






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.
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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: 	1	1.09%
GOOD: 	43	46.74%
FAIR: 	37	40.22%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	6	6.52%
POOR: 	5	5.43%
Total Responded to this question:	92	93.88%
Total who skipped this question:	6	6.12%
Total:	98	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:	62	100%
Total Responded to this question:	62	63.27%
Total who skipped this question:	36	36.73%
Total:	98	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	Better bus service. Replacement for Olive Deveaux
2	Assuming there is a gap, since we all have definitions of rich and poor.
3	more employment opportunities education
4	Increase and improve awareness of the problem provide affordable housing options
5	low cost housing
6	recognize the need...low cost housing, income fairness for folks just beginning in the job market, or for newcomers to the area
7	long term health care has a long / arbitrary waiting list
8	Probably not possible but reducing the stranglehold of unions on the economy would be a great beginning.
9	Try to co ordinate services , publish and communicate them well. Think of the client rather than the agency. Make PR an attractive looking community
10	Elect Councillors who listen!
11	Sports fees
12	Vote for progressive minded people for all elected offices and provide support to those elected.
13	Give incentives and public recognition to small businesses and other employers who offer employment or mentoring for the poor.
14	Improve the staff response at the food bank Stop charging more for out of town to use the Complex.
15	credit education starting as early as possible in the school curriculum and not stopping until after grad - parents also badly need help in this area
16	change the direction of the entire world re the elimination of the middle class. everywhere the split is increasing between the rich and the poor.
17	Encourage business and industry
18	Encourage the Prov. gov. to make homestead land available at low or no cost for those willing to commit to sustainable agriculture and lifestyle.
19	Recognize the problem
20	Break the cycle of dependency for families & youth;continue to find effective ways to engage those in need to be active in helping themselves & others
21	-provide more low cost housing. -work to provide more work experience and jobs for young adults with learning problems.
22	lower taxes and remove school taxes from property taxes of seniors
23	make sure the food bank is open on a regular schedule Ask the hospital Aux, to be a little more friendly to those bringing items
24	Keep necessary things affordable for the poor. For those in dire need have more services available.
25	Work to prevent environmental and economic disaster or provide shelter in the worst case. Provide affordable housing, heating, and local food.
26	Attempt to create more meaningful jobs with better than subsistence payscales.
27	Community sharing, cooperation, responsibility
28	reduce property taxes !!!! on LOW income seniors
29	Promote business better
30	Loaded question. Wealth increases with age in our society. Taxing increases in the value of personal residences would be a start.
31	Flat tax, unique to three B.C. Cities and one village, has the poorest ratepayers paying a larger portion of their income, subsidising the wealthy.
32	try to develop affordable housing
33	Employment opportunities Education support and training support for people that are at a disadvantage
34	Focus on the very young children Kindergarten / Grade One. Solving these problems will make a huge difference to later and more difficult problems
35	More information on the present situations and let all people know where they could help out
36	more attention to providing food to students in schools
37	To help them to find a job for the poor
38	Reduce ferry transportation costs to lower prices of everything we bring in to the community. We need to shop locally.

39	more seniors housing is necessary. A two year wait list for assisted living is unacceptable.
40	encourage jobs by encourageing growth
41	Have social workers assist the above to budject their monies,to grocery shop economicly,etc.
42	How can we answer this when we have no statistics identifying the extent of the gap between rich and poor? What level is considered rich/poor?
43	subsidized housing. More housing for teenagers who are couch surfing.
44	That's life. Stop fretting about it. Those who show initiative or work ethic usually come out ahead.
45	Bring in industry of some type in order to increase availability of jobs. Take a survey of what is available locally in terms of training/education
46	More low rental housing - especially for seniors - ranch type dwellings for people with disabilities.
47	encourage developers to build low to medium cost housing instead of big high end or expensive senior type (patio) homes
48	Better low cost housing,more rental units in the low to mid range income area.Better communication between the two extremes.
49	Those in poverty depend on income from federal and provincial funds. In Powell River municipal funds may be made available to subsidize needs
50	stop giving huge wage increases to all the public sector people. retired people don't get thosae increases so the gap widens.
51	Housing for the elderly, ... an up-dated Nursing Home ...affordable housing.
52	Social programs available and known.
53	Build more low cost housing and low cost care facilities - both being not for profit driven.
54	There is a need to access services outside of Powell River. Low incomes result from the lack of jobs or opportunities for young people.
55	housing and volunteer network for community credit
56	Some of the "poor" are in that condition because of self choice of lifestyle and priorities.
57	More affordable housing for people with low income or disabilities
58	Have wealthy pay more taxes - and lower taxes for low income
59	More jobs. Better political awareness and education.
60	Low income seniors should be able to earn at least \$5,000 to defray high rent, heat, hydro costs and future medical costs.
61	Better housing for low income and seniors
62	Start being more economically inclusive. We need to reach a broader spectrum of the poor. Listen to people. Stop paying lip service. Better programs.

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:	0	0%
GOOD:	24	25%
FAIR:	52	54.17%
BELOW AVERAGE:	15	15.62%
POOR:	5	5.21%
Total Responded to this question:	96	97.96%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.04%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	3	3.23%
GOOD:	39	41.94%
FAIR:	38	40.86%
BELOW AVERAGE:	9	9.68%
POOR:	4	4.3%
Total Responded to this question:	93	94.9%
Total who skipped this question:	5	5.1%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	67	100%
Total Responded to this question:	67	68.37%
Total who skipped this question:	31	31.63%
Total:	98	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Reduce dependence on mill - encourage PR as an outdoor adventure destination Enhance opportunities for retirees Hiway to lower mainland
2	For the City to put more emphasis on economic development and for Council to make up their own decisions based on what is the right thing.
3	access road between P.R & Squamish market gardening
4	Improve our governance and public relationships. Improve the transparency of our local government Reduce our dependency on the Mill
5	Industry , jobs, lower ferry fares, City council should listen to the citizens. They have forgotten that they were elected by the citizens to listen t
6	more flexible scheduling in the mill, the stores and other businesses, so that low income people might be able to hold down two jobs for income securi
7	add to the focus of the development in diferent directions---eg establish a private university campus and use it to establish areas of excellence
8	Encourage any and all secondary business which will provide employment and a future for young people
9	Address the "old boys club" political mentality - allow competition. Kudos, though, for going after BC Ferries
10	High end housing options for seniors wishing to downsize . Support for food production, Attractive spaces
11	Same comment as previous
12	More middle income jobs and opportunities
13	more businesses/employment opportunities needed
14	encourage small home based business. Less red tape.
15	Work for a transitional economy that promotes local food production, green transport, green building and control of our water and energy.
16	Continue to encourage new business by smoothing the way for investors. Cut red tape.
17	Do not allow any more large business, like Wal-Mart in to encourage mom and pop places and to honor the current business' Decrease ferry costs
18	Once again, education is key and we could start with an expanded library. Being near the top on the provincial illiteracy scale speaks volumes!
19	more industry, or more good jobs. that however will not help the poor or currently unemployed. they don't have the skills to compete in the new econ
20	Texada is dying - ferry rates are killing it
21	solidify PR as a retirement centre
22	Cut waste in areas of city budget and keep a tight rein on expenses.
23	Support, encourage the Transition Town approach of self-reliance. Build a caring community with a high standard of social & political ethics
24	jobs and affordable housing
25	Foster public private partnerships such as proposed development at Willingdon (condos/library/park); promote small green industry.
26	-increase the number of jobs available especially for yung people.
27	cut city spending on non-essentials
28	infrastructure to ship out light industry stuff Improve the ferry service especially the connections
29	More interest shown to encourage Powell River as a retirement destination. Seawalk is a good example but if you notice its not kept up.
30	I think that the municipal hall could do a lot more to be helpful, encouraging and welcoming to people who want to develop new business in our area.
31	Adjust to and try to prevent climate change, prepare for disaster economic or environmental. Achieve self-sufficiency. Mobilize the masses.
32	Attract creative and ongoing businesses through innitial tax releif and by cleaning up 'old' decrepid site (ie: Inn at Westview.
33	Local business development, encourage and develop a 'green economy'
34	A revitalized Marine Drive - something of interest to people arriving by ferry
35	Tourism promotion, encourage more retirement in the area and extend broadband service at MODERATE cost.

