



The Emerging Vision for Canadian Municipalities – Reflections and Barriers to the Implementation of ICSP's

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Emerging New Vision for Canada?

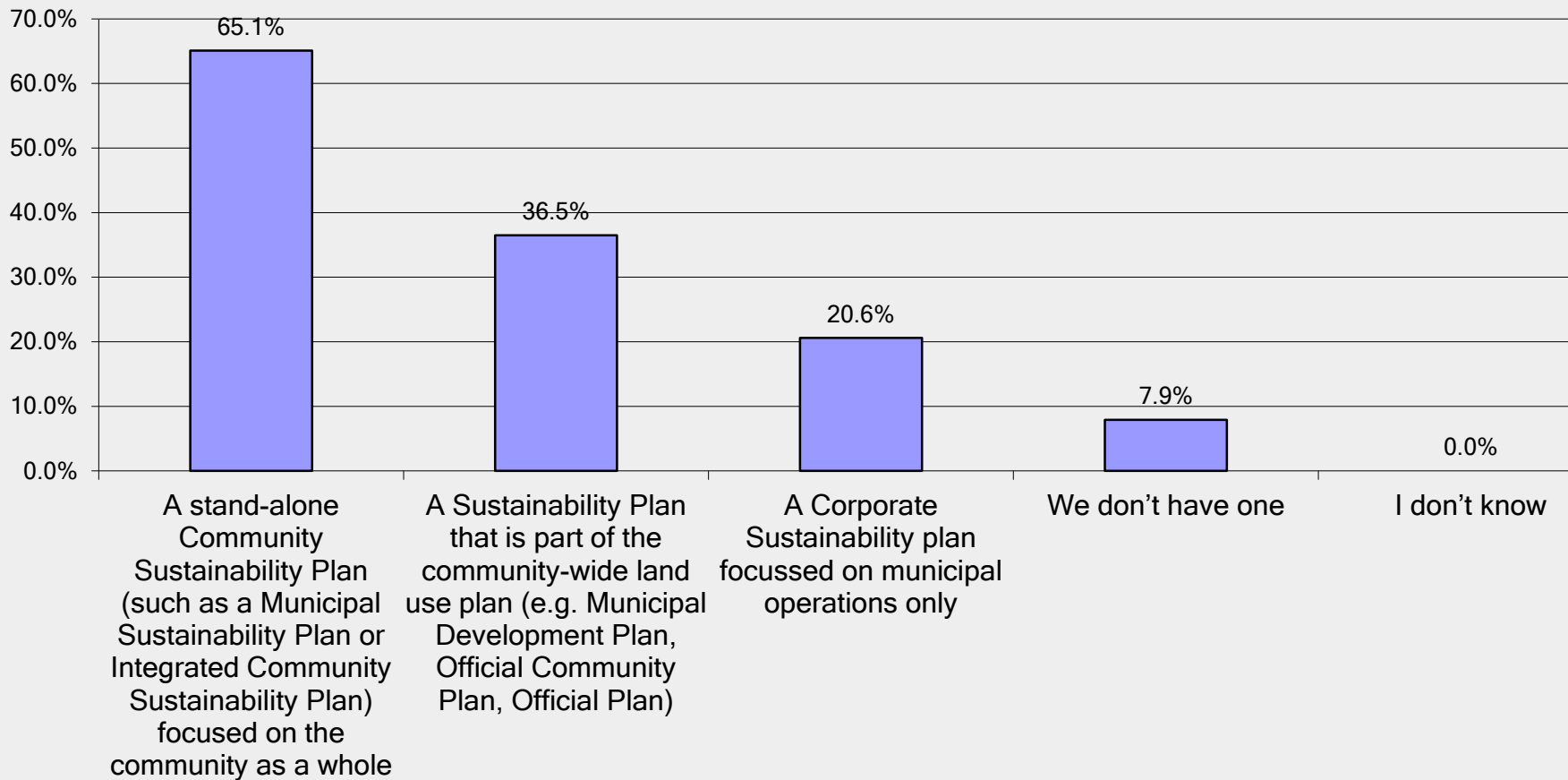
- Over the past 10 years municipal governments and community groups have engaged thousands and thousands of Canadians to create Integrated Community Sustainability Plans (ICSPs) that describe bold new visions for our cities and towns.
- These plans are being implemented, changing the way we plan and design the places we live work and play.
- Collectively, these individual plans are adding up to a new vision for Canada.



