






**Survey: Powell River's Vital Signs Community Survey**

**Report: Default Report**

Survey Status		Respondent Statistics		Points Summary
Status:	Closed	Total Responses:	685	No Points Questions used in this survey.
Deploy Date:	07/18/2011	Completes:	572	
Closed Date:	08/25/2011	Partials:	113	

**1. How do you rate the help and services in Powell River to assist people affected by low income, including children, seniors, First Nations, immigrants, and people with health problems?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	4	5.41%
GOOD: 	25	33.78%
FAIR: 	29	39.19%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	15	20.27%
POOR: 	1	1.35%
Total Responded to this question:	74	96.1%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.9%
Total:	77	100%

**2. [Optional] What are the top things we should do to address the gap between rich and poor in Powell River?**

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	27	100%
Total Responded to this question:	27	35.06%
Total who skipped this question:	50	64.94%
Total:	77	100%



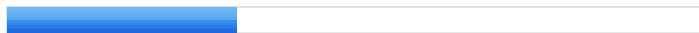


2. [Optional] What are the top things we should do to address the gap between rich and poor in Powell River?

Response	Response Text
1	Affordable housing. Youth housing.
2	Be more selective with who achieves income assistance
3	We need to tackle the drug problem in Powell River to really start getting anywhere. Also, young children & families living in poverty.
4	job creation and sustainability...get away from being a retirement community.be progressive,get rid of big industry!start thinking about youth employ.
5	provide more universal supports for all families (child care, parental leave, etc), instead of targeted supports requiring people to demonstrate need
6	Create more affordable housing Create a bartering network Create a tool-sharing network Create community gardens in every community (labour for food)
7	Promote higher education in the schools. Try to attract companies to relocate to Powell River. We need good paying jobs.
8	coming from a big city i see things in this area as being much better here
9	I don't think it's up to the city to bridge that gap. There are plenty of services here in Powell River to help people in need already.
10	-don't encourage displays of extravagant wealth where possible -continue to encourage new jobs, especially environmentally sustainable ones
11	expanded post-secondary training opportunities within the community.
12	Open Powell River to the "outside" world. The current city council does not seem to be pro-active in promoting or drawing businesses or skilled people
13	More low income housing. Better paid jobs Higher taxation (seniors with) high income Free recreation for low income More healthy food for less
14	nothing if the poor want more money they should try harder
15	Paying the correct wage for positions of responsibility. Taxes here for the services received are far too high including property tax and natural gas
16	Better public transit availability.
17	support groups for immigrant families unified/organized groups that are funded social groups more support for children to partake in enrichment activ
18	Stop giving senior discounts. I think there are more young families that need a break with ferry and grocery costs etc. than seniors.
19	Promote and allow more business development - town needs more employers & more jobs
20	Robin Hood? ensure everyone has access to quality health care and recreational opportunities.
21	-give the "rich" more info - what does the food bank need? -where to give clothes other than the less than friendly at times hosp. aux?!
22	A decent building here in Powell River that has trained staff to deal with all the issues that the low income can go to that has all conveniences.
23	offer free recreation and transportation services to people with low income. cap rent.
24	Easier access to funding for training that leads into jobs and economic opportunities
25	More food bank awareness + donations. Have donation contest, etc at public eventslike SeaFair, Blackberry Fest.
26	Powell River food banks should be open in the summer while kids are out of school food costs group.
27	Single parent families can barely make ends meet on EI. Food banks can't provide enough to make ends meet.

**3. How would you rate the current health of our local economy, taking into account things such as large and small businesses, industry, employment, real estate, tourism, taxes, and any other factors?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
GOOD: <input type="text"/>	17	22.37%
FAIR: <input type="text"/>	37	48.68%
BELOW AVERAGE: <input type="text"/>	19	25%
POOR: <input type="text"/>	3	3.95%
Total Responded to this question:		76 98.7%
Total who skipped this question:		1 1.3%
Total:		77 100%

4. What do you think the future outlook is for Powell River to sustain a stable and active community?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	2	2.63%
GOOD: 	34	44.74%
FAIR: 	25	32.89%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	14	18.42%
POOR: 	1	1.32%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%

5. [Optional] What things would be most important to work on to strengthen Powell River's economy?

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	42	100%
Total Responded to this question:	42	54.55%
Total who skipped this question:	35	45.45%
Total:	77	100%

5. [Optional] What things would be most important to work on to strengthen Powell River's economy?



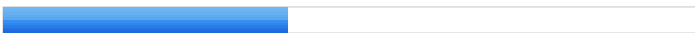


Response	Response Text
1	Tourism Powell River...what do they do? They are given a lot of funding and they seem to do very little to promote the community.
2	Small businesses need better support. Too much red tape and bylaws effect small businesses.
3	Attract new businesses who are "exporting" out of Powell River. Support existing businesses who are already doing this. Improve PREDS!
4	take action to address the high cost of raising a family or purchasing goods & services in an isolated community.
5	SO long as the ferry prices don;t keep going up..if they do we will be a ghost town
6	tourism,and education,entertainment...how about some culture?localize!create an attractive city!grow,this town feels like a mill town circa 1978...
7	Support initiatives strengthen the wellbeing of the community, instead of prioritizing markets. Think long term - economically and otherwise.
8	Local currency would be EXTREMELY beneficial! Bartering network for businesses and homeowners. Education/awareness program to encourage local shopping
9	Focus on tourism, less on big industry.
10	The ferry schedule to the island. It needs to allow people to commute back and forth for work on a daily basis, a flat yearly fee for fares.
11	this is something i always worry about in this town yet it seems to stay alive and even thrive so maybe i should have said good
12	Make the ferries reasonably priced
13	Improve ferry fares, revitalize Marine Avenue, develop old arena site
14	attract and promote new small and medium business, complete an identify zoned areas for different business/industry use and market.
15	Maintain a strong small business economy - try and encourage a standard of a living wage among local employers
16	-find creative ways to attract/keep younger/working generations here -encourage "made in PR" sustainable goods
17	Promote tourism/ eco-tourism. Beautification projects throughout the community.
18	Making Powell River attractive and sustainable (i.e. more jobs) for young people to live, work and start families in Powell River.
19	Diversity, not all eggs in one basket
20	Attracting more businesses to the community. Hiring local people (city still contracts outside of town even if knowledge/skills are available in town)
21	Tourism - focus on and market strengths like biking and hiking trails, Sunshine Coast Trail, music - and the events that happen around them - better
22	incentives for hiring local contractors and employees, diversify - recognizing the arts and the natural environment as key areas of value
23	Less tax, less charge on natural gas and less charge on ferries will in turn encourage people to spend more locally rather than online for example.
24	More chain stores, more jobs, better jobs and better pay rates for employees.
25	Better Ferrey service is important. more emphasis on recreational tourism.
26	Improve and expand tourism. The ferry costs way too much.
27	We need to address the kind of businesses that would help the community sustain itself. There are to many low paying Jobs not enough long term jobs.
28	Beautification & Tourism New and Innovative Businesses & Manufacturing Food Security Tool Kit
29	not resource dependent (a healthy community is diverse) tax mill more small business not chains (they hire better and support their community!) Local
30	build a bridge
31	More development, more business! relying on one major employer (which is shaky at best of times) and a bunch of retail employers is not good.
32	Attract new industry- whether research, industrial or tourism
33	Tourism will not thrive based on the current suite of accomodation offerings -Could our airport schedule etc. be improved for the traveling worker?
34	Have Powell River join the Communities First program from the Rural Secetariat of the Government Of BC
35	too many of the small businesses, and small farms, etc arent able to make it work...2 much redtape, not enough assistance, 'big \$' goes 2 big stores..

