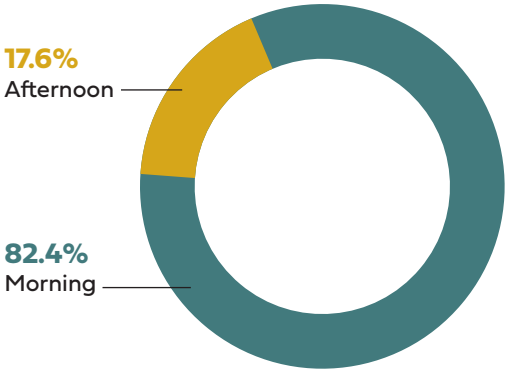


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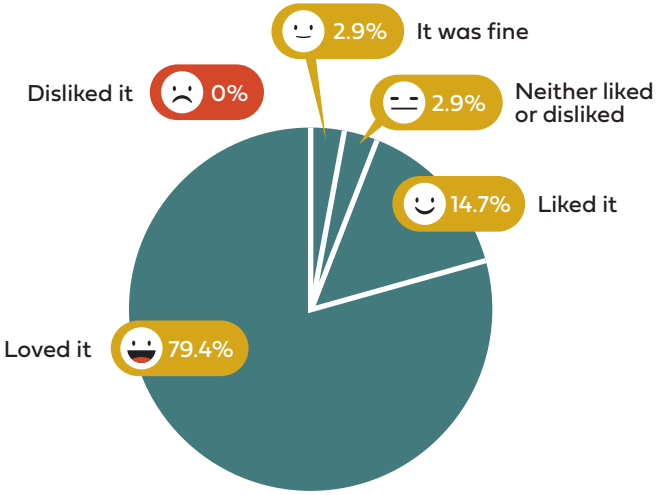
COCHRANE Volunteer Fair

The 2026 Cochrane Volunteer Fair brought together local organizations with residents interested in giving back to their community. The event was a success, with attendees expressing gratitude to the Town for hosting and sharing that the event **"demonstrated compassion and a sense of community."** With the inclusion of additional parking or transport options, as well as a curated list of participating organizations, this event has the potential to be even more impactful.

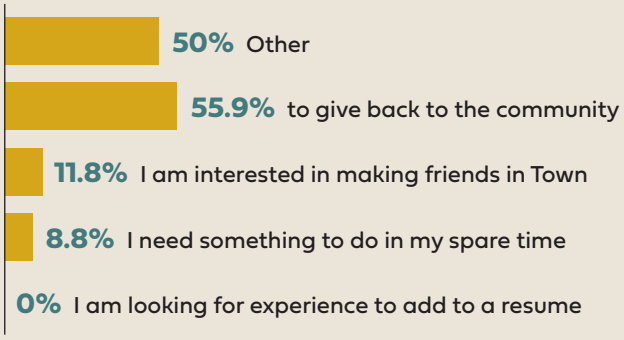
1 What time of day did you attend the Cochrane Volunteer Fair?



2 Did you enjoy the Cochrane Volunteer Fair?



3 Why did you decide to attend the Cochrane Volunteer Fair?



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Data based on 34 responses.

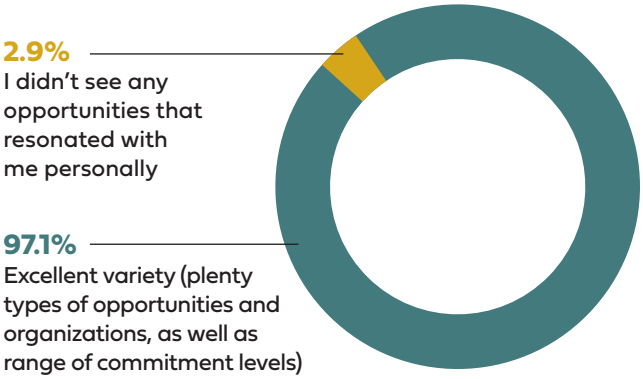
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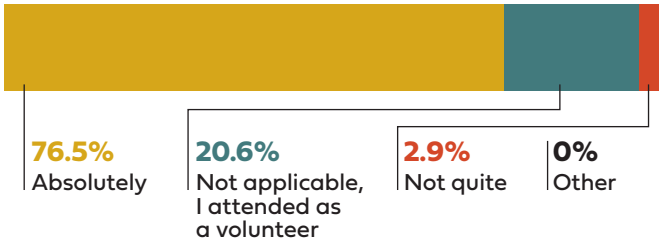
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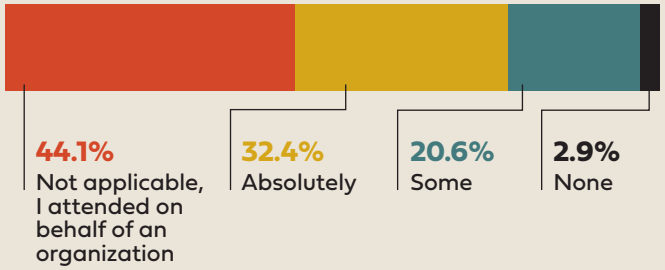
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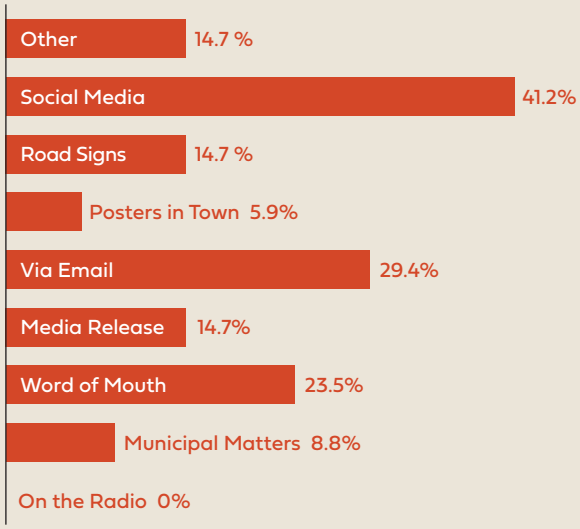
4 If you attended *on behalf of an organization,* did you feel that the Volunteer Fair helped to connect you with potential volunteers?



