

The Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags

Regular Council Meeting

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PLANET OR PLASTIC?

*18 billion pounds
of plastic ends up
in the ocean each
year. And that's
just the tip of
the iceberg.*



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Canadian municipalities struggling to find place for recyclables after China restricts foreign waste

Cities that have found new markets are keeping mum about where they are for fear of being outbid



Kayla Hounsell - CBC News - Posted: Mar 29, 2018 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: April 12



Colchester County, N.S., used to send all its film plastics to China. But since China's new restrictions on

Working Group

- Environmental Planning & Management
- Communications
- Urban Planning
- Economic Development
- Waste Management Services (Eco360)
- Legal



Completed Tasks

- Reviewed existing by-laws and programs.
- Contacted municipalities who have implemented bans.
- Consulted with the Retail Council of Canada.
- Conducted public consultation.
 - Residents
 - Businesses

Canadian Regulations

- AB: Wetaskiwin, Wood Buffalo
- BC: Qualicum Beach, Victoria
- MB: Snow Lake, The Pas, Thompson, Leaf Rapids
- PEI: Province-wide
- QC: 42 municipalities including Montreal
- NL: Provincial legislation introduced

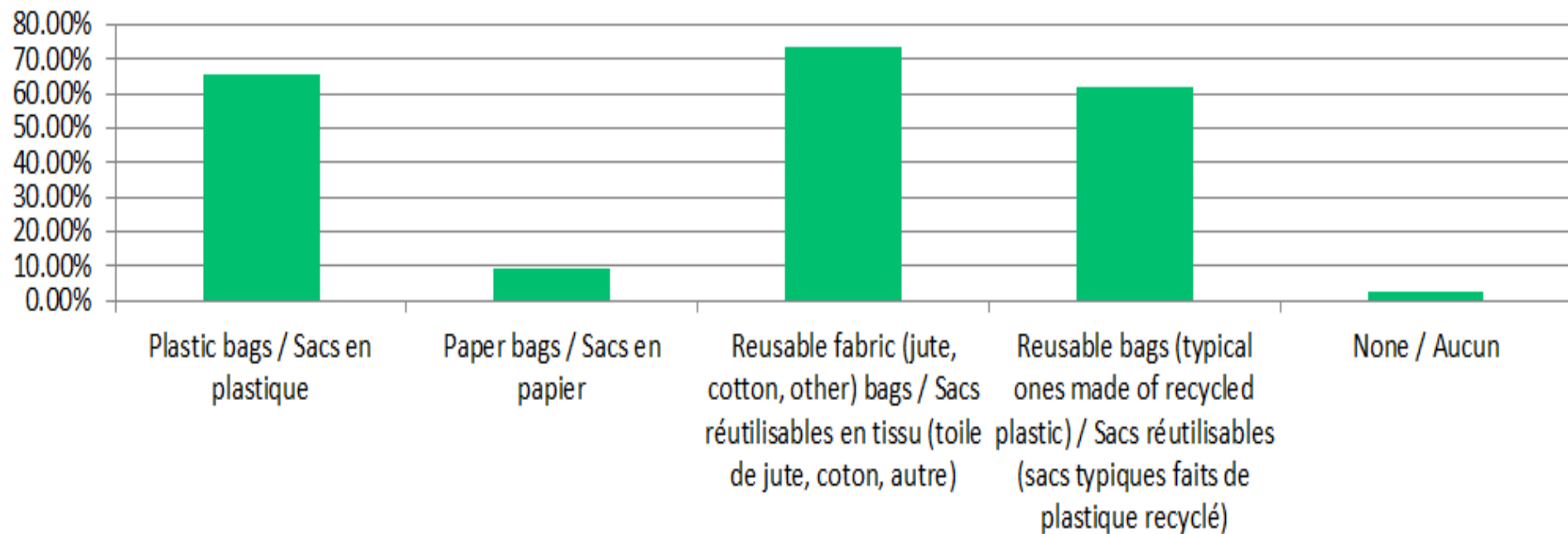
Survey Results

More than 1,700
responses
received

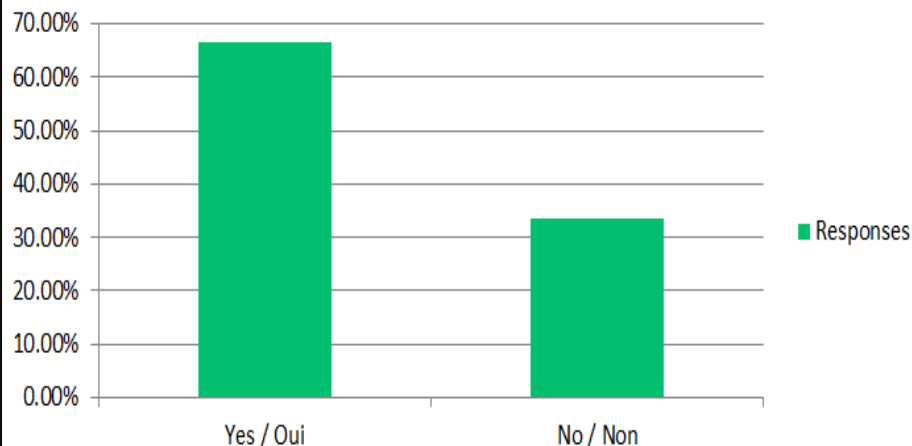


Citizens

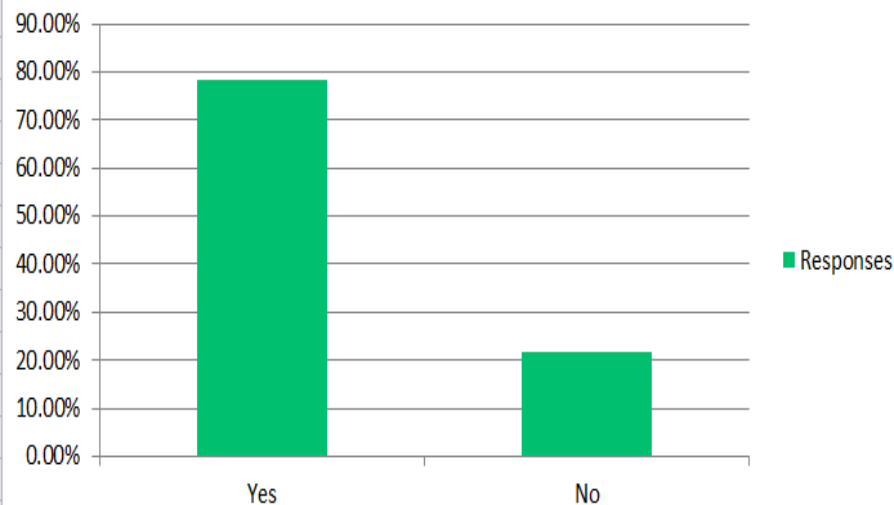
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(select all that apply) Quel type de sacs et/ou de contenants
utilisez-vous présentement? (cochez toutes les options qui
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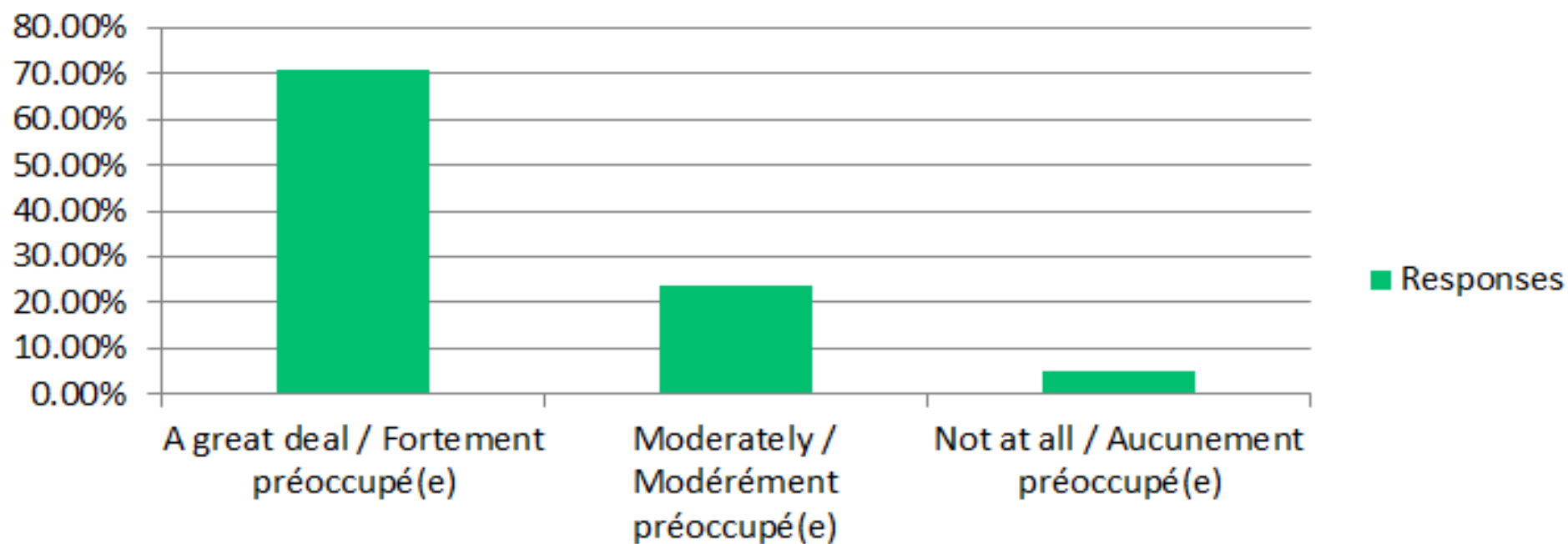
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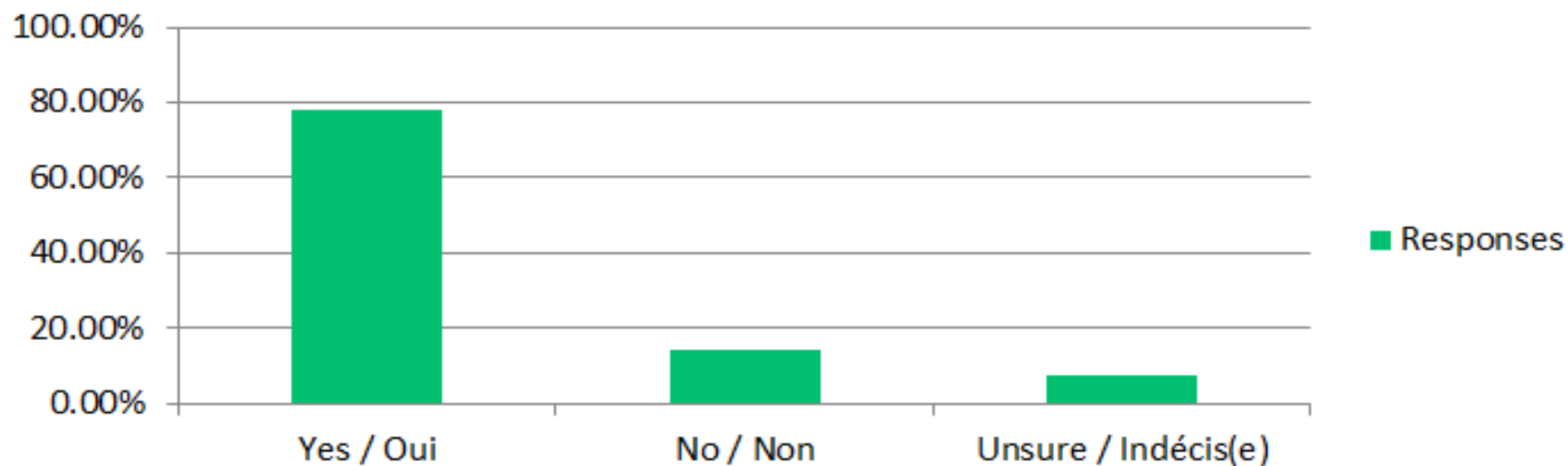
Would you agree to pay a fee for a reusable bag? Accepteriez-vous de payer des frais pour les sacs réutilisables?