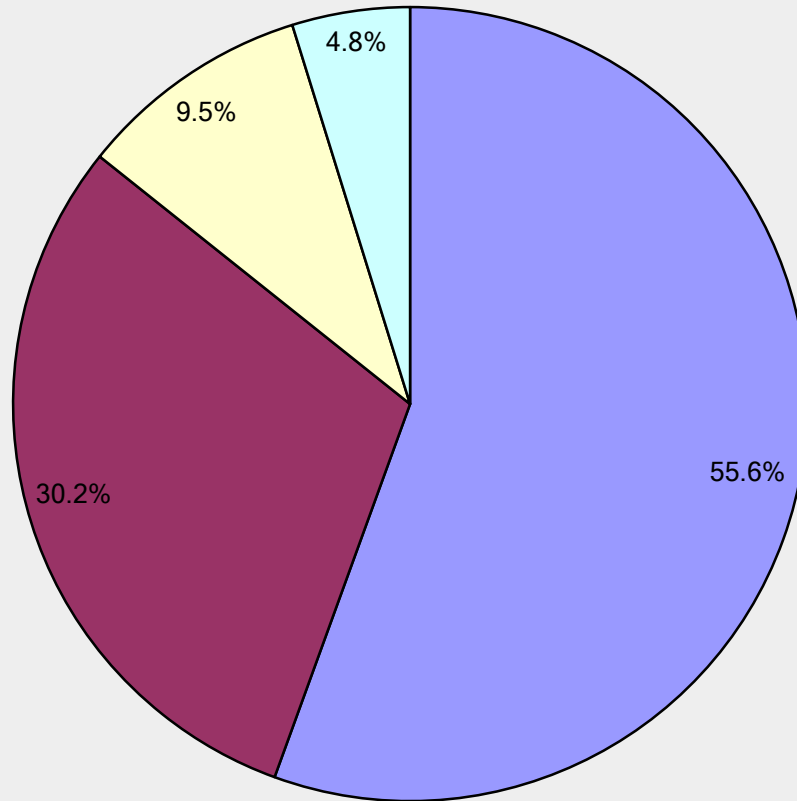
- What would be the dynamic that engages people as part owners in the outcome rather than expecting the government to resolve all the issues?
- How we ground community and collective action? How do we become more adept at fostering a sense of understanding, a sense of belonging, and a willingness to engage in collective action?
- Where are the leverage points where we can remove the dams and let things flow where they want to flow?
- How will we create the conditions that allow municipalities to be innovative for sustainability?
- How do I get my colleagues and the rest of the senior management team to behave more like a team on sustainable development?
- What sort of financing mechanisms/funding models would allow municipal governments to thrive?



What kind of sustainability plan does your municipality have? Please select the title that most accurately describes your plan. If you have more than one plan, please select all that apply.