36	Promote tourism. . esp. eco Lobby against raw log export & open net fish farming " for orchard and farm subsidy Promote shellfish & aquatic
37	A broad range of services and opportunities. Recognition of outlying areas' needs.
38	encourage small businesses and tourism
39	Services for aging population Recreational activities for aging population Relevant to age entertainment options
40	Help people to help themselves
41	Focus on the history and character, arts- Marine Drive is very important for Tourism new wharf area great - more info on SCT it could be huge- diversi
42	To keep the paper mill working
43	Organic food production. Tourism. Less 'exclusive' housing development. Rich people don't shop in Powell River, they fly or sail out.
44	Encourage and support small business. No more permits for big box or fast food. Tax the mill properly. Realize this isn't a mill town anymore.
45	laffordable rental space for business people
46	Attract industry, and make Powell River a realistic tourist destination that will attract return tourism. Designate the ferry system a toll free hwy
47	Reduction in ferry fares and increase opportunities for tourism.
48	Salaries at the dysfunctional CDPR office for 'administrator', city clerk must be among the highest in the province. A lot of waste of our tax dollar
49	More industry with apprenticeship plans so the young people don't have to leave this community.
50	FERRY TIMETABLE AND COST!
51	Get more people informed of what we have here.Beautify some of the downtown areas like Courtney and Comox,a few flowers go a long way.
52	Promote and subsidize increasing agriculture. Promote and subsidize healthy living choices Reward volunteer actions
53	encourage more industry
54	Transportation to other communitiesthe ferry costs are a disadvantage to PR to be able to compete with other BC communities.
55	Encourage more businesses to come to our community by lower taxes.
56	Lowering the transportation costs for getting in and out of Powell River - yes, the old FERRY RATE argument.
57	An overland roadway from Powell River to connect to Whistler or Squamish. Access to the lower mainland and the interior of BC. PR is shrinking.
58	change to new community model
59	It would be helpful to promote some industrys or small manufaqturing firms.
60	Lower ferry fares. High unemployment rate. We need more jobs available. More help is needed to help obtain jobs for the unemployed who want to work.I
61	Being an isolated community such as we are (ferries), it's difficult for industry to move here.
62	- lower ferry fares, fuel costs - pay only one way for Vancouver Island route, - exclude carbon tax
63	More jobs
64	More tourism and lower ferry fares or return to BC government owned as part of our highways.
65	Ferry service - no reservations and no increases in fares
66	Encourage small businesses to come to Powell River and make it the process relatively easy for them. Continue to develop the wharf, waterfront areas.
67	Break down the political exclusiveness. Listen to the voters. Do the will of the people. Not the will of a few. Encourage and nurture small business.

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:	6	6.59%
FAIR:	38	41.76%
BELOW AVERAGE:	36	39.56%
POOR:	11	12.09%
Total Responded to this question:	91	92.86%
Total who skipped this question:	7	7.14%
Total:	98	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	1.06%
GOOD:	14	14.89%
FAIR:	51	54.26%
BELOW AVERAGE:	16	17.02%
POOR:	12	12.77%
Total Responded to this question:	94	95.92%
Total who skipped this question:	4	4.08%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	56	100%
Total Responded to this question:	56	57.14%
Total who skipped this question:	42	42.86%
Total:	98	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Concentrate on economic development and not listen to the NIMBY.s
2	encourage new endeavours cooperation between local governments dont hark on the past access
3	Diversify job opportunities Reduce the family compacts that run the town
4	Try to draw new industry. encourage small business. Hope the mill doesn't close but not allow the mill to blackmail us by not paying proper taxes.
5	there is too much of a gap between those with jobs and those with low income jobs
6	attract educators and people with skills also encourage lower priced housing to be built
7	Provide a comfortable and welcoming environment for business and other ventures that provide sustainable jobs, this has to involve all of us
8	SD#47 trades program an inspiration - some more programs following this model; make city hall more welcoming to new businesses!
9	Provide good service options for the seniors who are coming to live here and create the new economy . Focus on Tourism
10	See previous comments
11	Bringing in high tech. industry. train our people and hire locally.Promote tourism. Make Powell River a welcome place for the tourists.
12	Always hire local workers and promote small, green businesses.
13	Harness teh talent present in the community and give incentives to these persons to mentor and create new ventures.
14	Sorry folks but I'm afraid poorly equiped folks entering the work force will short change both applicants and employers until education catches up
15	opportunities in PR might be less than Vancouver however so is the cost of living etc.
16	People are leaving Texada and there are no jobs
17	do not let wages go to low
18	Same as above. Encourage business and industry.
19	Seek a better transportation deal from the ferry system. Get rid of the current Liberal government in Victoria.
20	Promote the community & lifestyle options - e.g. e-business opportunities, green initiatives, the arts, support for seniors.
21	-work to bring ferry fares down. -get more light industry and medium size employers
22	see above it needs the light industry to keep the kids here Apprentice programmes (this is an American programme!)
23	Hire more people to beautify the waterfront and streets of the city,
24	Attract sustainable new business not government supported ones
25	Subsidize local business and agriculture to create jobs and make food and shelter affordable.
26	Remove obstacles like 'overbearing municipal involvement and red tape.
27	development of micro businesses
28	promote tourism/ outdoor activities
29	Assist small business to establish based on improved internet access.
30	Stop wasting money on PRREDS Council establish and report monthly on business & development initiatives
31	Provide infrastructure. Encourage entrepreneurship.
32	encourage entrepreneurial folk who will start up new businesses
33	Bring in some new types of businesses that can pay liveable salaries to its workers
34	encourage youth empl,low cost house, more courses at university offer support to new business that might find a place here with incent in form of tax
35	Small clean industry promotion is a good start. Communities also need to defend against cut backs from other gov. as these effect employment directly!
36	keep the new people arriving in Powell River to take over what they want
37	In town good apprenticeship training. Value added industries. Stop exporting raw materials.
38	Sell Powell River as a tourism and retirement destination and encourage small business to provide services. Make the town attractive to attract money
39	advertise powellriver to the WORLD

