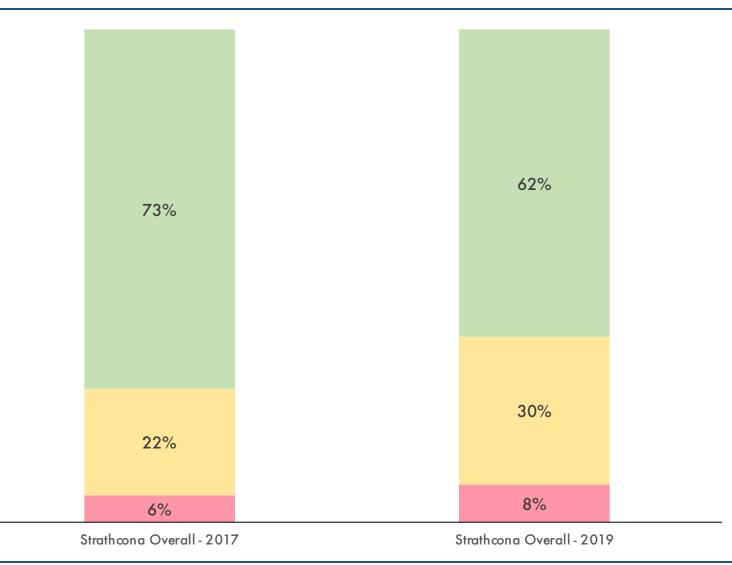
# Engagement Results Results by Engagement Question

Strathcona Overall	8%	30%	62%
I look forward to coming to work.	<b>9</b> %	35%	56%
I would recommend Strathcona County as a great place to work.	7%	28%	65%
The work I do for Strathcona County makes a difference in the community.	<mark>3%</mark>	24%	73%
l intend to be working at Strathcona County a year from now.	<mark>6%</mark> 1	<mark> 3%</mark>	81%
I am inspired to give my very best.	9%	37%	54%
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I feel valued as an employee of Strathcona County.	13%	38%	48%
I have opportunities to learn and grow in my job.	12%	33%	55%
I feel like I am valued and included by my colleagues.	<mark>6%</mark>	34%	59%
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I am able to use my skills and expertise in my job.	<mark>4%</mark>	26%	70%

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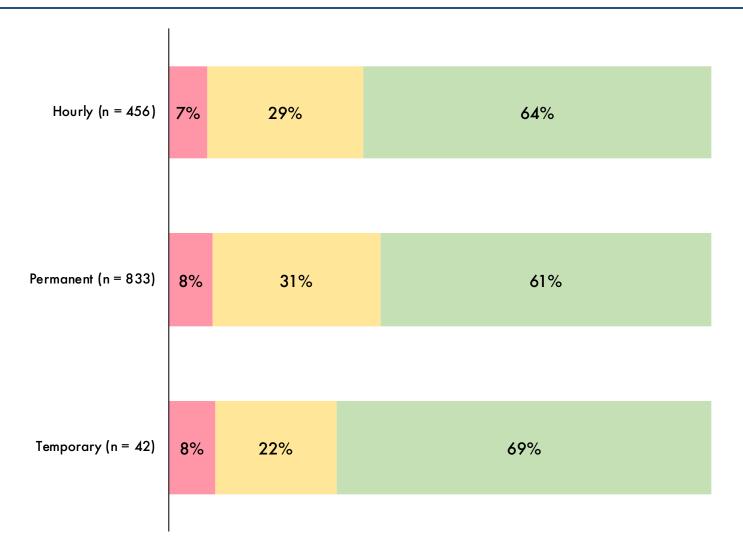