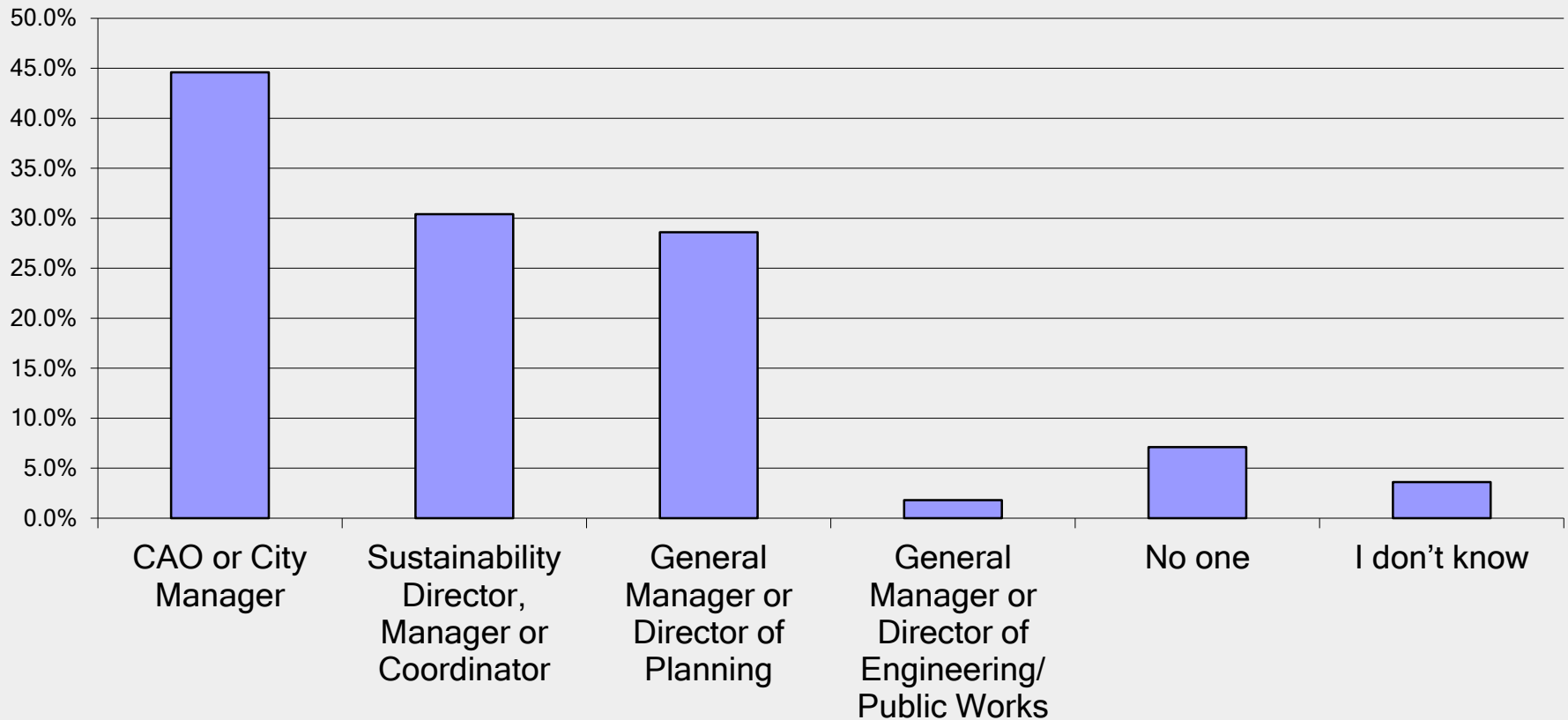


Where does your sustainability plan fit into the planning framework at your municipality?