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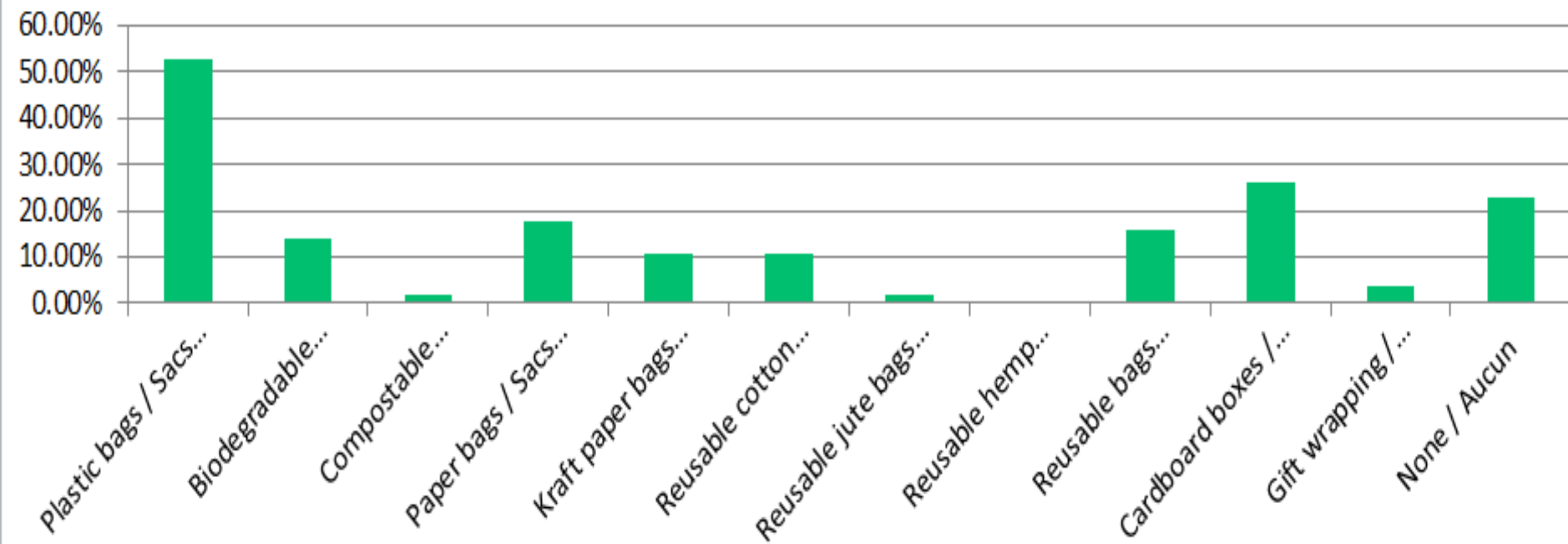


Would you support a single-use plastic bag ban in Greater Moncton? Seriez-vous en faveur d'une interdiction des sacs en plastique à usage unique dans le Grand Moncton?