36	Support small businesses High speed internet in all areas Keep pressuring BC Ferries for reasonable rates
37	food production. legal medical cannabis production. tourism will be less viable very soon due to fuel shortages
38	There is a lot of talk about working together, we need to see it actually happening. Not just talking about it, actual projects with real results
39	- Decreasing ferry issues + financing fares - Building a Highway to the Lower Mainland for more jobs + less isolation
40	More local businesses as opposed to large chain stores. No let David Formosa have too much control over things like zoning and development.
41	Youth move away. Seems to be a retirement town.
42	Employment opportunities are few and far between.

**6. How is supply of full-time jobs at the right skill levels and pay levels for people who are looking for work in Powell River?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	0	0%
GOOD:	5	6.58%
FAIR:	29	38.16%
BELOW AVERAGE:	30	39.47%
POOR:	12	15.79%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%

**7. What do you think of Powell River's chances to provide sufficient jobs in the future to support a stable and healthy community?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	1	1.32%
GOOD: 	14	18.42%
FAIR: 	31	40.79%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	25	32.89%
POOR: 	5	6.58%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
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**8. [Optional] What are the most important things our community can do about work and employment in Powell River?**






	Responses	Percent
Responses:	33	100%
Total Responded to this question:	33	42.86%
Total who skipped this question:	44	57.14%
Total:	77	100%

8. [Optional] What are the most important things our community can do about work and employment in Powell River?






Response	Response Text
1	I think the community can be more receptive to new large business ventures it is time to shut the naysayers up and do what is best for the future ofPR
2	More support for small business/home-based businesses.
3	make it an attractive and progressive place to live.be innovative.green and sustainable.attract the right investment.don't act desperate!
4	Support employers to provide decent benefits and a living wage for even part-time workers - keeping family needs and long-term wellbeing in mind
5	Support our local businesses! Figure out what things people are going out-of-town for and strive to provide those services and goods in town.
6	Keep building
7	See previous answers.
8	Work on innovative programs to build up skills and retain youth. My company has difficulty finding skilled workers.
9	advertise what makes or community a better place to live and raise a family. happy employees equals sucessful busniess
10	Offer more jobs and advancement for university educated, skilled employees that go beyond 40,000\$
11	-keep trying new initiatives -keep cost of living low, so those under-employed or with lower wages can afford to stay
12	Invest in local small-business.
13	Have a well thought out plan how where they want to take Powell River. Do what Diane Watts (mayor of Surrey) or the mayor of Kelowna.
14	See previous (hiring more local and attracting more businesses)
15	Continue to diversify the economy, and develop tourism infrastructure
16	see previous. recognize arts, recreation, and eco tourism as key to the economy. hire locally. q. foods & new school were built using outside trades.
17	Create better jobs with better wages and encourage new business to come to Powell River and NOT to rely on that Mill to sustain the economy.
18	Provide a TRUE means of connecting jobs with people in the fields they are already trained in.
19	I think Powell River should try to directly attract more freelance and outsourced workers as a great place to live. Overall growth in all areas
20	Raise wages to provincial/government standards. Do something (I have no idea what) to encourage FULL TIME jobs, not part time.
21	encourage small business, they hire more full time at better rates for their size don't rely on one type of business for jobs
22	seek out and bring in more business! I've heard council has driven business out with ridiculous demands and don't want growth. this has to change!
23	The community is slowly turning into a retirement community - in order for PR to grow, we need jobs that attract young families
24	-Employers can be transparent and have open dialogue about their staffing needs (current and future) -support those w 2 jobs, offer job sharing
25	To welcome investment to Powell River and go out and recruit employers to bring jobs to Powell River. Put a cruise ship facility at the harbor.
26	more people r leaving their fams 2 go find work elsewhere...cost 2 much 2 live, wages dont keep up, not enough jobs
27	pay more than 15\$ hr plus if they want people 100% committed for the long haul. otherwise people will leave town to work or grow pot
28	Buy local
29	four day work week to spread the limited hours available. allow production and sale of medical marijuana.
30	Either not cater to big business, or have an obligation for them to employ people or contribute somehow.
31	We need to utilize our own resources,like forestry+seafood, expand/capitalize on our natural industries.Enterprise with businesses related to the same
32	Develop sustainable industries.
33	Promote healthy employment chances. If EI clients want something better, they should be sponsored.

9.

How do you rate your feeling of belonging and of being accepted as a part of the community life of Powell River?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	19	24.68%
GOOD: 	36	46.75%
FAIR: 	17	22.08%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	3	3.9%
POOR: 	2	2.6%
Total Responded to this question:	77	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	77	100%

**10. How do you feel about your opportunities to take part in or influence important community decisions?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
EXCELLENT: 	5	6.58%
GOOD: 	25	32.89%
FAIR: 	28	36.84%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	14	18.42%
POOR: 	4	5.26%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
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**11. [Optional] What are the most important things for people in the community to do about belonging and leadership in Powell River?**


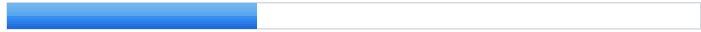



	Responses	Percent
Responses:	30	100%
Total Responded to this question:	30	38.96%
Total who skipped this question:	47	61.04%
Total:	77	100%

11. [Optional] What are the most important things for people in the community to do about belonging and leadership in Powell River?