## Engagement Results 2017 vs. 2019

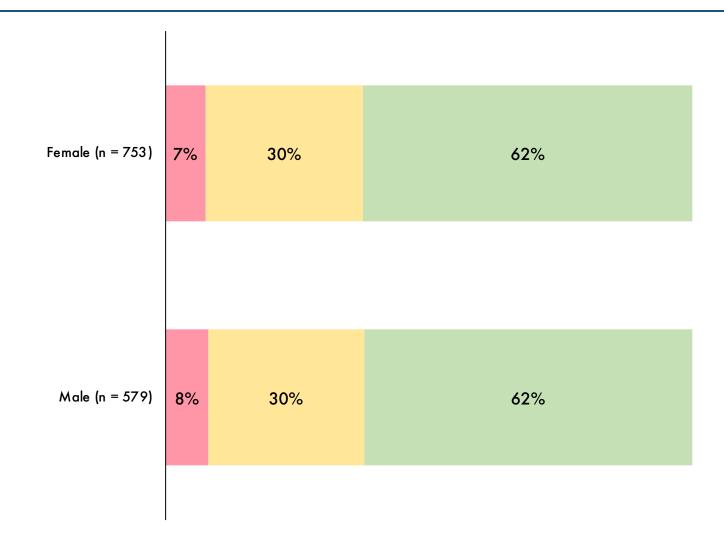




#### Engagement Results by Employee Type

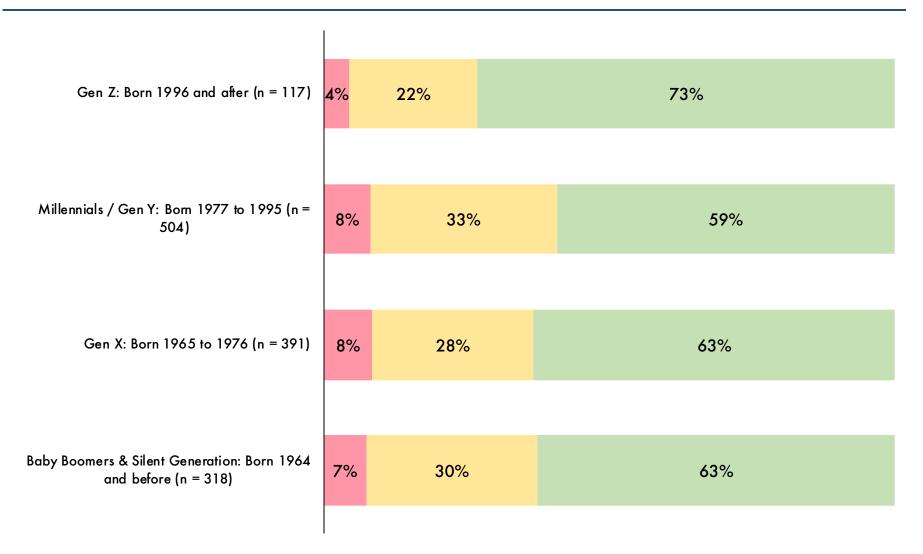


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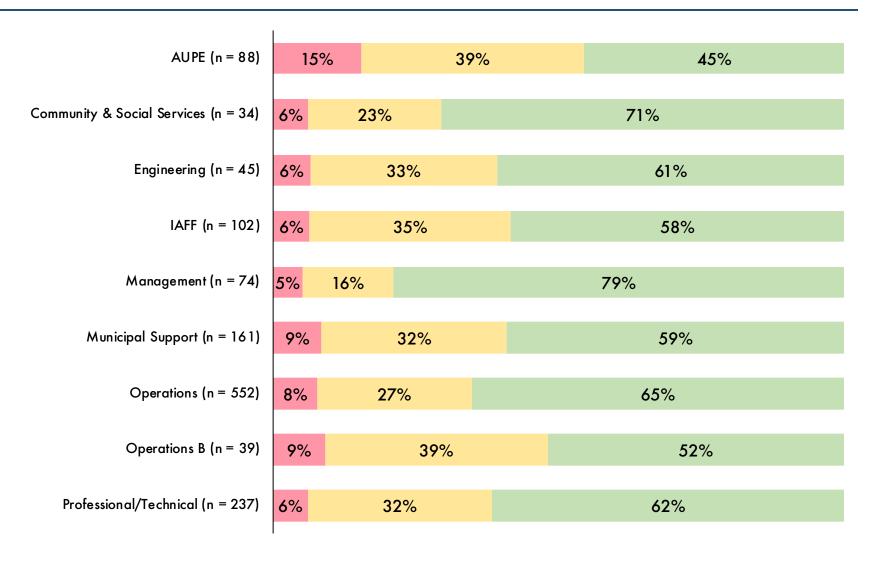