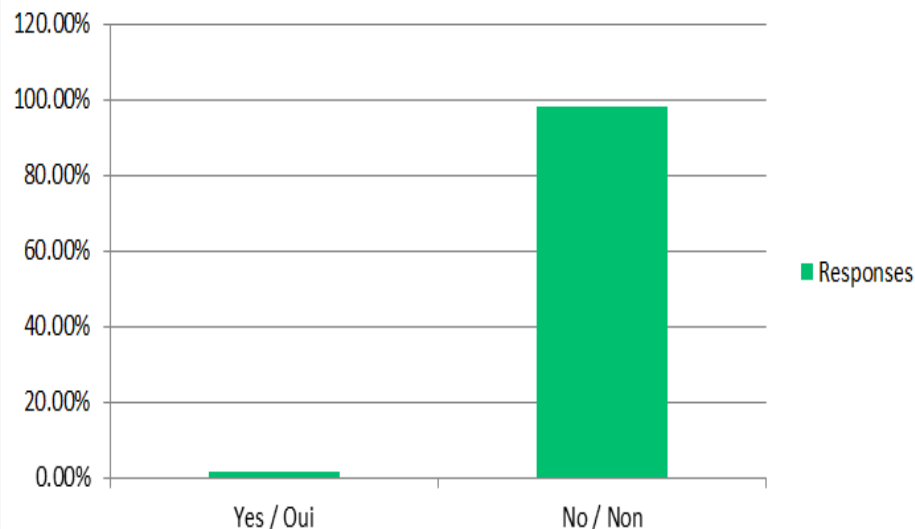


Retailers

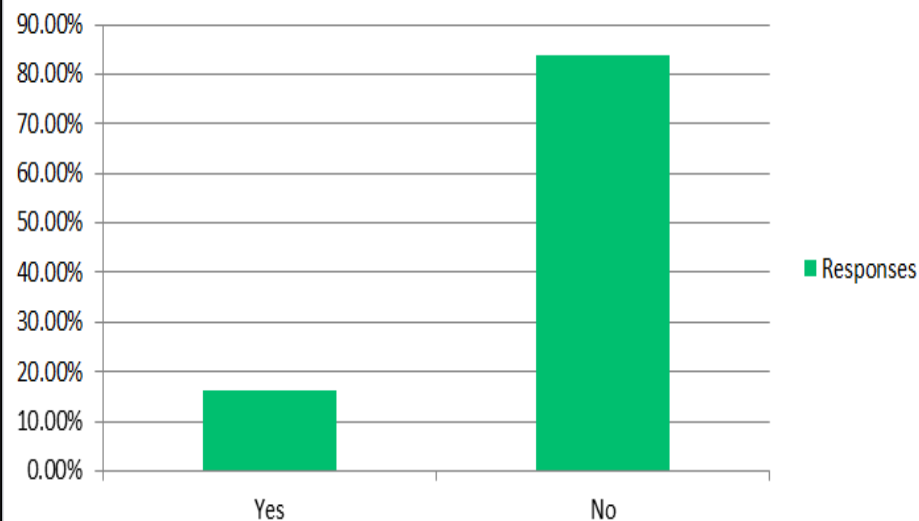
What type of carry bags and/or containers do you currently offer your customers? (select all that apply) Quel type de sacs et/ou de contenants offrez-vous présentement à votre clientèle? (cochez toutes les options qui s'appliquent)