40	Learn what the word "service" means (in the retail industry) Service in most stores is non-existent!! Get some quality in the town , not WalMarts
41	Attract industry, create an exceptionally friendly atmosphere for businesses to locate here. Do whatever is necessary about the high cost of ferries.
42	Not a clue.
43	People at City Hall shouldn't make it so hard for folks to start a home based business.
44	Keep on training people and keep educational costs reasonable and accessible.
45	Make it possible for people on social assistance to keep what they earn until their income rises above the poverty level
46	encourage more industry to base operations here
47	Keep diversifying the economic base.
48	Employers should look at local applicants, first and foremost, before looking at outside applicants.
49	Development a plan to attract business and manufacturing to Powell River.
50	24 hour overland hiway access to the rest of the province and country is needed. many in PR and area appear to work in the underground cash economy.
51	community networks for main needs
52	Give a person a chance to work. There should be a trial period for the person to prove themselves and if not, hire someone else.
53	In Sliammon there is too much nepotism
54	Better political representation. Better political education. More jobs.
55	Offer full time positions
56	Be more inviting to small businesses that are innovative and trying new things. Help them to succeed by being a link to other services.

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:	33	35.11%
GOOD:	42	44.68%
FAIR:	14	14.89%
BELOW AVERAGE:	3	3.19%
POOR:	2	2.13%
Total Responded to this question:	94	95.92%
Total who skipped this question:	4	4.08%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	8	8.33%
GOOD:	49	51.04%
FAIR:	24	25%
BELOW AVERAGE:	9	9.38%
POOR:	6	6.25%
Total Responded to this question:	96	97.96%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.04%
Total:	98	100%

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:	57	100%
Total Responded to this question:	57	58.16%
Total who skipped this question:	41	41.84%
Total:	98	100%





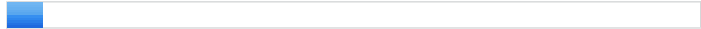
11. [Optional] What are the most important things for people in the community to do about belonging and leadership in Powell River?

Response	Response Text
1	City Council must pay attention to public input
2	Council should not let a handful of naysayers dictate what they do.
3	participate encourage welcome then consider new ideas dont hark on what P R was!!! accept that change is inevitable & may be positive or negative
4	To participate and be informed Use the IT available for keeping the public informed
5	There are many organisations to join and lots of volunteering to do. New citizens should get together with other new citizens.
6	volunteer. Find out what people are thinking. Give joy to those who need it.
7	keep involved and informed
8	Strive to "do it ourselves" and not wait for some other organization/government/group to initiate
9	Council should really listen and not keep trying to appease the mill. Regional district is lacking in maintaining focus on natural environment .
10	SEE PREVIOUS COMMENTS
11	volunteering; helping others
12	Participation, and get involved.
13	Volunteer and get involved.
14	Have council listen when we have referendums on issues. e.g. Incinerator, new library, north harbour, walking track. etc.
15	We are an excellent volunteering community. Getting out and helping make things and projects work really binds us together.
16	Our current councilors could pay more attention to social issues rather than pushing through "business opportunities"
17	Volunteerism and transparency
18	This relates only to Texada
19	vote, and care for the community
20	Make themselves informed on all sides of issues, instead of taking a particular political stance.
21	Too bad, many in Powell River do not derive their income directly from local economy. Thus they are comfortable and also apathetic to local politics.
22	Get involved in the activities that interest them. Run for office.
23	-treat the poor and disadvantages with respect -have the Council listen to people BEFORE making their decisions and be guided by what they hear.
24	get more young people involved. it seems that it is the senior (aged) are carrying more of the load than is necessary.
25	Complain out loud not to your neighbours! Suggest ideas Support, support, not expect someone else to do the job
26	Take an active part in being a volunteer where one is needed. Don't look for payment as a return for your work.
27	Get out and get informed
28	Participate in grass-roots politics. Elect a city council that is competent and people-oriented. Organize to bring together like-minded people.
29	Creative thinking and involving themselves in affairs that influence meaningful decision making
30	participation
31	To continue the friendly, laid back atmosphere started by the pioneers of this area. Don't bring in big city ways.
32	Vote in a council that will clean up staff and the aura of aloofness at City Hall. CANDO not "can't be done".
33	it's slow to get accepted. In fact I'm in a group of relatively new PR residents who are sort-of forming our own group
34	Be inclusive and open
35	Become involved in some community volunteering
36	information provided in papers, radio , meetings encourage participation offer often
37	let them have the chance to be able to belong that is the people who were born there
38	Volunteer. Get to know the community through its needs. Make Municipal decision making more accessible. Less in camera meetings.
39	Attend council meetings, write letters, make their voice heard, volunteer.
40	quit putting down anyone with a diff. opinion






41	Become involved wherever needed.
42	Become active in community groups. Volunteer.
43	Getting good people to run for Council.
44	get involved in some way
45	Listen to what the citizens have to say as far as leadership goes. As for belonging, do some volunteer work or join some of the many groups here.
46	Initiate small neighbourhood events for communication with elected reps providing means and ways for people with disabilities to participate
47	get involved
48	All people, considering ethnicity, should be represented.
49	Take an active part in election campaigns - civic, provincial and federal. Attend Town Hall meetings.
50	one must join activity groups (like anywhere else) belong to some form of volunteer group.
51	Introduce yourself to your neighbours. Get involved in different organizations that appeal to you.
52	Becoming involved in community, volunteering
53	We must become informed and involved with something(s) of interest or concern in the community.
54	Establish a community own Governance System True Democracy
55	A person needs to be interested in participating
56	Be more involved in your interests. Avoid negativity
57	Getting out and networking is not enough. New people who do not have high profile jobs or are retired have a hard time belonging. called "newbies".