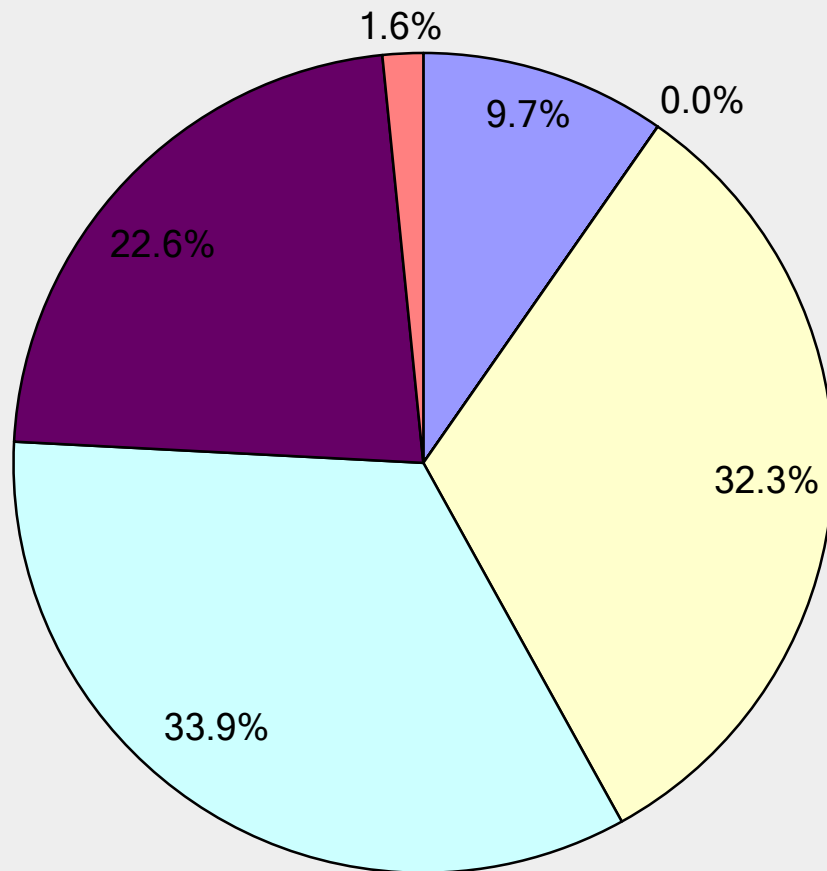


- Top level - e.g. above or equal to our city-wide land-use plan or strategic plan
- Second level - e.g. below our city-wide land-use plan or strategic plan
- Tertiary level - e.g. equivalent to a master or departmental plan
- I don't know

Who has the primary responsibility for managing the implementation of the sustainability plan?