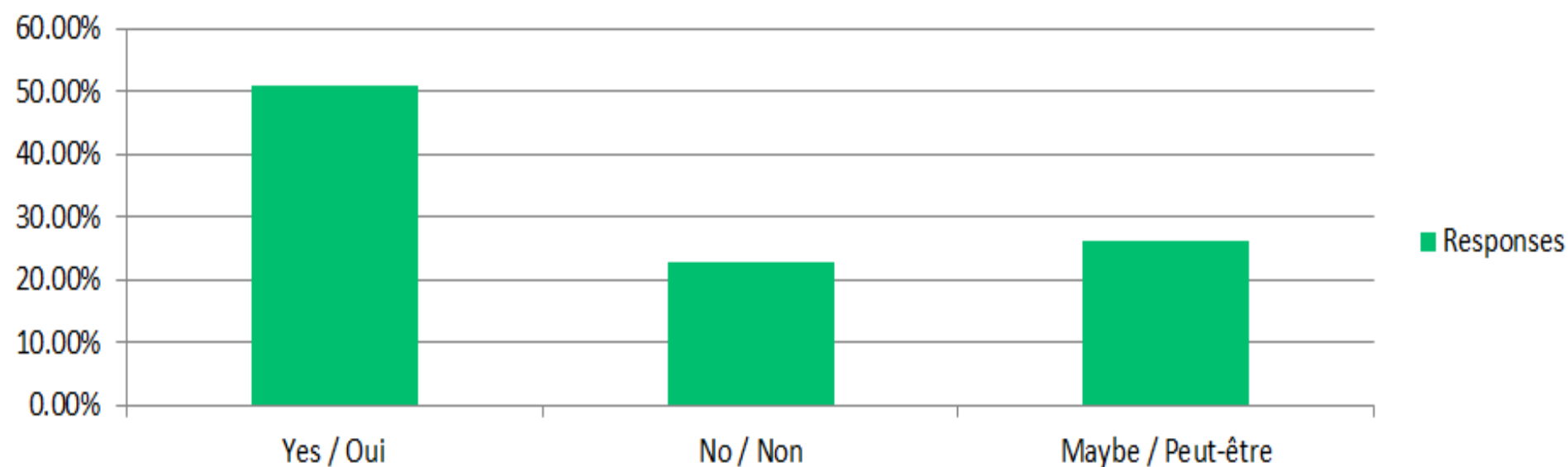
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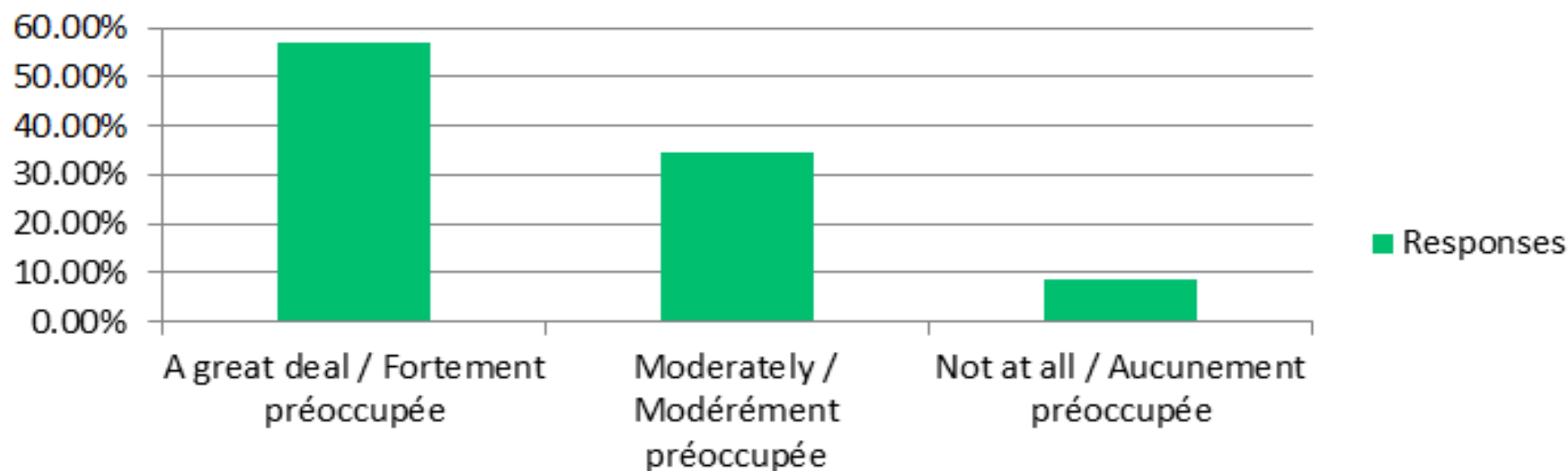
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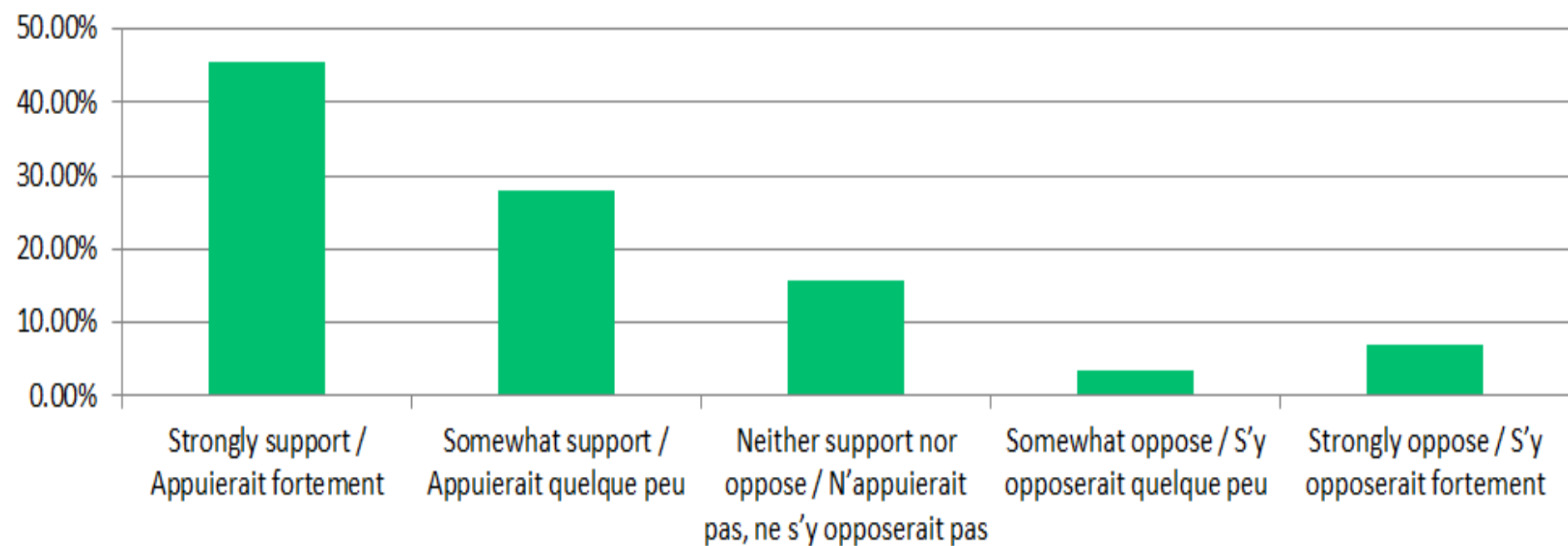
Would you consider not providing any single-use bags
(with the possibility of providing reusable bags only)? /
Envisageriez-vous l'option de ne pas offrir de sacs à
usage unique (avec la possibilité d'offrir uniquement
des sacs réutilisables)?



Is your business concerned about the environmental impact of plastic bags? Est-ce que votre entreprise se préoccupe de l'impact environnemental des sacs en plastique?



Would your business be supportive of a single-use plastic bag ban in Greater Moncton? / Est-ce que votre entreprise appuierait l'interdiction des sacs en plastique à usage unique dans le Grand Moncton?



Working Group Recommendation

That the Town of Riverview, City of Moncton and City of Dieppe adopt the “By-Law Respecting the Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags”

Proposed By-Law

Except as provided in the by-law, no business shall provide a checkout bag to a customer.

A business may provide a checkout bag to a customer only if:

- a) The customer is first asked if he/she needs a bag;
- b) The bag provided is a paper bag;
- c) The bag is not provided free of charge to the customer;
- d) The type of bag is included under “Exemptions”.

Exemptions









Offences

- Minimum fine for an offence: \$140
- Maximum fine for an offence: \$2,100

Comes into force on July 1, 2020

Next Steps

- The Cities of Moncton and Dieppe will also be discussing the by-law at a public meeting in June.
- Develop an awareness campaign and communication strategy for the July 2019 - July 2020 period.