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: 	5	5.43%
GOOD: 	26	28.26%
FAIR: 	43	46.74%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	13	14.13%
POOR: 	5	5.43%
Total Responded to this question:	92	93.88%
Total who skipped this question:	6	6.12%
Total:	98	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: 	2	2.11%
GOOD: 	16	16.84%
FAIR: 	42	44.21%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	25	26.32%
POOR: 	10	10.53%
Total Responded to this question:	95	96.94%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.06%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	51	100%
Total Responded to this question:	51	52.04%
Total who skipped this question:	47	47.96%
Total:	98	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	Question 13 mixes apples and oranges. They can make friends, but there are few jobs available for the young!
2	Accept foreigners Improve tolerance Facilitate the inclusion of First Nations into the community
3	Invite them to join organisations.e.g. ratepayers assoc., children should become involved in sports, council of Canadians. academy of music.
4	see my previous comments. Don't ignore them
5	have a good supply of low cost and varied housing --from loft space to houses of all types
6	Support any effort that offers long term and stable employment for younger people
7	Host an annual expanded "get acquainted" event in a public venue (i.e. Willingdon Beach Park or Rec Complex) similar to Newcomers business event
8	I think we do lots
9	ELECT A NEW COUNCIL
10	jobs, education
11	Visit them and invite them to the community's gathering.
12	Encourage older people to retire. Support businesses that have young owners.
13	We need people with skills and talent. finding a job and having no special skill or training is difficult.
14	Reach out, but the new comers have to take advantage of every possibility to meet and participate in as many opportunities to meet others.
15	provide jobs for young people. Reduce the gap between the rich and the poor by discouraging the practice of giving contracts to the same business men
16	I have no experience re immigrants. Folks here tend to stay in P.R. and accordingly have large circles of family/friends and have no need for more
17	people with the "right attitude" can fit in anywhere and PR is no exception.
18	This applies only to Texada
19	Have one spot where questions about services, ect. can be accessed by new arrivals.
20	People in Powell River are friendly and kind. Yet it is hard to get a foothold for newcomers due to high house & land prices and limited jobs.
21	Continue to make them welcome.
22	-work to provide jobs and reasonably priced housing -make a conscious effort to counteract racism, sexism, and other prejudices
23	cut the cost of renting or owning a home.
24	Talking, saying good morning, holding doors, asking if you can help, all the things that a caring community should do but often doesn't
25	Encourage the Peak to write more of the good things happening in Powell River. Community Living is doing a good job.
26	Make sure that jobs are available and food and housing are affordable.
27	Try to make the community more accessible through events and local business sponsorships
28	inclusive community events, training for people to learn how to integrate
29	Share local information
30	Continue on with the "Newcomer Nights" Expand the Tourist Bureau to include info for new residents. How about an annual dance/bbq to welcome them
31	I wish we could go back to what happened in my childhood, when there was a REAL welcome, not a fake one such as the Welcome Wagon, though that's better
32	Have a central place for information about our Community and what it has to offer in all areas. Support systems that are accessible
33	Focus on the opportunities for young people - help them to help themselves. Not Seniors
34	provide services, help with housing have new people be involved in community programs to get language if needed keep encouraging community to be involved
35	Informal, but perhaps organized, contact with parents of kids entering the schools to connect them to services and organizations.
36	Let them get to talk and get friendly with people I know I had that problem when I moved there long time ago
37	More free access to amenities - community centres, sports complex etc.
38	there isn't enough reasonably paid work for immigrants and young people. If they come with jobs, the community is welcoming and






	inclusive.
39	Have jobs for them that match their level of training.
40	Help in finding work or creating new opportunities.
41	Try to be helpful to them. But, immigrants should try to become part of the community & not try to keep their own ways of life when they move to here.
42	advertise services but of course that means that people need to be looking for information in the right places
43	Give them the support they need, be open to change.
44	provide support and encouragement by means of rewards - special offers on the price of attending events
45	Provide opportunities: employment, agencies to help and advise, church as moral support. We didn't get any of that when we moved here in 1979.
46	Homes are cheap in PR. The youth have to leave to get work. PR is little more than a retirement community. Opportunities are needed from the outside.
47	Small manufacturing or industry would be helpful.
48	Maybe a Welcome Wagon?
49	Has to be jobs here for the young people to stay or one's wanting to move here
50	Reach out and invite them to become part of an organization or group.
51	be more welcoming. Find out who is new in town. The welcome wagon once did that job in towns. Invite them to join things. Accept their ideas.

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:	41	42.71%
GOOD:	40	41.67%
FAIR:	11	11.46%
BELOW AVERAGE:	4	4.17%
POOR:	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	96	97.96%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.04%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	2	2.13%
GOOD: 	28	29.79%
FAIR: 	46	48.94%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	13	13.83%
POOR: 	5	5.32%
Total Responded to this question:	94	95.92%
Total who skipped this question:	4	4.08%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	44	100%
Total Responded to this question:	44	44.9%
Total who skipped this question:	54	55.1%
Total:	98	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Support the Music Academy
2	Powell River needs to come into line with other communities and fund arts and culture to a far greater degree. Arts and culture are an economic drive
3	educational opportunities perhaps between the university & Music Academy, ie degree programme, publicity improvement
4	Greater financial support Get our governance to appreciate what we have
5	Support local events. Buy locally made arts for gifts
6	more support from the municipality. Too much emphasis on "making money" and not enough on "making a community"
7	have several core activities to build around and then keep it vareid
8	It is currently being well served by our residents
9	Already doing a great job
10	Better news reporting to communicate
11	HOW MANY TIMES TO WE HAVE TO REPEAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS?
12	Make Powell River an destination for arts and culture. Promote tourism.
13	Art, in itself, provides very little opportunity to make a living.
14	Continue and expand the public support of cultural events. Lock in on a permanent basis City Gov. financial support.
15	most artists starve to death so instead first develop money making schemes and then dable in the arts. Culture - we do very for a city our size
16	This applies only to Texada
17	let tourists know of arts and culture in PR
18	Keep S.O.A.P. and Kathaumixw going and encourage all types of art groups.
19	Chamber of Commerce & PRREDS should work harder to entice institutional education & cultural orgs to relocate here.
20	What about summer stock theatre?
21	-kep providing the opportunities we do at a rerasonable cost
22	Small theater that does not cost too much 70 seats a new library complex with gallery and museum next to the Rec. Centre a second road to same
23	Doing a good job
24	Free and open gallery space, unjuried. Open stage venues.
25	There is an abundance of local talent which should be encouraged to become more pro active in joining or creating new ventures
26	federal and provincial funding for the arts and culture
27	Support for alternate prov. gov't. Provide Library/Gallery at Willingdon-South Advertise casting call for public to demo their thespianism
28	Offer more! Offer Art Programs to encourage people to come participate and learn in to our community and stay here and see what PR has to offer
29	to know more people
30	Ferries need to be our highway. More funding. More venues.
31	No one hears about our cultural events. No one outside of Powell River is even sure where it is. Sell Powell River as a desirable place to move to
32	Arts and culture only survive with subsidies or patrons.
33	Certainly to keep the Music Academy afloat if they run into financial difficulties.
34	people to be involved, either as spectators or in playing a part in production
35	We need a public art gallery, the music scene is good but they need more paying gigs. artists need a place to show their work without it costing them .
36	Events could reserve a portion of seating free to people on social assistance as well as transportation to and from events
37	We need a modern movie theatre.
38	Job opportunities within the area of arts and culture are always hard to find, Powell River is no different. Build a strong Arts and Culture network.
39	PR is a great choral community. easier access to communities beyond the SS Coast to bring in or send out art presentations.