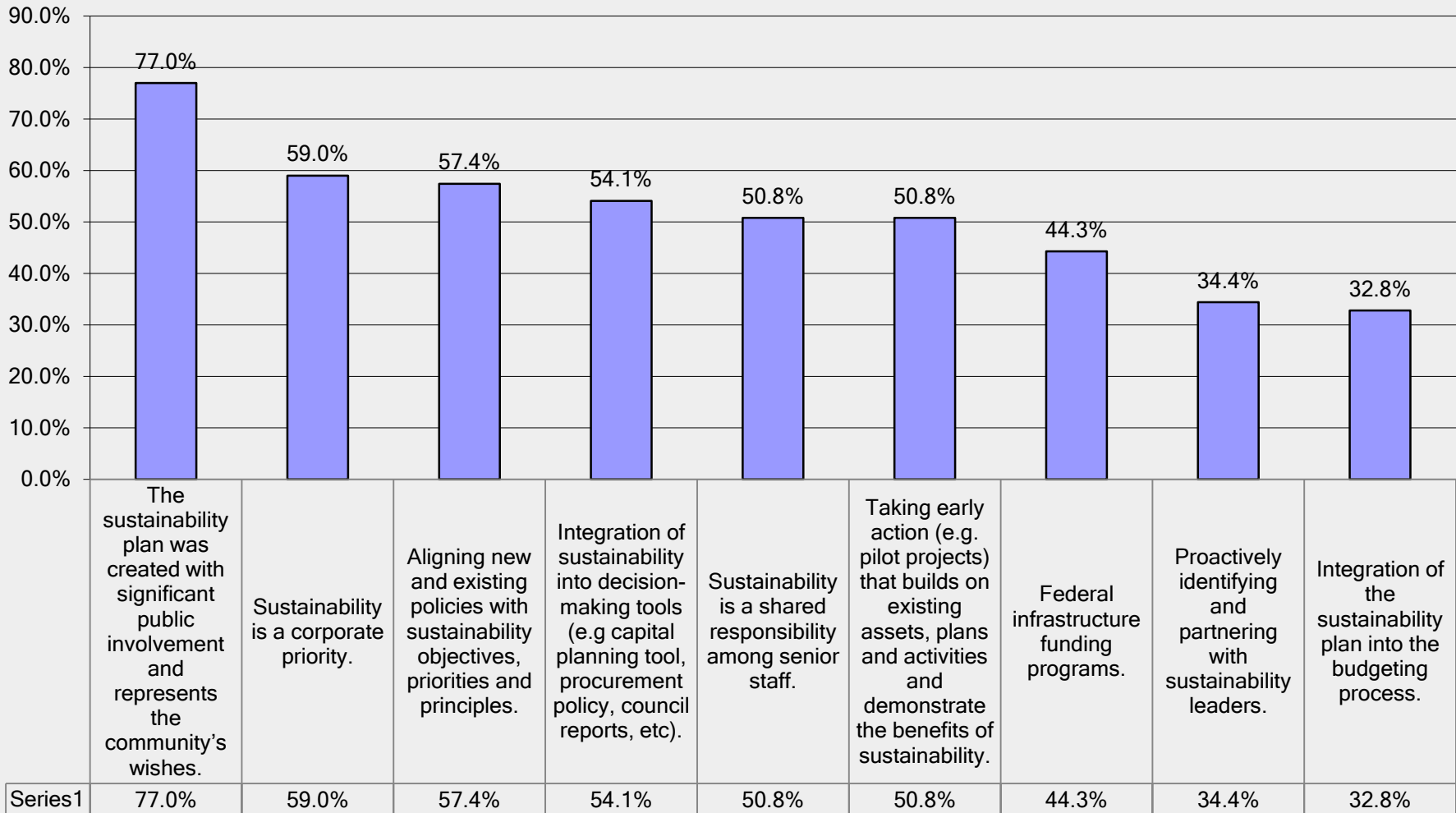


How far along is your municipality in the implementation of its sustainability plan?



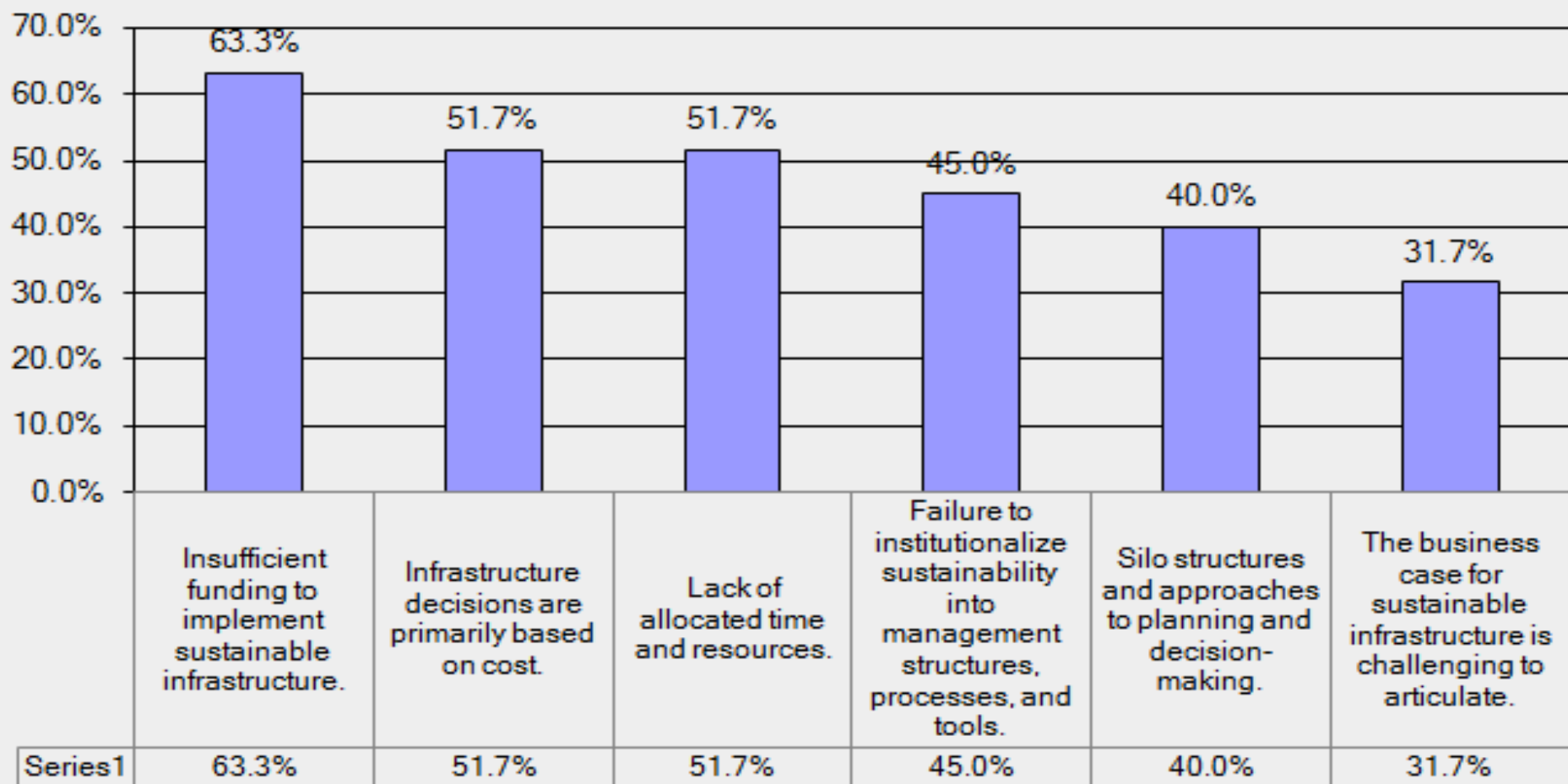
- We have not yet completed our plan
- We have decided not to implement our plan
- We are just starting to implement our plan over the past year
- We have been implementing our plan for more than 2 years
- We have been implementing our plan for 5 years or more
- I don't know