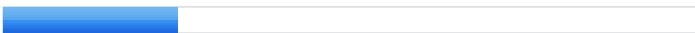


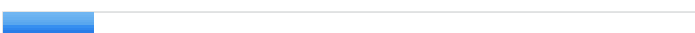
Response	Response Text
1	Start taking initiative and stepping forward to become leaders to help move Powell River forward as a whole.
2	People need to get informed. Too many people complain about issues they really don't know anything about. Way too much ignorance.
3	The community doesn't seem to be heard when decisions are to be made. They speak up but the right people are not always listening.
4	people need to be properly informed on all issues...
5	continue nurturing the relationship between powell river and sliammon; create opportunities for intergenerational engagement
6	Join community groups.
7	In a small community, being actively involved in community events and volunteering is important in becoming part of Powell River.
8	Get involved in community events, service clubs, etc.
9	take part
10	I'm not sure what the question is asking???
11	-among folks born & raised here (of various ages), there can be a resistance to welcome newcomers wholeheartedly -gaps between Sliammon & PR need work
12	Elect a council receptive to the peoples voice. As a citizen, being open to others proposals and ideas. Being active in politics.
13	Being open to different perspectives and opportunities with the goal of doing good and building a future for Powell River. No cogent plan at the momen
14	spirit of rotation New blood new ideas every two to three years
15	run for council. vote. come out to meetings (although often it still feels you don't get heard).
16	Being heard. Also to stand up and be heard not to just take things as they are because that's how it is!
17	join groups, event planning, volunteer, boards, etc.
18	more needs to be done to encourage the young adults to take ownership of developing Powell River.
19	I feel regardless of my input and the majority's input. The decisions are being pushed through by the city, more about what they want not not us.
20	People in council should not have conflicts of interest transparency (no closed door mtg) deals with mill? decisions re growth of community go bk peop
21	Have more things to do for people age 20-30 yrs. Advertise. Too many things in this town rely on word of mouth.
22	get informed, get involved, boot out town council who happen to own most business in town - move for progress and growth by electing younger people
23	get rid of business people on council at City Hall - even the appearance of bias reflects poorly on the works being done.
24	- professional development -learn together - ex Alofi Consultants put on "non violent communication" excellent cross sector participation
25	Not to exculde people that are different or have different ideas
26	its hard to feel we r influencing anything here as there r certain people who actually make the decisions according to their pockets or their friends
27	Volunteer, join clubs and organizations, utilize organizations like CRC, youth centre and Family Place Write letters and attend council meetings
28	participate in bottom up grass roots community efforts like transition town, CJMP, prpaws
29	Make sure ALL persons feel included + follow through with them for questionnaires, comments, feed back, etc...
30	Be able to be invited and involved. Have teens provide leadership to the younger children.

12.

How do you rate the opportunity of immigrants to Powell River to get work and become part of the community in areas like making friends, finding good homes and becoming part of a neighbourhood?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	1	1.32%
GOOD: 	27	35.53%
FAIR: 	32	42.11%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	15.79%
POOR: 	4	5.26%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%

**13. How do you rate the opportunity for youth and young families to get work in Powell River and become part of the community in areas like making friends, finding good homes and becoming part of a neighbourhood?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	0	0%
GOOD: 	19	24.68%
FAIR: 	36	46.75%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	15.58%
POOR: 	10	12.99%
Total Responded to this question:	77	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	77	100%

14. [Optional] What are the most important things the community can do about people just getting started in the community?






	Responses	Percent
Responses:	28	100%
Total Responded to this question:	28	36.36%
Total who skipped this question:	49	63.64%
Total:	77	100%

14. [Optional] What are the most important things the community can do about people just getting started in the community?

Response	Response Text
1	There just are not a lot of jobs in the community for young people, especially jobs that pay more than minimum wage
2	This community is good with helping people new to the community - the problem is there are no jobs to bring them in in the first place.
3	need moOre opportunities....pr has a tendency to do things half ass....like the pool, skatepark not well done
4	powell river needs to diversify the economic base!the energy has to shift in this town...it has so much potential,but it has a long way to go.
5	A non-profit community centre built like a cafe/restaurant with live music and local art will provide all the lively networking this community needs.
6	friendships and information regarding their interests, example: biking, hiking, music, etc. Clear info and how to search for a job in P.R.
7	We have lived here for 6 years and although it took a few years to feel a sense of belonging, we've found it to be an amazing place to start our famil
8	-offer new family-friendly opportunities, or existing ones more inclusive (eg. with child minders available) -activities in parks -more notice boards
9	Free daycare. Free extra curricular activities either through school and outside of school.
10	Celebrate different ethnic festivals, foster open dialogue, encourage volunteerism
11	Sufficient affordable housing. Contracting young professionals for a fair rate (not a rate for a retired p. Designate a 'mentor' to find your way
12	Continue to be welcoming and inclusive of all; continue to raise the profile of issues to do with diversity.
13	more ways to share information about what's going on. the ways are out there, but you have to know they exist via word of mouth before you can tap in.
14	More activities indoors and out. Look at other cities. If Powell River considers itself 'a City' then it should have similar access to city life.
15	offer job stability
16	Value them for choosing Powell River. help them to contribute their skills and talents.
17	More street and neighbourhood parties. More notice boards throughout the community for people to connect.
18	We need more decent Jobs and incentives for entrepreneur's. Eco-Tourism...
19	Powell Rlver people are friendly but the town itself isn't that supportive to new comers. The welcome wagon needs to be more supported as it misses so
20	advertise events
21	not an immigrant and don't have a family - unable to offer an informed opinion
22	- improve web presence of services/businesses - the quality of websites here is shameful! - encourage volunteering to get foot in the door
23	Have a special outreach office for people getting started here in Powell River
24	youth leave to go 2 school and get jobs, young families(like us) can barely scrape by from month 2 month...food & gas SO high, rents so high..
25	Affordable housing
26	Having entry level positions or Summer student roles so people can see what the job involves first hand.
27	More awareness of "Welcome Wagon" programs + staff/volunteers are needed
28	Hard to know where affordable places are and to find groups to become part of.






15.

How do you rate the amount and variety of arts and cultural activities that are offered in Powell River that you take part in?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	18	23.68%
GOOD: 	45	59.21%
FAIR: 	11	14.47%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	2	2.63%
POOR: 	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%



**16. What is your view about job opportunities within Powell River for work in the area of arts and culture?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	1	1.32%
GOOD: 	13	17.11%
FAIR: 	40	52.63%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	19	25%
POOR: 	3	3.95%
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17. [Optional] What are the top things that can be done for arts and culture in Powell River?

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	29	100%
Total Responded to this question:	29	37.66%
Total who skipped this question:	48	62.34%
Total:	77	100%

17. [Optional] What are the top things that can be done for arts and culture in Powell River?