#### Engagement Results by Generational Cohort



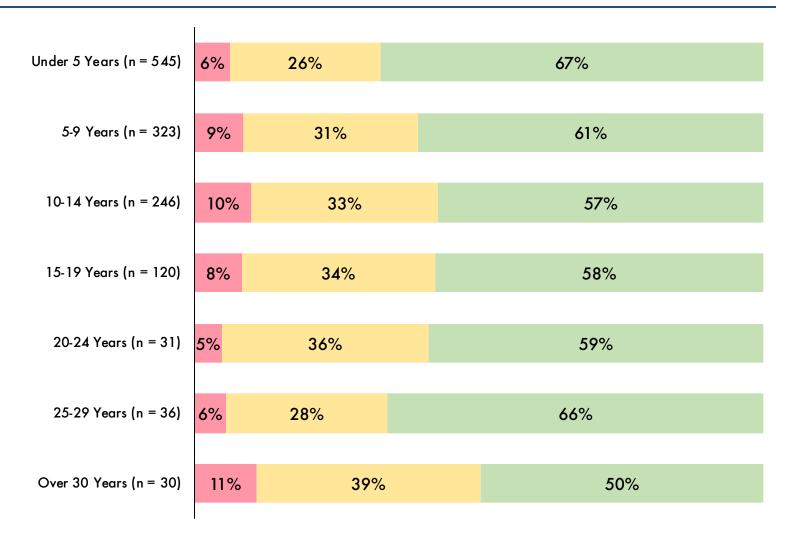


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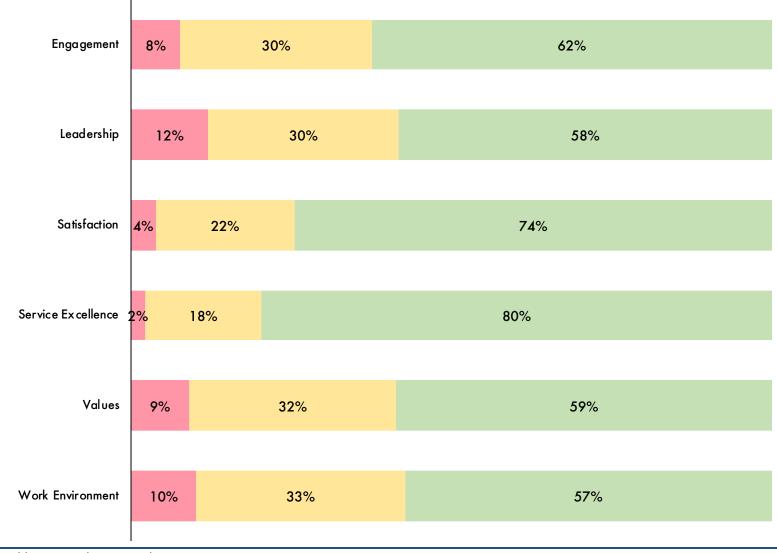


#### Engagement Results by Tenure Range





#### Engagement Results by Survey Category





#### Engagement Results Results vs. External Benchmarks

- To validate the scores being included as "Engagement" category questions, WorkTango has benchmarked the average sentiment for each question against its database of organizations that have included the same questions in surveys
  - This group of organizations includes North American organizations with 1,000 to 5,000 employees
    - Data is specific to <u>corporate</u> level results this ensures that values are robust and reflects a similarly sized sample across benchmarks
  - Strathcona trails the external market on nearly all engagement questions; consideration should be given towards emphasizing initiatives that help employees feel valued, empowered and growing

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I intend to be working at Strathcona County a year from now.	80.8%	75.6%	5.2%
The work I do for Strathcona County makes a difference in the community.	73.3%	<b>74.9</b> %	-1.6%
I am able to use my skills and expertise in my job.	69.9%	<b>73.9</b> %	-4.0%
I would recommend Strathcona County as a great place to work.	65.5%	<b>76</b> .1%	-10.7%
I feel like I am valued and included by my colleagues.	59.1%	<b>72.7</b> %	-13.6%
I look forward to coming to work.	56.4%	70.0%	-13.6%
I have opportunities to learn and grow in my job.	54.6%	75.1%	-20.5%
I am inspired to give my very best.	53.7%	76.4%	- <b>22.8</b> %
I feel valued as an employee of Strathcona County.	48.5%	77.7%	-29.3%