Success factors or enablers that have helped your municipality in implementing your sustainability plan and integrating sustainability into infrastructure decision-making.





Barriers and Challenges to Implementing and Integrating Sustainability Plans



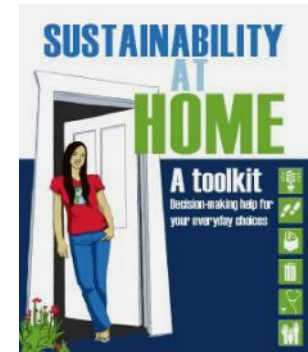
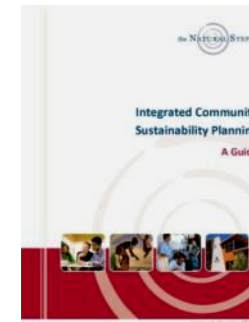
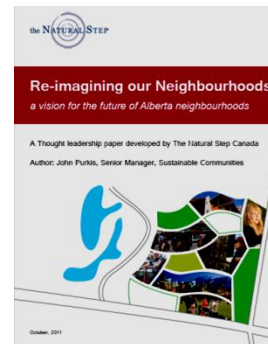
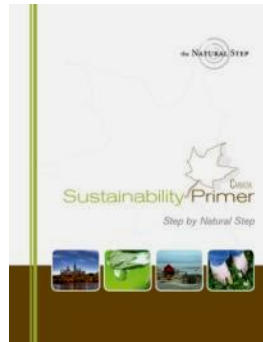
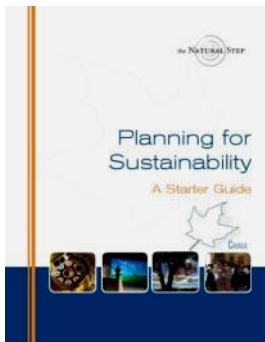
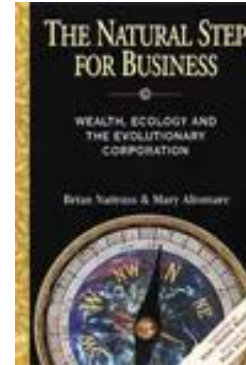
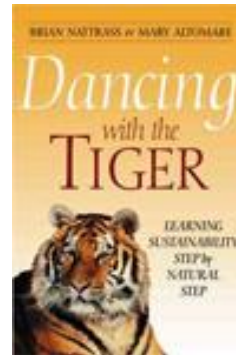


“What sort of financing mechanisms would allow municipal governments to thrive?”

“How can we empower municipalities with the requisite financial freedom and flexibility to really deliver that which is possible?”

“What is required to help Cities and Towns make better Infrastructure decisions?”

“What are the conversations that should be happening at the systemic level and not at the organizational level?”



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