Response	Response Text
1	I think Powell River has an abundance of jobs in these fields unfortunately this area is not a sustainable field that will continue to grow Powell Rive
2	start with building a beautiful arts and culture centre/public gallery/library down on willington beach...see what happens then...public art!!
3	A non-profit community center built around a cafe/restaurant concept showcasing local art and with live stage for music sounds like a good idea.
4	More national and international promotion of our artists and artistic events - particularly for the visual arts.
5	I think we are doing great in this area.
6	I don't think there are many jobs in arts and culture really anywhere beyond self employment?
7	-continue local government funding commitments -offer professional grant-writing support -lobby provincial & national governments to shape up
8	More areas of expression for art/ culture/ music. Invest in arts and beautification projects. Murals, totems, fairs, festivals, outdoor music...
9	More accessibility for low income families/youth/children
10	Increase tourism, which will help to create more sustainable jobs in the area of arts and culture, instead of it being a "side thing".
11	Stop relying on the same people. take a leap of faith and try new artist and musicians. Powell River has alot of talent
12	fund the awesome artists that abound. hold more public events and festivals with more diverse areas of talent.
13	An attraction for visitors to come here for arts but ease of access to Powell River is a must.
14	more money is needed to increase quality
15	Let's get this new Library off the ground already, it's been in the idea stages for far too long and Powell River is suffering because of it.
16	A few more open air concerts in summer and in general more concerts for young people. Almost everything that happens here is for people 30+
17	We have a lot of Artists and possible entrepreneurs that with support from the city could help our economy and Tourism.
18	Open an art gallery.
19	hire local artists for more work put a focus on it in the downtown support it at VIU & at school
20	not a prime concern to me - unable to offer an informed opinion
21	central artists gallery ... ex Qualicum Beach has the old schoolhouse features over 60 artists under one roof - great shopping and cultural experience
22	plenty of opportunities, but many artist(like most people here) have 2 work more that 1 job 2 make ends meet..
23	Build a Public Gallery to showcase local artists and host touring shows and workshops Build a new library
24	more funding for artists, shows, live music. more venues. several halls have stopped renting space recently (union hall, rancho)
25	Community events are godo and enjoyed by the community as a whole
26	How about more volunteer art/craftsduring puplic events like SeaFair, Lund Days, Blackberry Festival? More fun contests related to same.
27	People in the jobs stay in the jobs. New jobs don't come often.
28	More promoting arts and culture. More children oriented places for school aged and teens to hang out.
29	Community Compost site, which in turn people can purchase (with proceeds going back into the upkeep of the site). A great education tool. :)

18.

How do you rate the progress you are making as an individual to increase recycling and composting and to reduce waste, energy use and harmful emissions?

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GOOD:	42	55.26%
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19. How do you feel Powell River is doing as a community on steps to help preserve or improve the environment?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	6	7.89%
GOOD: 	31	40.79%
FAIR: 	27	35.53%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	15.79%
POOR: 	0	0%
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20. [Optional] As a community, what should our top actions be to help the environment?

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	40	100%
Total Responded to this question:	40	51.95%
Total who skipped this question:	37	48.05%
Total:	77	100%

20. [Optional] As a community, what should our top actions be to help the environment?






Response	Response Text
1	Recycling pick up every week(curbside).Have a central place to bring electronics, batteries, ink cartridges.Pick up compostable waste.Ban plastic bag
2	Charging people to dispose of their garbage had lead to having piles of garbage all over the place in our surrounding woodlands
3	Community composting would be very helpful.
4	to much goes into the dump!!i see it all the time.start a free store at the dump!there is so much waste!!!get on with proper water/sewage treatment!
5	Bike lanes, ride share programs, more frequent public transit north and south
6	More street-level garbage AND RECYCLING containers is essential! Garbage-littered streets don't inspire anyone— littering becomes no big deal.
7	More advertisement for group volunteers that help with clean up, trail maintenance etc. and educate the groups as to why it's important.
8	Continue to promote recycling, and purchasing from local retailers and farmers.
9	i am a little surprised at the lack of resources in this area, i thought there would be more focus on this
10	Clean and provide more recycling depots
11	Community compost, better recycling services, further bans on backyard burning, certification process for woodstoves (must be in compliance).
12	dealing with our own waste
13	Offer a curbside composting community like the one being adopted in other communities.
14	-propose lower ferry fares & emissions with reduced number of daily sailings -encourage affordable Malaspina charter bus rates - improve bike routes
15	Eliminate dump in Wildwood. Make recycling more accessible. Encourage dumping garbage in appropriate areas. Establish a free store rather than dumping
16	On the whole, Powell River residents seems to be environmentally conscious.
17	Setup a composting depot, goodforgarbage reduction & can be turned into fertilizer to sell
18	Improved cycle lanes/paths/lights Waste plant in the region payment for plastic bags
19	More public education and awareness for adults and kids; better leadership from local government to encourage green initiatives.
20	better recycling program/pickup
21	support the Let's Talk Trash team.
22	Pollution and sewage control.
23	education to low income families and children
24	Stop barging garbage to the US and deal locally with waste. Keep the waste disposal in the public sector.
25	Major work needs to be done on this issue, taking the first step was great but time to put the other foot forward.
26	More recycling. Example: The rec complex, it all ends up in the same bin. There is also too much garbage at festivities and parties.
27	more education is needed on proper composting recycling and ways of reducing waste. More stringent rules need to be put into place and new ideas added
28	focus on walking/biking trails make it more accessible so cars aren't necessary!!! look at other community models stop logging green spaces make parks
29	I love that our recycling pick up is included in our taxes, but there is an additional cost (buying tags) for our garbage.
30	seems to be ok, however, why is waste paper being shipped out for recycling when there is a pulp mill right here?
31	Community composting and pick up by City build top-notch incinerator and import garbage to make money for City
32	-better info from Augusta - the "rules" and protocol are confusing and it can be intimidating - more recycle drop off locations-
33	the city is all for helping the environment...unless more \$ can be made by not...cut down all trees for track, then oops..cut down more for track..duh
34	turn the mill into a hemp paper mill. grow hemp on a large scale (not pot).
35	Smart growth- make PR walkable by connecting protected greenspaces. Limit sprawl. Alternative transportation- bus, bike. More recycle bins
36	Institute compost pick up
37	ban plastic bags. ban bottled water. carpool.better rural bus service. discourage consumption. shut the mill. municipal composting. ban

burning



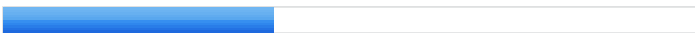


- 38 Place more large "green recycling receptacles" in rural areas + areas outside city limits eg. Lund, South of Town, etc.
- 39 Love the fact that recycling is promoted and encouraged.
- 40 I would like to see either a bigger market or more open air markets selling locally grown food.