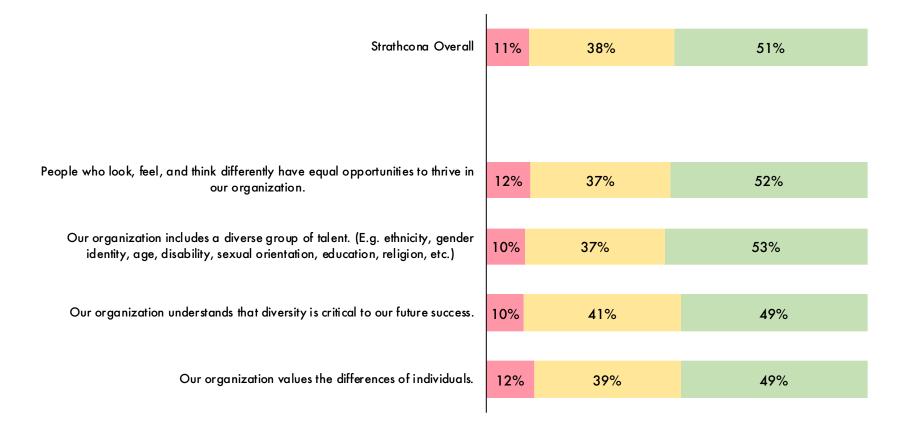
#### Engagement Results Effect of Categories on Overall Engagement

- To measure the internal validity of each survey category, a regression analysis was conducted to assess the correlation between each theme and the engagement category questions
  - An r-squared value (between 0 and 1) is shown for each theme; the higher the value, the stronger the overall correlation to engagement
  - To ensure the analysis is robust (i.e., there are sufficient data points to generate a statistically significant result), results below reflect regressions based on <u>corporate</u> level results

Engagement Category	Correlation with Engagement Questions (r-squared)	<ul> <li>All measures have an r-squared value of 0.45 or higher - this means that all of these categories have a significant effect on overall</li> </ul>
Leadership	0.467	<ul> <li>employee engagement</li> <li>The most significant categories on engagement include "Satisfaction" and</li> </ul>
Satisfaction	0.698	"Work Environment", with r-squared values of 0.698 and 0.660 respectively
Service Excellence	0.507	
Values	0.626	
Work Environment	0.660	

## Engagement Results by Category - Diversity & Inclusion by Question

- For 2019, four questions were included in the survey to assess sentiment around diversity and inclusion at Strathcona; below results are highlighted by question at the <u>corporate</u> level
  - The Diversity & Inclusion category was not included as part of engagement results as it is not considered a typical measure of engagement; from WorkTango's experience, organizations are increasingly incorporating elements of diversity & inclusion into their engagement surveys





## Results by Category

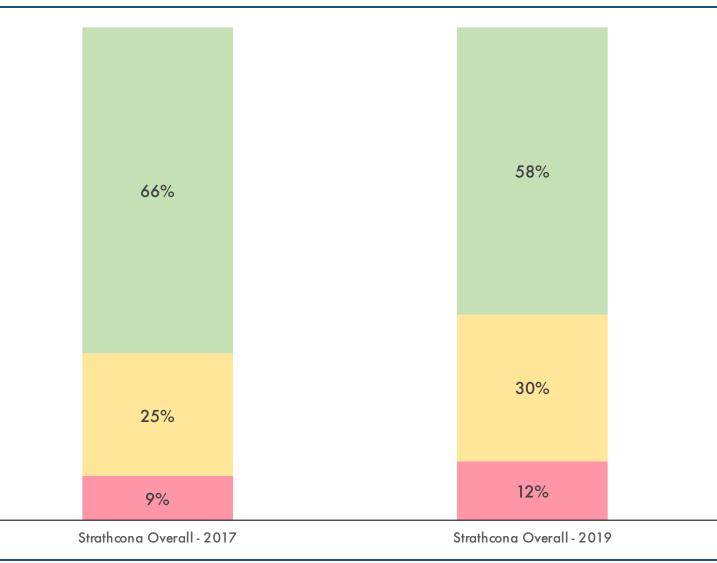


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# Results by Category - Leadership by Question