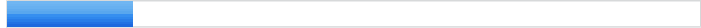

- 40 to have a seperate music theatre eg. The Don James Theatre
- 41 Additional government funding to support the work done by volunteers.
- 42 More involvement and dedicated budget to include Sliammon songs drumming performance
- 43 Encourage and support the present arts and culture in Powell River.
- 44 Spread out the positions in organizations. Too few doing too much. New people are not able to be on boards of some groups because 4 or 5 people run al

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?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	30	31.91%
GOOD:	51	54.26%
FAIR:	12	12.77%
BELOW AVERAGE:	0	0%
POOR:	1	1.06%
Total Responded to this question:	94	95.92%
Total who skipped this question:	4	4.08%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	4	4.21%
GOOD: 	41	43.16%
FAIR: 	28	29.47%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	17	17.89%
POOR: 	5	5.26%
Total Responded to this question:	95	96.94%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.06%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	60	100%
Total Responded to this question:	60	61.22%
Total who skipped this question:	38	38.78%
Total:	98	100%






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

Response	Response Text
1	More funding for volunteer groups who are trying their best.
2	compost program eliminate so much plastic recycle environmental sewage disposal using most up to date technology park area in all new subdivisions
3	Reduce, reuse and recycle Get business and governance on side
4	We need an environmentally friendly Waste Water Treatment Plant . Not the Primitave Co-Treatment Plant that Council is insisting on.
5	clobber those who dump trash in the forest discourage anyone who wastes water, and those with the mentality of what is 'mine' I can wast more educatio
6	the current LWMP debaate is unreal--fix what we have and get on with it
7	Take responsibility for your own "garbage" and appreciate the fantastic natural surroundings
8	Not sure - bus schedules are not that convenient for conducting business but I assume that ridership must increase to allow more service
9	Think about where we site dumps , industrial areas etc . Approach to PR is very off putting . Need trees to screen unsightly industrial areas
10	CLEAN HOUSE
11	recycling of not only compost waste but other things. Help getting large items disposed of you do not have a vecicle
12	Promote central and private composting .
13	Deal with our own waste and encourage the recycling of articles to be used locally.
14	Work to encourage and reward children and especially teens to participate in all aspects of supporting the environment.
15	more bus routes
16	improve the environment - I see this as a federal/provincial initiative - anything we do as little P.R is too small to impact much of anything
17	This applies only to Texada
18	be responsible ourselves, and be aware of the environment
19	Institute curbside yard waste collection in order to begin outdoor burning.
20	Powell River needs new leadership in positions of Mayor, City council, and Regional Board and School Board. Most elected officials are 'old school'.
21	Pick up/collect garden greens/waste for community composting
22	Find alternative methods to chlorination...particularly at the swimming pool.
23	- stop driving gas guzzlers and large v ehicles to drive a few blocks walk more provide even better public transit
24	cut back on the raping of trees in the community for the sake of housing.I am waiting to see the flooding of brooks school in the near future.
25	Keep encouraging recycling heavy fines to those who are charged for dumping anything
26	Doing a good job
27	stop logging for short term gain. institute a compost, and garden waste pick up that could be processed and resold.
28	Improve public transport and create bicycle lanes. Oppose logging, oil transport, fish farming. Support wind and tidal generation, and local farming
29	Unfortunately, with the costs of shipping, storage and materials on an upward spiral..I don't see much hope, in the near future
30	think about how you buy. ask yourself - would I want my kids to work under inhumane working conditions, where does this go when I toss it away
31	Teach the young people not to litter
32	Don't cut any more trees (The complex !!!!)
33	Try to reduced environmental damage that will reduce the attractiveness of the area as a destination for tourism, ecotourism in particular, retirement
34	Move forward on compost pickups Lobby for control of City garbage disposition. Burning is better than shipping cross-boarder
35	encourage enforcement of environmental preservation laws by the BC Govt.which currently cuts enforcement, and has such regionally centralized offices
36	Waste management and water
37	Each citizen needs to be responsible for proper disposal of their garbage - and there should be lots of reinforcement and also fines.



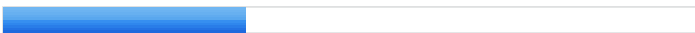


- 38 Provide more places that people can recycle. Develop community composting+sell dirt provide more garbage cans for guests to be able to unload garbage
- 39 Catalyst should not be given waste contract or other favors. They should pay their share of taxes
- 40 make people feel good for doing that kind of stuff
- 41 Promote Powell River's natural beauty and tourism. People will come. We don't need rampant development, especially to try and attract wealthy ameri
- 42 Move sewage treatment from middle of town. Shut down mill. Create traffic calmed areas
- 43 to make it easier for the community have ONLY ONE BAG for re cycling.All recycling can be sorted at the center.
- 44 State of the art liquid and solid waste disposal at affordable cost. Public transit that is not more expensive than operating my private vehicle.
- 45 Recycle. A composting facility. work towards zero garbage.
- 46 Emulate Comox composting. Alternate between garbage service and yard waste service every other week. Abbotsford does this with large compostable bags.
- 47 Keep recycling & if the fees for dumping were less I think you'd have fewer problems with people dumping in the woods & trails.
- 48 pay attention to garbage put out for recycling need for community composting of green and household waste
- 49 Stop cutting down trees unnecessarily.Keep pollutants out of our soil and water.Fine people who dump and litter
- 50 Offer incentives to reduce the use of cars, provide walking and bicycle paths/lanes - parking lots are dangerous for walkers and cyclists at present
- 51 SOME people should stop littering our streets. My house is on a major busy street and, off and on, I pick up garbage thrown by passers-by.
- 52 Be a leader in what can be recycled and establish an industry using recycled material, i.e. presto logs from coffee grounds.
- 53 Pr recycle and household waste program is good.
- 54 fly ash dump is a disgrace
- 55 quit clear cutting. Lower the price of taking your garbage to the dump & fine people for dumping on the side of the road or in the bushes.
- 56 for one thing, Augusta Recycle needs more recycle containers and empty them more often
- 57 Community composting - some are afraid to do it, some don't know how, the elderly and those living in apartments cannot compost at their residences
- 58 Stop burning tires at Catalyst
- 59 Incinerate our garbage.
- 60 Think things out before acting! More parks and green space. Less housing development on green areas. A simple thing like more garbage cans on streets.

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: 	23	23.71%
GOOD: 	47	48.45%
FAIR: 	18	18.56%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	6	6.19%
POOR: 	3	3.09%
Total Responded to this question:	97	98.98%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.02%
Total:	98	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: 	10	10.53%
GOOD: 	39	41.05%
FAIR: 	33	34.74%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	9	9.47%
POOR: 	4	4.21%
Total Responded to this question:	95	96.94%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.06%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	51	100%
Total Responded to this question:	51	52.04%
Total who skipped this question:	47	47.96%
Total:	98	100%





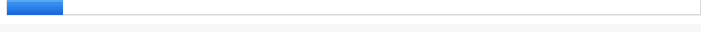
23. [Optional] What are your top issues about health and well-being in the community?