21.

How do you rate access to good medical care and support within Powell River for you and your family's physical and mental health?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	5	6.49%
GOOD: 	32	41.56%
FAIR: 	25	32.47%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	15.58%
POOR: 	3	3.9%
Total Responded to this question:	77	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	77	100%

**22. How easy is it for you and people you know in Powell River to get sufficient amounts and varieties of locally grown food?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	8	10.39%
GOOD: 	29	37.66%
FAIR: 	30	38.96%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	9	11.69%
POOR: 	1	1.3%
Total Responded to this question:	77	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	77	100%



23. [Optional] What are your top issues about health and well-being in the community?






	Responses	Percent
Responses:	35	100%
Total Responded to this question:	35	45.45%
Total who skipped this question:	42	54.55%
Total:	77	100%

23. [Optional] What are your top issues about health and well-being in the community?



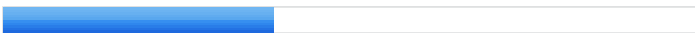


Response	Response Text
1	The quality of care in Powell River is severely lacking especially in the field of sports medicine
2	Many people don't have a family doctor. Once you have one it's impossible to switch if you don't feel comfortable.
3	economic security,food security,clean air/water,arts/culture,social programs,entertainment,progressive city planning,mental stimulation.eat local!
4	hard for newcomers to get a doctor, need more coordination among specialists on V.I. to reduce number of trips to the Island
5	We are not producing NEAR enough food to guarantee supply. Family doctor shortage as far as I know (never got call back yet on waiting list 6 yrs)
6	We need a walk in clinic, more doctors or doctors willing to take new patients.
7	It is frustrating that prenatal ultrasounds are not currently being done in our community.
8	Mental health is a big concern. I see this as a society thing not just community.
9	There are not enough local farms, or opportunities for young farmers to get started. Take a look at the Courtenay farmer's market compared to ours...
10	-access to reasonably priced local food in Townsite is lacking
11	Promoting locally grown/ sustainable products. (50 mile diet)
12	If Powell River is going to be a community of seniors/retirees, the hospital and geriatric services need to be much improved.
13	PR needs a walk in clinic to lower the load on Emerg.
14	It is slow to get a family doctor. I waited about one year.
15	Having enough physicians. Healthy (local) food is too expensive!
16	availability of local, fresh organic produce; promotion of physical activity
17	local food is big here, but there still isn't a lot of surplus to purchase. this is on the rise, as are cooperative ways to create abundance. yay!
18	Not enough GOOD doctors. Not enough qualified technicians not enough quality carers for the elderly. Why we have to go to the island for tests?
19	powell river is an excellent place to take care of your health, very supportive, with many opportunities
20	We need a drop in clinic for citizens. It would free up the emergency ward at the hospital plus allow for quicker medical attention.
21	More support for local food producers
22	always room for improvement here.
23	We would not survive on our own here. It is growing but way more needs to be done on educating the public, not being dependant on box stores for food
24	We need more options for pregnancy, labour, delivery (i.e. a birthing pool, access to midwives, more trained doulas)
25	some resources are not accessible re health and choice (ie. midwifery) Needs more farms
26	what little medical care required has been good. don't care if food is local or not - only cost and quality, so no opinion on 22
27	employment opportunities, recreational opportunities, ability to afford BC Ferries
28	- find a family doc - there wasn't a single one in town accepting new patients - love local food options! - better recreation schedule at complex
29	most doctors r a joke here, and u cant change docs once u find that out, locally grown food is accessible, but not affordable
30	make locally grown medical cannabis available.
31	The ferry costs, our people need to travel for appointments regularly
32	Lack of transportation for poor families in areas outside City Limits is an ongoing factor. More bus routes +/- bring dentists/doctors to communities
33	There is need for a full-time pediatrician. We need more information on where to find local food and who sells it.
34	I would like either a bigger market or more open air markets selling locally grown food.
35	It is difficult for new families in town to find a family physician. Local food is excellent but also expensive.

24.

How do you rate the chances that people who need decent and safe rental housing in Powell River can find a place at prices they can afford?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	1	1.37%
GOOD: 	18	24.66%
FAIR: 	30	41.1%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	16	21.92%
POOR: 	8	10.96%
Total Responded to this question:	73	94.81%
Total who skipped this question:	4	5.19%
Total:	77	100%

25. How do you rate the chances for people who want home ownership in Powell River to find a decent house at an affordable price?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	7	9.21%
GOOD: 	28	36.84%
FAIR: 	30	39.47%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	8	10.53%
POOR: 	3	3.95%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%

**26. [Optional] What should our top housing priorities be for the community?**



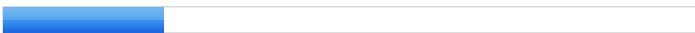


	Responses	Percent
Responses:	33	100%
Total Responded to this question:	33	42.86%
Total who skipped this question:	44	57.14%
Total:	77	100%

26. [Optional] What should our top housing priorities be for the community?


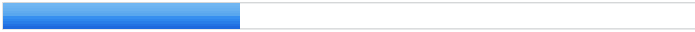



Response	Response Text
1	Need youth transitional housing!
2	I think the market is a little bit too high right now, but it will balance it self out in time
3	We need more housing for low income families and homeless people.
4	attractive,progressive,green,affordable housing.look ahead 10-30 years.prepare for the future.
5	co-op housing
6	We need much more low-medium income rental units.
7	More rental housing is needed.
8	seniors assisted living and the ability to have suites
9	Not driving up the price of real estate to a ridiculous level.
10	-encourage owners to offer secondary suites for rent
11	Ensure affordable housing is available for those who need it. Discourage artificially inflated house prices.
12	Create job opportunities
13	The real estate market in Powell River is one of its strong points.
14	More affordable housing more diverse (life cycle) housing - not only single family homes with a garage! Build close to amenities!
15	People here think they have property that is made of gold hence the price when infact half should be knocked down. Taxes are also an issue.
16	Safe supported transitional housing for youth
17	better jobs so families can make payments on said houses.
18	although housing is less pricy here the taxes are insane. In order for it to work here taxes on housing needs to be dropped..
19	families need steady work there is a huge range with prices (town seems very split btw locals and outside money, which mks market inconsistent)
20	same as for every community - affordable housing. overpriced vacation housing and real estate speculation by out of towners should be discouraged
21	Stop speading further and either encourage remodelling or building new on existing lots.
22	- keep taxes reasonable - stop building new vinyl sided houses ... use local wood
23	One of the top housing priorties should be to provide more affordable social housing here in Powell River
24	housing prices boomed 6 years ago, then dropped...nobody has lowered their expectations since..houses sitting 4 sale forever at rediculous prices
25	more safe low income housing, more sustainable housing projects
26	Non profit housing like Life Cycles Seniors residences with varying levels of care
27	more accessible low income housing for people with disabilities or low-income
28	rent caps. build smaller energy efficient houses
29	low income rental opportunities
30	We need to have more affordable appartments built specifically for low income ppl/families. Even seniors now require the same, as they are on pensions
31	Assisted living for elderly, nursing home places and reasonable quality low income housing.
32	Too many houses are being sold, not rented out.
33	More low income housing.