Strathcona Overall	12%	30%	58%
Executive Team members lead by example.	15%	45%	41%
My department director leads by example.	12%	31%	56%
My department manager leads by example.	14%	32%	54%
My direct supervisor leads by example.	13%	28%	58%
My direct supervisor regularly shares corporate information, priorities and objectives.	12%	34%	55%
My direct supervisor addresses workplace issues.	14%	31%	55%
My direct supervisor communicates clearly.	11%	29%	60%
My direct supervisor keeps me informed about decisions that affect me.	13%	<b>29</b> %	58%
My direct supervisor listens to me.	11%	26%	63%
My direct supervisor provides me with useful feedback on how I'm doing.	13%	31%	56%
My direct supervisor helps me achieve better results.	11%	27%	62%
My direct supervisor is approachable.	7%	21%	71%
My direct supervisor cares about me as a person.	10%	23%	68%





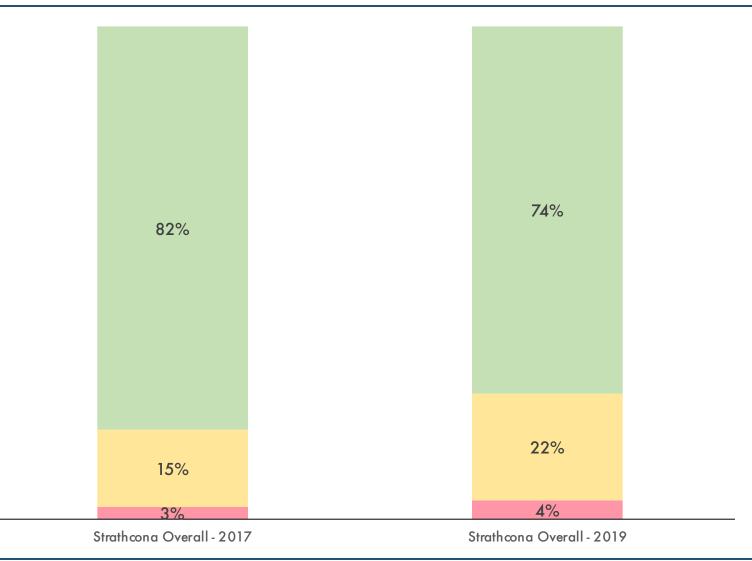


## Results by Category - Satisfaction by Question

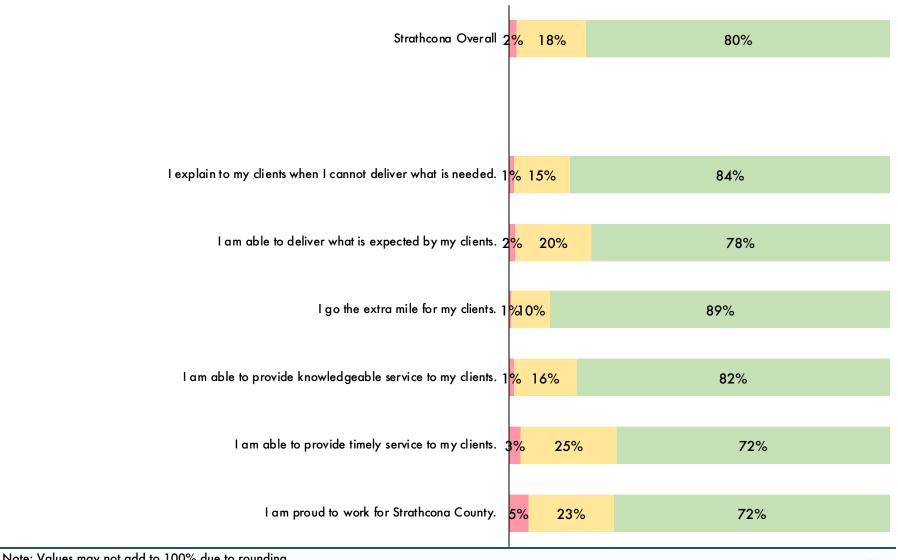
Strathcona Overall	4%	22%	74%
Taking everything into account, I like working at Strathcona County.	<b>4%</b>	20%	77%
Taking everything into account, I like working in my department.	5%	22%	73%
Taking everything into account, I like my job.	3%	24%	73%