Response	Response Text
1	Difficulty going to other communities for certain health services
2	More specialist services. But every community wants the same! No easy answer.
3	Have to have technologists/radiologists/technicians available 24 hrs for the C/T scan.
4	accessability
5	Reduce the total VHA authoritative stance Encourage a "closer to home" philosophy
6	Waste Water Treatment Plant. We must think of the future and not cater to Catalyst
7	we have excellent medical care and are very lucky since we are so isolated. encourage back yard gardens and CHICKENS! get the kids involved recyclin
8	variety and security of supply
9	None, really. I've had wonderful care in every aspect
10	Maintain support systems to keep seniors here . They provide health care jobs. Local food production, parks attractive settings all help.
11	SEWAGE AND WATER
12	Promote healthy eating and buy locally grown food.
13	Local bylaws that promote local food production.
14	Mental health issues seem to be increasing. We have to respond as a community by expanding facilities and treatment facilities.
15	question 22 - your assumption is that I want locally grown food - its not an important distinction to me
16	There is no fitness program, fitness centre or gym available on Texada.
17	building a sustainable community
18	Long-term elder care beds are needed and will increase, so that people do not have to leave the community.
19	As a resource industry town, PR has improved over time to clean up polution, waste. The job is not finished yet. Newcomers want a clean environment.
20	Wait lists for home care & assisted living for seniors. Travel issues outside the community for treatment.
21	-full staffing of hospital re CT scan and other tests on weekend --need for good quality low cost housing -more jobs
22	Ease of getting to specialists, need for a good in home programme, patients having a regular known helper, Paid people to deliver meals on wheels
23	medical for all
24	no issues I think the care is wonderful
25	Health care shortages. Cheap fresh nutritious food not readily available.
26	Times and costs of travelling to Van or the Island for specialized requirements are hyper restrictive for most...especially seniors and 'challenged' !
27	- bigger budget for home support, funding for respite care - increase funding for hospital, staff
28	More doctors and specialists
29	Keeping medical professionals resident in the area.
30	Purchase Old Inn at Westview for homeless / hostel / low income housing.
31	I am concerned about PR's ability to attract top-notch practitioners.
32	wait times in ER and in referrals/ surgeries (eg. 3 yrs for a knee replcement) ; also insufficient long-term beds and inadequate home support (both pr
33	I have none....excellent care personally
34	Help farming and do not kill their initiative with beaucroatic regulations. make local food more accessible
35	availability of medical specialists
36	Have a good doctor and dentist and hospital
37	Housing for disabled. Why doesn't someone reactivate the old Westview Inn? It has rooms. It has dining halls. Surely the current eyesore can be us
38	not enough dentists
39	The municipality should have a van to take patients to the Island and Vancouver.



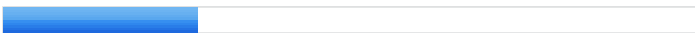


40	We have excellent doctors, a good hospital & the waits to be treated aren't long.
41	We need more help in the mental health area. Medication is not enough many would benefit from psychology and groups
42	Access and availability
43	An emergency nurse must be patient and understanding not rude, unkind, and, most of all, hurtful.
44	Do not have any - except we should work on Powell River being a provincial Health & Well-being destination.
45	I am unable to get a family DR in PR. I use the walk in clinic at Courtenay. 6 weeks to have Xrays regarding my knee read in PR.
46	competance
47	More people could grow foodstuffs if they wanted to.
48	We should be allowed to change doctors if we feel the doctor is incompetant. We should be able to trust the Health Authority.
49	Mental health services and supports are not adequate for the number of people needing them
50	We need an new up-to-date Olive Devaud
51	Alcoholism is a big problem. Loss of jobs, poverty is increasing mental illness. Poor eating habits, too many fast food outlets in town of this size.

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: 	2	2.17%
GOOD: 	23	25%
FAIR: 	43	46.74%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	17	18.48%
POOR: 	7	7.61%
Total Responded to this question:	92	93.88%
Total who skipped this question:	6	6.12%
Total:	98	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: 	10	10.42%
GOOD: 	41	42.71%
FAIR: 	27	28.12%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	12.5%
POOR: 	6	6.25%
Total Responded to this question:	96	97.96%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.04%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	48	100%
Total Responded to this question:	48	48.98%
Total who skipped this question:	50	51.02%
Total:	98	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Encourage innovative housing strategies
2	Provide affordable housing for single parents and low income persons
3	Low- rental housing
4	low cost housing which is clean, well maintained and affordable perhaps a different tax base for such facilities
5	we need some public assistance for rental for young families
6	Assisted living for seniors so they can remain in their own homes
7	Don't know enough to answer question #24. Low rental houses always seems to be an issue for every age group
8	Homelessness and seniors needing high end water front condos to downsize into . Over emphasis on ranchers is getting boring.
9	low income, decent housing
10	Encourage people to sell their own homes and disregard real estate agents who artificially increase the value of property and houses.
11	Additional housing projects for low income people. Offer incentives to contractors to build such units and encourage city to offer land.
12	provide some husing for the poor. Some of the slum landlords should be made to clean up their places. Some of them are disgusting. Have standards!
13	24 - housing prices are dictated by factors other than "afford" - we can't influence this so education/training will do the trick
14	affordable is a relative term. for people who have no marketable skills, they have limited income. not societies fault. help them get trained
15	This applies to Texada
16	continue as we have been since 2003
17	Relax prohibitions on rental suites in homes that are single-family residential.
18	Tough to change bad habits. The real estate business imposes a tyranny of capitalist greed on a basic necessity. Need a change of senior government.
19	Develop some higher end waterfront condos; use taxes collected to provide low income housing for youth who may be couch surfing.
20	-low cost housing for poor -safe,affordable housing for the elderly on small incomes -more assited living spaces
21	inspected homes which are rentals and priced accordingly we are not in the lower mainland
22	Keep homes affordable.
23	Public housing.
24	Seniors and 'special needs'...demographics are changing locally and need to be addressed urgently to attract more retired citizens.
25	more subsidized housing especially for people with mental illness
26	Patio homes
27	Lower taxes !!!!
28	keep fees low
29	Finding buyers for the VERY large number of properties on the market.
30	See #23
31	affordable housing for fixed income folk
32	provide low cost housing for people who work here encourages them to stay in community. Seniors + challenged too also creates employment for young
33	sorry I cannot do this
34	Get a Habitat for Humanity program here. We are all volunteers in this community.
35	Require owners of junk filled yards and lots to clean them up. Reduce home owner property taxes.
36	Good housing for seniors who wish to downsize and want to live in a facility that can accomodate them as they age and need different levels of care.
37	More senior facilities, as we are starting to become a retired persons community.
38	less large high cost homes
39	More public housing of good quality and more apartments.
40	Low cost rental units for famillies and single adults





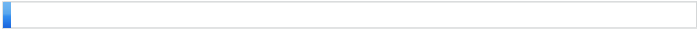
- 41 We should have Habitat for Humanity here available for people who need it.
- 42 I believe decent and safe rental housing is a huge priority in our community
- 43 PR is among cheapest housing in Canada. Prices decline yearly. PR is dying. More sustainable businesses are needed for housing development to happen
- 44 More housing for seniors and the mentally/physically disabled.
- 45 Affordable, decent places for low income and/or people with disabilities.
- 46 We need more supported (social) housing for disabled, mentally ill and other low income persons. Some are living in deplorable conditions.
- 47 Full care facility
- 48 clean, safe housing for families. How about encouraging co-op housing. We need places for the mentally ill, the disabled and the poor. Not ghettos.

