## Comments Question 2 ("I love living in Mississippi Mills.")

Thirty-seven respondents left comments on Q 2; I subjectively classified them as positive, negative and neutral (see below). Some comments were both positive and negative.

## 31 "positive" (✔) 12 "negative" (X) 1 "neutral" (N)

- 1. Far too much disagreement and nasty social media for a small village X
- 2. I enjoy the people we know, but the Town is undeniably backwards in its strategic outlook and ever-run by the "old boys/girls" ✓X
- 3. Almonte lives up to its name The Friendly Town ! I have lived here since 1961 and can't praise it and the friendly people enough ✓
- I've circumnavigated completely around the globe but still find this the best place for home. ✓
- 5. I would if I did... grew up there and still love it ✔
- 6. Having just moved here so far so wonderful! ✓
- I like the "old world " atmosphere and seeing so many friends when you walk around town ✓
- 8. The beauty of the Town and its people make our community so attractive.  $\checkmark$
- 9. An amazing place to live 🗸
- 10. We moved to the area almost 50 years ago, raised our family here...and stayed.
- 11. More diversity in the population would encourage us to expand our understanding and acceptance of others. **X**
- 12. Everything is too cosy, everyone has long strong roots to the area. It's too far from Ottawa X
- 13. There isn't another small town in the Valley that is quite like Almonte!
- 14. I lived in MM for 12 years, had to unfortuately return to Thunder Bay due to my husband's ill health, but have always reegreted this. I totally LOVED Almonte! I had so many wonderful friends there and are still there. ✓
- 15. Beautiful Mill Street, excellent folks; fantastic hospital; amazing artists and artisans 🗸
- 16. Just moved here may 2018 and absolutely love it.
- 17. Moved here only 4 years ago but feel very much part of the friendly community. Always something happening at library, historic town hall, churches Civitan Hall and never far to go to all events. Amazing people live in MM, who support each other. ✓
- 18. It's a beautiful little town with so much going on all the time and such an eclectic mix of people. The only distress I ever feel is when I read the Millstone or other articles where civility is lacking as one criticises another usually our candidates and elected politicians using disrespectful, and perhaps inaccurate and untruthful, rhetoric against another person or entity. ✓ X
- 19. You can get everything you need, and more, with the eclectic mix of shops. The service in the hospital is great. The town itself is beautiful. ✓
- 20. Great blend of small town feel and excellent services for all ages and interests.
- 21. Hockey was great until I had to quit it. Curling is great. Golf in this area is reasonably priced with a wide choice of courses. while i worked I commuted to west Ottawa and it was no problem ✓

- I moved here about 2 years ago. I find Almonte to be a delightful place to live charming downtown, wonderful River, and generally great people. Please stop all the negativity this is a great place to live. ✓ X
- 23. I do love it, except for the bullshit, if that makes sense. V X
- 24. I may be a new resident (one year in) but already could not imagine wanting to leave. I look forward to raising out children here. ✓
- 25. Prefer the name ALMONTE X
- 26. Beautiful place to live. 🗸
- 27. Beautiful small town 🗸
- 28. Friendly people, lots of cultural activities, lots of recreational options, beautiful country. ✓
- 29. Lived here 40 years, used to strongly agree 🗸 X
- 30. I used to. I'm pretty tired of the divisiveness. X
- 31. The feeling of "being home" doesn't begin when I walk in my front door; it starts when I see the Welcome Sign! ✓
- 32. I've lived in many places around the world, and MM equals the best of them.  $\checkmark$
- 33. I just moved here in July, so still learning my way around things and what there is to do for young families. **N**
- 34. MM is a beautiful place to live . I love my farm , my neighbors and friends  $\checkmark$
- 35. It delays my Huntingtons Disease. ✔
- 36. It's the best place that I've ever lived, but I must say I now have "qualifiers" that I won't get into, but I didn't used to have! ✓X
- 37. I prefer the old version of MM. The late 90s, early 2000s version. But, I do still love my hometown. X ✓