## Results by Category - Satisfaction 2017 vs. 2019

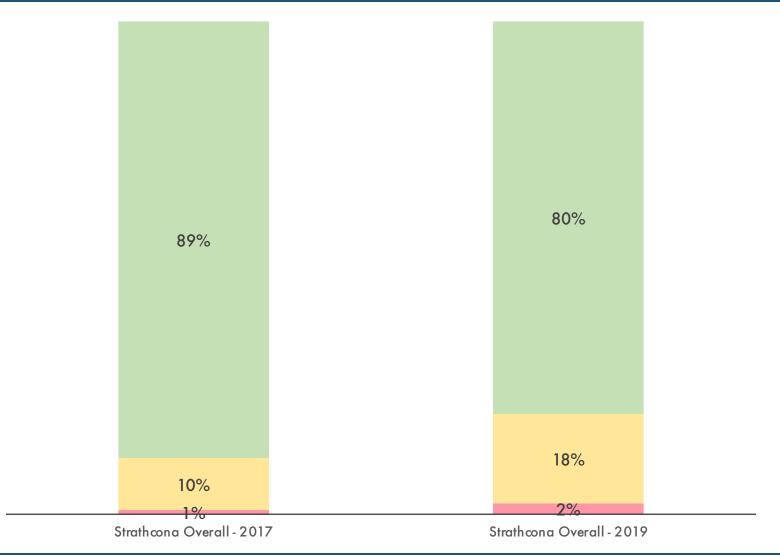






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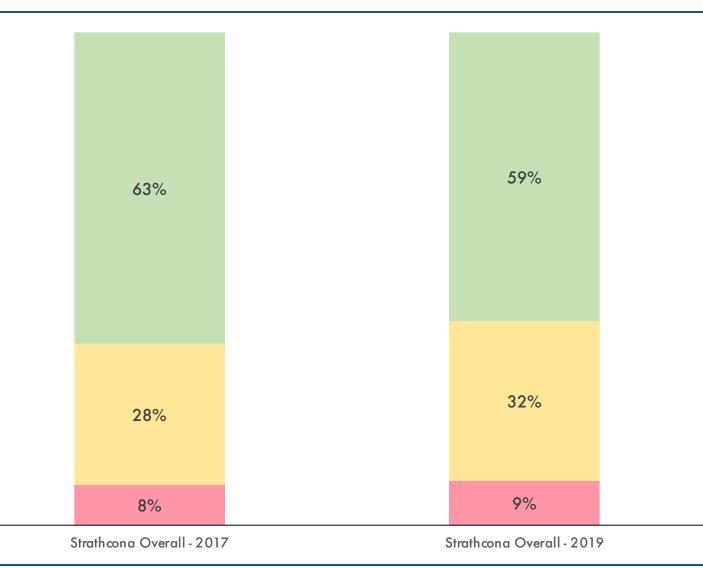




# Results by Category - Values by Question

Strathcona Overall	9%	32%	59%
I experience safety in the workplace.	3 <mark>% 18</mark> %	6	79%
I experience respect in the workplace.	9%	34%	57%
I experience integrity in the workplace.	11%	36%	53%
l experience fairness in the workplace.	14%	36%	50%
I experience cooperation in the workplace.	6%	33%	60%
My (workplace) values are aligned with Strathcona County.	<mark>6%</mark>	27%	67%
Our organization's culture (the way we do things around here) is aligned with our corporate values and People Plan.	15%	42%	44%