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:	11	12.22%
GOOD:	50	55.56%
FAIR:	24	26.67%
BELOW AVERAGE:	5	5.56%
POOR:	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	90	91.84%
Total who skipped this question:	8	8.16%
Total:	98	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: 	10	11.24%
GOOD: 	30	33.71%
FAIR: 	36	40.45%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	13.48%
POOR: 	1	1.12%
Total Responded to this question:	89	90.82%
Total who skipped this question:	9	9.18%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	45	100%
Total Responded to this question:	45	45.92%
Total who skipped this question:	53	54.08%
Total:	98	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Further growth for VIU
2	Employers and families in general should promote education to a greater degree.
3	a new library in the place that is within walking distance for many residents &/or has adequate parking
4	Address educational issues New Library Greater interactive opportunities between young and old
5	New library
6	settle the new library location and BUILD IT! there is too much in-fighting and politics are getting in the way of a good solution
7	try to establlish local schools such as the Academy of music /arts to locate here
8	Involved parents
9	Library is deperately in need of relocation/rebuilding. Seems to be good exposure to literacy programs, Toastmasters and story telling club beneficial
10	Focusing on the Early Years and reaching the young affected by poverty issues and dis functional family life.
11	REALISTIC FINANCING AND GOOD TEACHERS WITH AN UP-TO-DATE CURRICULUM
12	more help for those who fall between the cracks;
13	Library development of multi media and wifi access to all citizens.
14	27 - don't have the tools to rate this 28 - once again, we need expanded library and financial support for youth and community res centres is key
15	On Texada the library is run well by volunteers, but the school population is decreasing rapidly. There are no opportunities for young people.
16	continue our current programs
17	The new library initiative deserves support. Encourage support for local media such as radio, newspapers, websites.
18	community needs to understand the need, recognize the problem we have, before it will commit to the solutions available
19	Build a new library NOW.
20	-concentrate on basic skills in first three grades -provide early ssistance for slow learners -keep kids at same grade until they learn to read
21	new library, apprentice programmes, better facilities for the disadvantaged in school, we are not all University material
22	Keep both available to poor as well as rich.
23	Adequate funding for the library and a broader curriculum for the university.
24	Council mus ACT on the question of a new and enhanced library..get on with it.
25	funding for a new library
26	Improve faster broadband service at a reasonable cost. Reduce the number of residents who can only use dialup. Online learning is hopeless on dialup.
27	Get the library going at Willingdon-south before the developers get it
28	this ?aire is very frustrating ,with its 150 character answer limi! I'm putting this here so you'll notice it. Plus -- there should be Don't Know
29	A new library
30	Education is the key to success in most things. Offer more.
31	That everyone could access education whether new immigrants, young, adult or senior. Develop programs and get information out make it acceptable to as
32	Awareness, coaching of potential tutors, space (new library?)
33	their learning is good to go the Vancouver Island University
34	Smaller neighbourhood schools with good libraries in them.
35	Build a library
36	a new library
37	We desperately need a new and bigger library. We have been waiting for too long.
38	Our schools & teachers are great. We do need a bigger library space with more computers for those who don't have their own.
39	The public library should be within easy walking distance from a mall






- 40 It should be FREE to anyone who needs it. There are people I know who are functionally illiterate.
- 41 The available space, ie at VIU, is not being used to advantage - we must make sure people are encouraged and assisted to achieve their L & L
- 42 better library. mobile library for outlying areas and those without transportation.
- 43 We desperately need a better Library. More, appropriate space for more resources and additional programming is a great need.
- 44 An expanded library is needed.
- 45 Outreach. Free programs with easy access. Glossy posters do not do the job. Be realistic.

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:	4	4.21%
GOOD:	36	37.89%
FAIR:	29	30.53%
BELOW AVERAGE:	18	18.95%
POOR:	8	8.42%
Total Responded to this question:	95	96.94%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.06%
Total:	98	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: 	2	2.04%
GOOD: 	5	5.1%
FAIR: 	22	22.45%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	27	27.55%
POOR: 	42	42.86%
Total Responded to this question:	98	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	98	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:	68	100%
Total Responded to this question:	68	69.39%
Total who skipped this question:	30	30.61%
Total:	98	100%





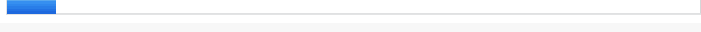
32. [Optional] What are the most important things we should do about transportation to places people need to go in and beyond Powell River?

Response	Response Text
1	More bike paths sooner
2	Powell River ferries, our highway and lifeline, should subsidize PR more. The degree, to which, there is no easy answer.
3	long term plan for road access
4	Reduce the cost of our ferry system Encourage walking and cycling facilities
5	More smaller buses. Too many nearly empty large buses running around town.
6	stronger understanding of the ferry problems and more and stronger lobbying to the government for more stable ferry service. The ferries ARE ROADS
7	Reduce Ferrry rates
8	The second ferry is absolutely vital--it must be supported
9	We need our own ferry....BC Ferry has had more than 40 years and it is still lacking
10	Continue working to have Coastal Ferry Act revoked; cap union wages at all levels - they sap the economy and stifle new initiatives (in every area)
11	Maintain support for medical travel in and out of Powell River
12	REPLACE THE CURRENT FERRY MANAGEMENT
13	less expensive ferry cost
14	Small buses and more frequent run. Bike lanes every where.
15	Encourage the idea of a community owned tug and barge to bring food and essentials to Powell River thereby sidestepping the ferries and supermarkets.
16	Every bus which passes my home on Marine Ave is 90% MT. Better to reduce fare to 25 cents and fill the bus !!!!
17	Lower costs of Ferry services to an isolated community is vital for individuals but also for business.
18	Quit snivelling about ferry costs! Housing costs here are marginal so use a miniscule part of these savings to ferry to where ever you want to go
19	not all people can afford all things. i believe in user pay, including ferries and planes. the other option is free rides for folks who can't bother
20	On Texada there is no alternative to the car. High ferry fares are killing the island.
21	remind the government our ferries are our highways, and should be treated as such
22	Keep up the fight to have ferries considered part of our highway system, and therefore an essential service.
23	Revamp ferry system to give local residents a price break. Increase transportation subsidy from gov. Improve bike lanes. Improve rural bus & hitch.
24	Replace island ferry; make resident fares more affordable (the sea is our highway).
25	-work for lower ferry fares -call for service small bus for evenings and weekends
26	build bridges to texada island and vancouver island
27	Seriously consider the road out, improve the airport, ask for resident cards for the ferries not a preloaded card, not affordable for many
28	We all know that people are never satisfied with the wage they make so costs of ferries will go up. Fuel will kill us.
29	Include ferries in the Dept. of highways and run them within that dept. They will never be free but could be funded as highways with tolls
30	Better bus service, and bicycle lanes, and buy the ferry.
31	Re-establish 'resident subsidies' to offset projected increases. Ferries should be looked upon as our road system
32	Restore government run the ferry service. Get people to use city buses. Extend runs to Saltery Baby (coordinated with ferry schedule) and to Lund.
33	Issue residency cards to get a break on ferries
34	We are part of the highway system and pay road taxes, the ferries should be FREE !!!!! for RESIDENTS !!! HIGH TIME to build a ROAD !!!!!
35	Lower ferry fares Review concept of road access to avoid ferry monopoly
36	Stop increases to ferry fares above the rate of inflation.
37	Replace most of the bus fleet with mini busses. They seem to run empty most times. Use savings to lower fares.






