

Summary of Results from Polling

(See *Poll PDF* for poll questions, see *Poll Results PDF* for full results, *Excel sheet* available upon request.)

Days out, in front of Thrifty's Plaza, by Dave Shishkoff and volunteer:

- July 6, 11am-1pm, 53 people
- July 10, 11am-1pm, 57 people
- 110 people total
- 3 people polled admitted employed by carriage company
- 67% (74) reside in James Bay
- 72% (53) of James Bay residents have horses ride by homes on a regular basis
- 29% (32) have witnessed an accident or mishap
- 2% (2) have been involved in accidents
- 55% (61) unaware of the hours the horses work
- Q1 results: 1=31, 2=13, 3=34, 4=12, 5=20
- Q2 results: 1=21, 2=17, 3=36, 4=23, 5=13
- Q3 results: 1=22, 2=10, 3=40, 4=15, 5=23
- Q4 results: 1=21, 2=28, 3=31, 4=20, 5=30
- Q5 results: 1=19, 2=14, 3=21, 4=15, 5=41

Question Summary:

- Q1, 40% (44) happy or extremely happy about having horse carriages in James Bay, 29% (32) unhappy or extremely discontent
- Q2, 35% (38) happy or extremely happy about the treatment of the horse by these companies, 33% (36) unhappy or extremely discontent
- Q3, 29% (32) happy or extremely happy about the congestion caused by slow moving horse carriages in James Bay, 35% (38) unhappy or extremely discontent
- Q4, 45% (49) happy or extremely happy about having horse excrement in the streets, 45% (50) unhappy or extremely discontent
- Q5, 30% (33) happy or extremely would be happy about having horse carriages banned from James Bay, 51% (56) unhappy or extremely discontent

Authors Thoughts

The results from Question 4 really puzzle me – why would such a large number of people be 'happy' or 'extremely happy' about finding horse manure in the streets? Due to the extreme slant in the Day 2 results, I am suspicious of 'coaching' from carriage companies, encouraging a number of people to participate and to respond positively to any question relating to the carriages. Of course, this may be unfounded, and people simply enjoy horse manure.

Recorded Comments

Date	Initials	Thoughts / Comments
6/7/2006	EG	A different route, tourists like them
6/7/2006	FT	Believes horse carriages add safety to community, says poll has slanted view
6/7/2006	AA	Buses cause congestion
6/7/2006	WF	Feels sorry for the horses, pavement bad for horses
6/7/2006	SS	HC good for tourism
6/7/2006	CG	Involved in accident - horse head through car window at night, \$300 no ICBC, shouldn't be DT, shouldn't be in traffic, too hot and not enough water, dangerous
6/7/2006	AL	Keep horse out of downtown
6/7/2006	GH	Mentioned has heard they put horses on pain pills
6/7/2006	SD	Necessary evil
6/7/2006	XC	Okay if just in James Bay
6/7/2006	HC*	Owens Tally-Ho
6/7/2006	JG	Says Victoria Carriages great company, v. good for tourists, shouldn't go on Douglas tho
6/7/2006	AB	Should be kept on side streets
6/7/2006	RH	Thinks horses look tired, manure in streets as bad as human feces in streets, disease concern
6/7/2006	KG	Traffic is v. stressful to horses, horses should not be breathing exhaust
6/7/2006	DA	Witnessed horse running free, feels they're part of our heritage

6/7/2006	PB	Witnessed a horse who looked unhealthy, heaving, distressed, concerned about what is in the 'urine spray'
6/7/2006	MC	Witnessed accident, okay to call
6/7/2006	LB	Witnessed driver beating horse late at night a few years ago
6/7/2006	HE	Witnessed horse backing carriage into traffic
6/7/2006	MM	Witnessed horse carriage running off
6/7/2006	HP	Witnessed horse lose control
6/7/2006	MF	Witnessed horses running loose 2mos ago, okay to contact
6/7/2006	SM	Works for VCT
10/7/2006	R	8hrs too much, good for tourists, need to pick up excrement more
10/7/2006	HL	Belong here
10/7/2006	J	Doesn't agree with having carriages, horses enslaved
10/7/2006	B	Has no opinion for the most part
10/7/2006	B	HC a neat thing, don't want them gone
10/7/2006	D	Heard car screeching, saw horse running up the street, 1yr ago, doesn't think mistreated, good for biz, heritage
10/7/2006	LL	Horses should work so long
10/7/2006	C	Horses shouldn't be out in winter, congestion is dangerous
10/7/2006	AH	Involved in accident - horse smashed into car, no ICBC they threw \$\$ at her, Porsche, has also witnessed poor handling of horse on several occasions
10/7/2006	DB	It's time to retire the horses
10/7/2006	P	Lacking something if no horse carriages
10/7/2006	AB	Make them cheaper for locals
10/7/2006	M	No strong feelings
10/7/2006	G	Not a good idea having horses in the street
10/7/2006	PH	Prices are ridiculous
10/7/2006	F	Sad thing if gone, congestion goes with the territory
10/7/2006	DR	She has a dog and has to pick up after..more strict guidelines and controls, 4hrs is long enough, appreciates being asked to think about this issue
10/7/2006	P	Smell bad, traffic is a bother
10/7/2006	DDN	Tourist attraction, nice to see, treatment could be better
10/7/2006	MS	Unhappy if horse is worked 5 days
10/7/2006	DW	Witnessed a car cutting in front of a horse, horse went up on sidewalk
10/7/2006	TVL	Witnessed a horse acting up
10/7/2006	KL	Witnessed a horse get spooked, heard that a horse was hit last summer, is sure they're over-worked, and work too late into the night
10/7/2006	R	Witnessed a horse getting stuck between two poles (?), had to be dislodged by carriage driver, horses like to work, less cars more carriages
10/7/2006	H	Witnessed a horse jumping up, part of charm, nice to look at
10/7/2006	MD	Witnessed a horse take off, abuse of animals for tourists
10/7/2006	S	Witnessed horse crashing into a car, seen horses looking traumatized, not 19th century, find alternatives
10/7/2006	T*	Witnessed horse getting spooked, ran off, carriage busted up
10/7/2006	GP	Witnessed horse gouged on bus, then slipped and fell, also witnessed a horse that ran loose on the streets
10/7/2006	BC	Witnessed horse running down street, horse shoe fell off, still has
10/7/2006	AA*	Witnessed horses running across the Legislature, carriage rear-ended, carriage driver injured, says carriages are alt. Transport for
10/7/2006	DC	Witnessed several horses running loose in the park by Fisherman's Wharf last summer, tho says banning unnecessary
10/7/2006	AM	Witnessed Tally-Ho horse break loose 15yrs ago, lives across from stable on Dallas, concerned about unhealthy odours coming from there, can't open windows in summer because of smell, companies say it's just the drainage
10/7/2006	N	Witnessed while working at Empress, horses running loose on grounds, endangered picnicing kids (last year), shouldn't be downtown, not the 19th century, they need better management
10/7/2006	A	Work too long, excrement annoying, sad if they go
		NOTES: * indicates employed by carriage company, HC=Horse Carriages, DT = Down Town