27.

How do you rate the community's commitment to the value that everyone should get the skills and support they need to reach a good level of literacy and education?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	5	6.85%
GOOD: 	44	60.27%
FAIR: 	17	23.29%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	7	9.59%
POOR: 	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	73	94.81%
Total who skipped this question:	4	5.19%
Total:	77	100%

**28. How do you feel about the availability of community space and facilities to encourage reading, education and sharing of information?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	6	7.89%
GOOD: 	26	34.21%
FAIR: 	31	40.79%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	15.79%
POOR: 	1	1.32%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%

**29. [Optional] What goals and actions are most important when it comes to literacy and learning in Powell River?**





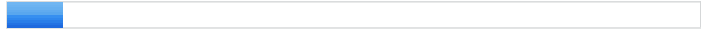
	Responses	Percent
Responses:	31	100%
Total Responded to this question:	31	40.26%
Total who skipped this question:	46	59.74%
Total:	77	100%

29. [Optional] What goals and actions are most important when it comes to literacy and learning in Powell River?

Response	Response Text
1	I think there could be more programs available through different agencies to help encourage this initiative
2	advanced education.stimulate learning throughout the community with funding and supportive programs...become international centre.a hub...
3	A new library is so 90's. We need a multi-media centre! w/ LOTS of internet terminals with software for language learning, researching,etc (and books)
4	A larger and improved library is needed, one with the space to hold more events and programs to support literacy outside of the school system.
5	Set higher standards in the schools.
6	New Library (as planned...)
7	There are plenty of opportunities for young and old in the community for those who wish help
8	-full steam ahead for a new library! -short term/one day courses for Joe Public through VIU/Complex could be expanded
9	Building a state of the art library accessible to all within the community.
10	Education and dissemination of information
11	New library
12	continued promotion of literacy for people of all ages; ongoing support for programs that are currently in place
13	let's expand our library and make it a real hub for literacy and learning in addition to more alternative spaces.
14	Not enough quality teachers and after school learning/teaching facilities.
15	quality/commitment to SUPERIOR education required. PR laissez-faire about action to EXCEED status quo, should be an expectation of post2nd education
16	More funding to education...kids can't read and they are labelled 'behavioural" The CRC is fantastic and at risk of closing if it is not funded!
17	I'll say it again, Library Plan needs to move forward. Go llok at Courtenays library and you will see how embarrassing PR's is....
18	programing!!!!
19	why is the library closed on sundays?
20	good free library access and re-asserting teaching of the "basics" through to high school graduation
21	New library and museum next to RCMP station will provide easy access to culture and reading / information research
22	- support a new library - the literacy initiatives appear to be great - support international students/exchange
23	maybe think about replacing the decrepit old library and fund it better so we can have more books?
24	New library with inviting children's area, meeting rooms, sufficient shelf space, computer terminals.
25	a new library
26	Knowing that there are opportunities available once they are completed training.
27	I would like to see teachers giving less home work for parents to do with their children in grade schools. Handwriting etc. is barely taught in class
28	The old library is too old, small and inadequate for the number of people using it.
29	The library is small. Not many activities.
30	A larger library and more local classes/courses (and/or courses relevant to Powell River) at Vancouver Island College
31	Looking forward to the new library. It would be great join up with the Vancouver Island Regional Library.






30.

How do you rate the community's progress in creating or encouraging alternate ways to get around Powell River to reduce car and truck use?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	3	4%
GOOD: 	18	24%
FAIR: 	31	41.33%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	17	22.67%
POOR: 	6	8%
Total Responded to this question:	75	97.4%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.6%
Total:	77	100%



**31. Looking to the future, what is your view that ferry service will be able to provide for the needs of Powell River at a price all residents can afford?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	0	0%
GOOD: 	2	2.6%
FAIR: 	7	9.09%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	28	36.36%
POOR: 	40	51.95%
Total Responded to this question:	77	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	77	100%



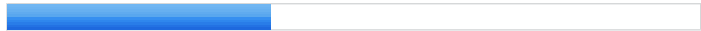


**32. [Optional] What are the most important things we should do about transportation to places people need to go in and beyond Powell River?**