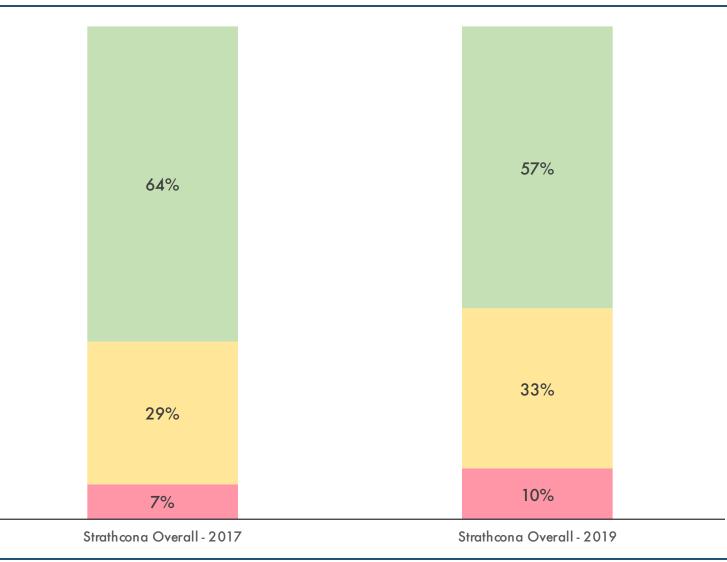




## Results by Category - Work Environment by Question

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Strathcona Overall	10%	33%	57%
I understand how my department's business plan supports Strathcona County's	10%	37%	52%
vision.			
I am encouraged to be innovative in my job.	15%	36%	50%
I receive recognition for my work.	16%	39%	45%
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I understand how my work contributes to my department's business plan.	6%	29%	65%
I am able to make decisions about my daily work.	5%	22%	73%
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I have sufficient time to do my job.	9%	33%	59%
I have the tools and equipment to perform my job.	6%	25%	70%
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I understand my department's business plan.	<b>9</b> %	34%	56%
I understand what is expected of me at work.	3% 2	2%	75%
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I receive information about what is happening in my department.	10%	33%	57%
I am able to maintain a balance between my work and personal life.	8%	30%	61%
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I have opportunities for career growth within Strathcona County.	24	% 36	<mark>% 40%</mark>
I find my stress levels at work manageable.	11%	36%	53%
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Departments work well together to achieve Strathcona County's goals.	11%	43%	45%
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### Highlights from Open-Ended Questions



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### **Open-Ended** Questions

- Employees were asked the following <u>optional</u> open-ended questions at the end of the survey:
  - To improve your department, what one suggestion would you offer to your department's management team?
  - If you could change one thing to make Strathcona County a better place to work, what would it be?
  - Do you have any other feedback you would like to share?
- This was an opportunity for employees to add anything that they believe did not get communicated through answering the other questions
- Open ended question data reflects results relevant to the leader (i.e., corporate vs. division)
  - To ensure confidentiality, the results were grouped together and reported as engagement themes aligned to Strathcona's engagement categories and WorkTango's engagement drivers
  - For further information on the comments provided, please visit the WorkTango platform and view details under survey results
- WorkTango has defined each comment using a positive, neutral or negative sentiment for each category; the following pages highlight key comments by theme and sentiment
- The information may be of use in helping to further understand what employees believe is working well and what could be improved



### **Open Ended Comments**

## "To improve your department, what one suggestion would you offer to your department's management team?"

Strathcona Category	Sentiment		
	Positive	5	
Leadership	Neutral	106	
	Negative	117	
	Positive	5	
Satisfaction	Neutral	1	
	Negative	0	
	Positive	0	
Service Excellence	Neutral	10	
	Negative	19	
	Positive	0	
Values	Neutral	30	
	Negative	14	
	Positive	6	
Work Environment	Neutral	213	
	Negative	108	
	Positive	2	
Engagement	Neutral	24	
	Negative	13	

WorkTango Category	Sentiment		WorkTango Category	Sentiment	
	Positive	2		Positive	1
Autonomy & Empowerment	Neutral	17	Recognition & Rewards	Neutral	26
	Negative	18		Negative	17
	Positive	1		Positive	1
Career Growth	Neutral	14	Work/Life Balance	Neutral	7
	Negative	8		Negative	9
	Positive	3		Positive	1
Change Management	Neutral	16	Nature of the Job	Neutral	7
	Negative	6		Negative	3
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Diversity & Inclusion	Neutral	18	Physical Surroundings	Neutral	6
	Negative	20		Negative	3
	Positive	1		Positive	1
Goals & Alignment	Neutral	27	Innovation	Neutral	5
	Negative	22		Negative	2
	Positive	0		Positive	1
Direct Manager/Leader/Supervisor	Neutral	10	Relationship with Co-workers	Neutral	23
Manager/Leader/Supervisor	Negative	18		Negative	6
	Positive	1		Positive	0
Learning & Development	Neutral	29	Wellness	Neutral	3
	Negative	6		Negative	2
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Mission & Purpose	Neutral	5	Staffing & Resources	Neutral	37
	Negative	2		Negative	38
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Communication	Neutral	94	Intraorganization Coordination	Neutral	11
	Negative	41		Negative	7