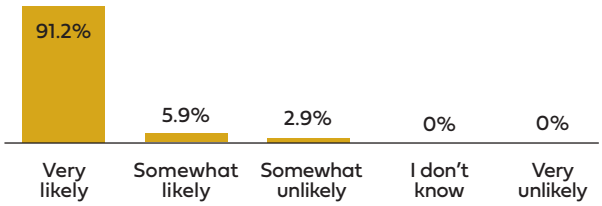
5 If you attended *as a volunteer,* did you find any volunteer options that you are interested in?



7 How did you hear about the Cochrane Volunteer Fair?



8 How likely are you to attend future Cochrane Volunteer Fairs?



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Is there anything you would change to improve future Volunteer Fairs?
Any additional feedback or comments are welcomed:

- Great job!!
- Great work by Cochrane.
- For the first year, I think you did a really great event.
- A long overdue event that helps bring people together and demonstrates compassion and a sense of community.
- Not enough parking spots for everyone. With the number of organizations and their volunteers, I assume that the parking lot was already at least 50% filled up with their vehicles before the fair even started. People had to park their cars at non-parking areas or park far away and walk down to the fair.
- Need a list of volunteer organizations at the fair. It would have been helpful if a list of organizations (and what categories) are provided or posted in advance.
- This would have been a great opportunity to create a data base of volunteers for a town directory. The directory could have different opportunity tabs for people to register under. IE outdoor activities, art related, animal, senior, food service, tours etc. That way a business could access the data base of volunteers available for their event when it happens. This set up was done years ago in Saint John NB and worked very well for collecting volunteers and businesses.
- Well Organized :)
- I think it was very well organized! It would be valuable to hold every year to increase volunteer opportunities and also increase the knowledge of what organizations exist in Cochrane and what they offer. As nice as the Ranchehouse is for space (and availability with it being operated by the town), I wonder if holding it at the rec centre would be more of a central location for more people to get to (recognizing it could be challenging to book the time and space there with how busy it is).
- Please add a sandwich or food cart for vendors to purchase lunch please. We had seniors that were at our booth for the entire fair and were very hungry, low blood sugar etc., as it was over lunch time. Or ask vendors to bring their own lunches, there was nowhere to walk to purchase lunch in the area either. The popcorn and cookies were nice for a snack but not a meal. The event was well attended and we made some good connections there. Perhaps a shuttle service from the top parking lot for vendors in the future may be an idea. I did drop off my supplies at the door and parked up top and walked down. Thank you.
- Probably going to need a bigger spot in the next year or two, this was a great event!!

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- None
- Worked great, loved seeing everyone coming out.
- I thought it was great! Thank you so much for organizing it. I can't wait until next year!
- It was a great event!
  If there is a way to verify the registration sooner that would be good. Thank you so much for all your work!!
- Very good, thank you for putting this on. I wonder if there are opportunities for some of the attending organizations to collaborate also.
- A little more space between some of the tables for pop/roll up banners to stand. In the morning the noise level was pretty high as people chatted so perhaps spread out booths to enable better conversations.
- I felt this was an excellent event. Nothing I would change. Thank you for seeing the need and putting on this very worthwhile event.
- Nothing to improve. It was very well organized and updates were timely and sufficient. Please do this every year. We got tons of exposure plus we were able to connect with other organizations. We did attend all day, but question 1 did not provide this option.
- Nothing to change, it was great! Only issue was limited parking.
- Very well organized and we appreciated the water and snacks for volunteers and public.
- Thank you