		Responses	Percent
Responses:		49	100%
Total Responded to this question:		49	63.64%
Total who skipped this question:		28	36.36%
Total:		77	100%
32. [Optional] What are the most important things we should do about transportation to places people need to go in and beyond Powell River?			
Response	Response Text		
1	Add more bus runs to North and South of town. Ferry costs need to be addressed. Comox ferry should be on Powell River side.		
2	BC ferries and the prices are killing the community, these ships are our highways and it make it very difficult for people to visit our community		
3	BC Ferries prices and service needs a major overhaul. Ferries with elevators that haven't worked in months are unacceptable. Prices are INSANE!		
4	This is our highway...why are we paying and paying for crappy service they are supposed to SERVE us build a bridge		
5	look at the options of a alternative to the ferry system.powell river will always suffer due to the privatization of the ferries.dry land route...?		
6	rideshare program, community carshare, more frequent public transit to outskirts, ferry subsidy for residents		
7	We need to DEMAND affordable ferry fares. Tax rebate/credit for bicycle maintenance costs and bike safety gear. Car sharing systems!!		
8	I think the ferry expense is ridiculous. We should get one free ride, either in or out, just like Texada or the penninsula.		
9	P.R. needs biking lanes everywhere. It should be free to take the ferry out of P.R. to the island.		
10	The ferry situation is poor - less people will be able to travel outside of the community if the ferries do not become more affordable.		
11	Flat yearly fee for residence on the ferry. Drinking and driving at night I think is still an issue due to distance and taxi fares.		
12	Reduce rates for powell river people		
13	True bike lanes, better cycling infrastructure (dedicated covered parking, etc). More equitable ferry fares.		
14	address ferry priceing and scheduals		
15	instead of offering crazy tax "cuts" to the mill, we could invest money in to helping our ferry service be more affordable. Bus service is improving		
16	-bike & carpooling needs infrastructure & encouraging -see previous ferry comment -is horse rides through power line a crazy suggestion ?		
17	Reliable and increased bus service from Lund to Saltery Bay. Free public transportation for Powell River residents.		
18	Good road conditions, subsidies for travel, alternatives		
19	Travelling to the lower mainland is expensive.		
20	Hard to get out of the car if you live north or south of the city		
21	Free ferry transportation for residents (we already pay 'highway tax'. An on-call taxi system instead of letting an empty buss drive.		
22	Set up better biking facilities for biking around town; better access to bus routes for people living outside the city; lobby gov't re ferry costs		
23	We need road access and we know that isn't going to happen any time soon. So lower ferry fares. They are our highways.		
24	BIKE LANES, car sharing cooperatives, more and free buses. these solutions are all in use elsewhere, we are WAY behind on this.		
25	Obviously the cost of ferry travel and also flight cost to a degree too. Because we live here we are penalized due to greed & lack of competition.		
26	lower ferry fares.		
27	BIKE LANES !!!!! We've got the space. The ferries are our highways. The toll is too high already, raising it is no solution.		
28	Why is there not a Green Wave for Joyce Avenue? it's silly not to have it being that we only have 3 lights, it will reduce emmissions and save gas.		
29	I'm still waiting for the yearly new 1km bike lanes the council promised two years ago, nothing happened. PR has how many bike racks? I'd guess 5 or 6		
30	safer bike routes, more frequent bus and encourage alternative fuel use on cars where possible.. to many trucks in town.		
31	I am daily disheartened by the lack of pedestrian infrastructure, especiall around TC Mall (crosswalks and sidewalks for strollers would be great).		
32	Real bike and walk paths and lanes throughout town!		
33	use smaller buses more often. Frequency is the key to use!!! accessible schedule on every bus stop Ferries need to change schedule (ie reverse schedul		
34	we need some paved pathways for roller blading ie. willingdon beach trail and/or seawalk. many towns have a beautiful path.		
35	without the ferries we are trapped here. ferry service to the mainland should be free. routes here should also be cheapest and smallest fare hikes		






36	fix road to Lund and Padgett Road; restabilize and repave Westview Avenue; complete works for cycling master plan; more street-side lock ups for bikes
37	-stop raising ferry fares - crippling our economy and negatively affecting our social wellbeing - we need to circulate and move around to keep vibrant
38	Demand to the provincial government that the ferry fares be lowered for coastal communities like Powell River and put new ferries on the runs
39	ferry prices high, everything high..no tourists, small businesses die (like this year)..none of us can afford to leave PR, so we just don't
40	1. ferries costs are unacceptable. we are likely moving to Chilliwack because of the ridiculous increases. 2. better bike paths for safe biking
41	Increase rural buses Build a bike route system Promote a single carpool program for PR and beyond
42	bike lanes and bike paths reduce ferry fares
43	more bus service. more ferry service. free ferries. bike lanes, traffic calmed streets
44	We need to have more HWY contracts with big companies for hydro-line maintenance etc + build a HWY to Van for better job opportunities/less isolation
45	Keep ferry fares affordable. more bike paths.
46	Ferry fares go up too often.
47	Better bus service. Ferry costs should be more affordable for residents of the area.
48	An express bus from one end of Powell River to the other.
49	Get those bike lanes in and subsidize BC Ferries.

33.

How well is Powell River dealing with the effects drugs, vandalism and other anti-social behaviour on our community?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	3	3.95%
GOOD: 	23	30.26%
FAIR: 	29	38.16%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	19	25%
POOR: 	2	2.63%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%

**34. What is your view of how ready Powell River is to handle a major emergency or catastrophe such as an earthquake, major toxic spill or epidemic?**

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	3	4.05%
GOOD: 	14	18.92%
FAIR: 	26	35.14%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	20	27.03%
POOR: 	11	14.86%
Total Responded to this question:	74	96.1%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.9%
Total:	77	100%



**35. [Optional] What are the top things that should be done in Powell River in the area of safety and security?**






	Responses	Percent
Responses:	28	100%
Total Responded to this question:	28	36.36%
Total who skipped this question:	49	63.64%
Total:	77	100%

35. [Optional] What are the top things that should be done in Powell River in the area of safety and security?

Response	Response Text
1	Hot spots for drug activity need to addressed. Powell River needs to be above average in terms of disaster preparedness because of our isolation.
2	Unfortunately drugs are every where in our community and it seems as though it is accepted and that the autoritie do very little to combat it
3	Our isolation is a major issue. Our ability to evacuate in the event of a forest fire is non-existent. If we were Slave Lake we'd be toast.
4	if there's an earthquake,be prepared to deal with the toxins from the mill...culture/entertainment,helps cut down on crime.
5	Demand that emergency vehicles only turn on sirens when they are in dense traffic. Flashing lights will do fine most of the time—no atmosphere of fear
6	Get the little skate boarders OFF the ROADS, NOW!!!
7	Do we have a community plan for dealing with a catastrophe such as an earthquake? If so, I and I'm sure many others have no idea what it is...
8	If something major happens, how is a community of 20000 people who are dependent on food shipping in, expected to eat?
9	-continue to work away at the underlying causes for poverty, addiction -engage youth in society -discourage dangerous industry (eg LNG)
10	Promote local food. Becoming less reliant on outside sources for foods and goods.
11	Powell River is a very safe community
12	More education.
13	education; encouraging community preparedness by neighbourhood
14	gathering places made public, education to wider audiences.
15	Stricter laws and sentencing. It seems you can kill, steel, drug traffic & abuse children and just get a slapped wrist. If nothing else banish them.
16	Addiciton treatment and safe supported social housing. People need help not punishment
17	The major emergency front is a constant work in progress and agencies are bonding.... Kudos.
18	big business should be more accountable for clean up & restoration of our community. (Mill spills This town is not prepared for any catastrophe (FOOD?
19	have an evacuation plan
20	not an issue for me, unable to give informed opinion
21	Most people are ill-prepared for the 3-4 WEEKS it will take for PR to get help. Services are geared toward large centres, not outlying areas
22	not sure - I feel safe and secure -
23	Making investments such as replacements in earthquake proof fire halls. And have diversion programs for youth
24	Equip Gathering points (fire halls, community centres) with emergency gear Train volunteers in First Aid and emergency response
25	legalize drugs to get them out of the hands of criminals. provincial police force instead of RCMP
26	More OH+S programs at work + school. More physical drills related to same.
27	There are a lot of drug dealers in this town.
28	There should be more teaching on what to do and where to go in case of an emergency.

36.