### **Open Ended Comments** *"If you could change one thing to make Strathcona County a better place to work, what would it be?*

Strathcona Category	Sentiment		
	Positive	1	
Leadership	Neutral	30	
	Negative	107	
	Positive	19	
Satisfaction	Neutral	2	
	Negative	1	
	Positive	0	
Service Excellence	Neutral	8	
	Negative	19	
	Positive	0	
Values	Neutral	24	
	Negative	33	
	Positive	1	
Work Environment	Neutral	208	
	Negative	157	
	Positive	3	
Engagement	Neutral	45	
	Negative	31	

WorkTango Category	Sentiment		WorkTango Category	Sentiment	
	Positive	0		Positive	1
Autonomy & Empowerment	Neutral	6	Recognition & Rewards	Neutral	55
	Negative	21		Negative	33
	Positive	1		Positive	0
Career Growth	Neutral	20	Work/Life Balance	Neutral	27
	Negative	12		Negative	15
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Change Management	Neutral	2	Nature of the Job	Neutral	7
	Negative	10		Negative	10
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Diversity & Inclusion	Neutral	13	Physical Surroundings	Neutral	11
	Negative	21		Negative	8
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Goals & Alignment	Neutral	5	Innovation	Neutral	1
	Negative	22		Negative	2
Direct	Positive	1		Positive	0
Direct Manager/Leader/Supervisor	Neutral	6	Relationship with Co-workers	Neutral	14
Manager/Leader/Sopervisor	Negative	30		Negative	11
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Learning & Development	Neutral	8	Wellness	Neutral	22
	Negative	3		Negative	6
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Mission & Purpose	Neutral	2	Staffing & Resources	Neutral	32
N	Negative	2		Negative	34
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Communication	Neutral	35	Intraorganization Coordination	Neutral	24
	Negative	36		Negative	20



#### Open Ended Comments "Do you have any other feedback you would like to share?"

Strathcona Category	Sentiment		
	Positive	13	
Leadership	Neutral	10	
	Negative	68	
Satisfaction	Positive	61	
	Neutral	0	
	Negative	1	
	Positive	2	
Service Excellence	Neutral	1	
	Negative	7	
	Positive	0	
Values	Neutral	7	
	Negative	21	
	Positive	13	
Work Environment	Neutral	27	
	Negative	60	
	Positive	0	
Engagement	Neutral	14	
	Negative	43	

WorkTango Category	Sentiment		WorkTango Category	Sentiment	
	Positive	2		Positive	1
Autonomy & Empowerment	Neutral	0	Recognition & Rewards	Neutral	9
	Negative	10		Negative	18
	Positive	2		Positive	1
Career Growth	Neutral	1	Work/Life Balance	Neutral	3
	Negative	2		Negative	7
	Positive	2		Positive	1
Change Management	Neutral	2	Nature of the Job	Neutral	0
	Negative	9		Negative	1
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Diversity & Inclusion	Neutral	4	Physical Surroundings	Neutral	2
	Negative	18		Negative	3
	Positive	0		Positive	1
Goals & Alignment	Neutral	0	Innovation	Neutral	0
	Negative	7		Negative	1
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Direct Manager/Leader/Supervisor	Neutral	2	Relationship with Co-workers	Neutral	3
Manager/Leader/Supervisor	Negative	31		Negative	3
	Positive	0		Positive	0
Learning & Development	Neutral	4	Wellness	Neutral	3
	Negative	6		Negative	3
	Positive	0		Positive	3
Mission & Purpose	Neutral	0	Staffing & Resources	Neutral	6
	Negative	0		Negative	27
	Positive	3		Positive	1
Communication	Neutral	6	Intraorganization Coordination	Neutral	2
	Negative	8		Negative	4