What is your own view of the overall quality of life in Powell River?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	15	19.74%
GOOD: 	51	67.11%
FAIR: 	8	10.53%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	1	1.32%
POOR: 	1	1.32%
Total Responded to this question:	76	98.7%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.3%
Total:	77	100%



### 37. What has contributed most to the quality of life in Powell River?

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	52	100%
Total Responded to this question:	52	67.53%
Total who skipped this question:	25	32.47%
Total:	77	100%

#### 37. What has contributed most to the quality of life in Powell River?

Response	Response Text
1	Slower pace than other places. Lots of community spirit and pride in our community. Everyone wants PR to be its best and continue to be progressive.
2	Location, view, people, etc.
3	Myself going and getting an education
4	The natural beauty of the area.
5	the fact that we are so isolated we do not have the crime levels of more accessible cities
6	the natural beauty and friendly residents
7	lakes oceans feeling safe in a small community everybody knows everybody friends and family
8	beautiful surroundings and the local community...
9	slow pace, welcoming community, lower cost of living, natural environment and climate, ability to grow and raise food
10	Slow and easy pace, less traffic, clean air, affordable real estate, lots of opportunity for small business if locals are encouraged to support them.
11	The access to the mountains and lakes. Trails for hiking and biking and the information to learn about all off it.
12	People are so active in this community - volunteers are what make this a great place to live. Also, people actually care about what the city does.
13	Small population, Kathaumixw, access to trails
14	We live in paradise. Air quality is great, climate is good, access to the great outdoors, great facilities for children, lots of great doctors.
15	the people and natural surroundings which are shared well, accessible and there aren't too many rules
16	the outdoors
17	Easy access to nature, friendly, inclusive community
18	Sense of a small community, fair priced real estate, and a good community for those with young children
19	-health of natural surroundings -relative affordability -feeling of potential
20	Slower paced life-style. Sense of community.
21	The scenic surroundings, pace of life.
22	Powell River is isolated, making it safer and a service hub
23	Nature so close at hand, and free!
24	Natural environment Friendly people
25	the outdoors; nature; access to hiking/biking/water, etc; beautiful surroundings; nice community
26	the forests and space that, despite heavy logging, still abound. the rich arts community.
27	It's lazy and hence easy but too laid back. Not everyone is retired nor do we want to be.
28	proximity to nature
29	Good place to raise kids, people are friendly and kind.
30	Community events and engagement. People are friendly and social. We get out and meet our neighbours
31	People who care about it make it great.
32	The back country
33	outdoor activities low cost of living (no parking fees, low travel time/cost to work) availability of activites for families and children
34	ocean fresh water and the ability to grow our own food, lower the cost of living and everyone would be happy, a happy town will prosper.
35	Nature. Community. Arts & Culture.
36	the people are friendly the housing although all over the map is affordable
37	lower cost of living than the cities
38	small town atmosphere and closeness to wilderness recreation
39	Access to outdoor recreational opportunities
40	- local food and business endeavours - creative new energy from new residents coupled with history of long time residents -pride such as the PR King

41	the view, the weather, the people in the community. .not city hall, or any of the officials, or the crooked dealers who make the decisions here.
42	the trees & ocean
43	Our environment- abundance of outdoor opportunities and clean air, soil, and water
44	good access to outdoors easy to get around
45	community and grass roots efforts to affect change
46	Communications, have been improving relationships across the town.
47	Access to natural resource activities such as Lakes, Oceans, Forest
48	Public events like Seafair + Blackberry Festival help keep us "community-minded" + happier
49	Affordable houses, good sense of community, beautiful natural setting with enough geographical isolation to keep the town unique.
50	Growing up here.
51	The beauty. Clean air. People are friendly and helpful.
52	Safe place for families. Slower pace of life. Community spirit.

**38. Can you name something in particular that most improved the quality of life in Powell River over the last two years? If you can, what was that?**

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Responses:	29	100%
Total Responded to this question:	29	37.66%
Total who skipped this question:	48	62.34%
Total:	77	100%



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1	The development of the Youth Resource Centre. I also think council's decision to not change the zoning on the old arena site is beneficial.
2	Not really, the track was a joke we have less than 100 people in track but we have a 2.6 million dollar facility ??
3	the city is actually starting to change as younger people move here...a shift in the general mentality and possibly a new direction for the town.
4	powell river food security project
5	Better bus service!!!
6	Building to bring more people in and create more jobs. Building the sea wall and widening the streets, but please put bike lanes in!
7	The purchase of a CAT scan.
8	The Family Place has been very instrumental in helping young families
9	-that local agriculture is being encouraged to expand gives me reason for hope that things can move in a good direction
10	Farmers market and increase in local organic food availability. Kale Force, Transition Town Powell River.
11	Less idling cars
12	the revival of a community radio station that has begun to be a source of creative sharing.
13	Nothing has really changed for me to say it's imprlves quality if life that's a big statement for this town. The land & scenery is what it is.
14	The future building of a new elementary school - Westview Elementary.
15	Logging the Heron nesting site, and then moving the oval to a location req vehicle to access well done PR.
16	Nothing comes to mind
17	my garden.
18	Sorry, I think that quality of life has actually decreased in the last two years - increased housing costs, huge increases in groceries and ferries.
19	steady work, although there seems to be more for men then women
20	1 new business coming to town - Tim Hortons. Need more businesses here though, choice almost all market segments is still extremely limited
21	- quality foods has been a great addition - their community spirit is an example -excellent hiking/running trails - well maintained
22	i actually find it has been getting worse. more and more people leaving or struggling...
23	Increased local food production and access to it
24	having a CT scan here lowering curbs for disabled people and strollers
25	CJMP
26	Bus service helped a little
27	The opening of Powell River's Community Centre was definitely something we needed to improve our life/lives.
28	The recruitment of the new full time psychiatrist, getting the CT scanner, and the new hut on the Sunshine Coast Trail.
29	In the past year since I moved here from Winnipeg, a derelict building was town down and a new school is going up.






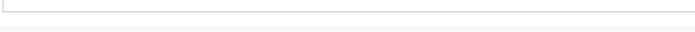
39. How old are you?

	Responses	Percent
18 or under: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
19 - 30: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
31 - 40: <input type="text"/>	77	100%
41 - 50: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
51 - 65: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
65 or older: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:		77 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		77 100%

40. Which sex are you?

	Responses	Percent
Male: 	27	35.06%
Female: 	50	64.94%
Total Responded to this question:	77	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	77	100%

**41. Where do you live?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
City of Powell River: 	57	74.03%
Regional District - North: 	2	2.6%
Regional District - South: 	11	14.29%
Sliammon: 	6	7.79%
Texada: 	1	1.3%
Somewhere else (temporary or seasonal resident): 	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	77	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	77	100%