38	Get government to assume direct control of the ferry corporation.
39	encourage the BC Govt to treat the ferries as they do the roads, ie. fund them properly, instead of privatising and paying Hahn top \$ while there's no
40	Improve the ferry system
41	Try to get the same deal as the Kootenay lake ferry. We are part of the Provincial highway system
42	fight to keep ferry rates down with good service still prvd. More bus to outlying areas of PR, Island + Van. Encourage bike riders and have safe lanes
43	Reclaim the ferry system as a SERVICE.
44	Reasonable cost of ferry service.
45	Cheaper ferry cost to visit family Nanaimo and Victoria
46	Lobby harder for lower ferry fares. Small shuttle buses to ferry terminals.
47	Massive cuts to ferry fares. Why should we pay to use our hiway. Allow dogs on public transit. I only drive because I take my dog to parks
48	get a road
49	Have smaller buses in town. they should run every 20 minutes, in the morning and afer 2.30 and have quick connections.
50	Cost reduction.
51	The ferry should be docked in Powell River. Affordable fares. Young people have moved away due to the cost and inconvenience of the ferry times.
52	On Joyce, the 3 lane setup is danferous for bike riders. Have one footpath for bikes, the other for pedestrians- or widen footpaths.
53	The ferry is part of our highway - we need resident cards again to get a discount on fares, going both to Vancouver Island & to Vancouver.
54	reduce ferry costs by returning the ferry system to the dept of highways
55	Lower ferry prices
56	reduce prices and increase times of travel
57	make government realize that the ferries are our highway and make them affordable
58	Ferry fares and cost of gas should not increase anymore.
59	Protest, write letters, etc. to the Ferry Bd and the Government - maybe one day they will wake up & give the residents of PR a much deserved break.
60	the over size buss'could meet Saltery ferries and go Lund 2 X daily. Smaller buss' & more of them. Overland hiway to the lower mainland via Squamish
61	moe bike lanes in pr
62	The ferry service should be part of the highway system the same as it is in the interior where they have alternate choices.
63	We should have free ferry transport in and out of the Sunshine Coast as we are on a main highway.
64	More and improved bicycle lanes in the City as well as N. and S. along the hwy. The BC Ferry Corp. is not working for us, it needs to be changed.
65	Raise your political awareness. Get involved.
66	Bike lane for seniors on motorized scooters
67	Reduce ferry fares
68	Encourage people to leave their cars at home by having better transportation options then exist now. Bike lanes, Open up Manson Ave. to thee highway.

33.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	3	3.33%
GOOD: 	31	34.44%
FAIR: 	41	45.56%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	9	10%
POOR: 	6	6.67%
Total Responded to this question:	90	91.84%
Total who skipped this question:	8	8.16%
Total:	98	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: 	1	1.1%
GOOD: 	25	27.47%
FAIR: 	41	45.05%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	9	9.89%
POOR: 	15	16.48%
Total Responded to this question:	91	92.86%
Total who skipped this question:	7	7.14%
Total:	98	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:	45	100%
Total Responded to this question:	45	45.92%
Total who skipped this question:	53	54.08%
Total:	98	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	These questions should have had another answer. I don't know!
2	education practice sessions in residential areas
3	Don't know
4	Public meetings re earthquake survival
5	are the bridges safe? what is the plan for earthquakes? are the volunteers ready and willing, and knowledgeable? where are the likely problems?
6	we are at the end of a complex distribution chain and therefore vulnerable
7	More frequent public awareness efforts
8	Don't know enough about #34. Individual responsibility, including my own, is weak. Getting people out to PEP events/training sessions is key.
9	Just had one bout of vandalism at Dinner Rock . More visible effective police presence.
10	more individual emergency training needed
11	We need laws, which are enforced, to punish folks who do this. Our justice system is a "joke". Our police do a good job, it is judges at fault.
12	Wish I knew!
13	support the new youth resource centre
14	34 - don't have the tools to answer 35 - no city large or small is equipped to handle any major emergency or catastrophe
15	I am not aware of any plans on Texada
16	make sure support services are trained for emergencies
17	Provide on-going information to the population regarding services available during major emergencies.
18	upgrade structures needed to support the community in an emergency; fire halls, areas to house/feed people, availability of local electrical power
19	Be more aggressive in enforcing laws applicable to drug pushers and users.
20	-on the job and in the school training in first aid and emergency procedures
21	am unaware of what we have so no opinion
22	We are pretty safe and secure here.
23	Create food and transportation self-sufficiency. Lots of planning and discussion of this, imagining eventualities.
24	Sorry...no expertise !!
25	Continue to inform people re disaster planning
26	Crack down on poor driving habits - failure to stop at stop signs, use signals and speeding
27	Establish Truck/dangerous goods route from new barge terminal eastbound up improved road that is now tunneled under Marine Ave/Hwy 101 north.
28	ferries contd. Push for an elevator on the ferries- each of them. the pop. is aging, and portapotties are a short-term fix. Upstairs good food might h
29	Education in the event of a major forest fire
30	More information on what to do in emerg situations. More volunteer training programs make it visible and often
31	Have the police office open to the public like it was many years ago
32	more public phones for those of us who do not have cell phones.
33	more police patrols at night when drunks and vandals are active.
34	Many communities publish an emergency booklet. What radio station will broadcast emergency info, where are the emergency centers? I don't know.
35	Try to get more people trained to handle the emergency situations.
36	Have a community plan and make it available to the residents.
37	encourage small neighbourhood gatherings
38	Residents must be educated and notified of the ways to deal with major emergencies. Residents must be provided or required to have Emergency Kits.

39	Public education sessions, check-lists to each household, & information in brief form so that people will read and participate in safety & security.
40	An access/escape route from this land locked city is needed. Again an overland hiway.
41	I believe some of the anti-social behaviour could be remedied by better mental health interventions and supports. ie for FAS
42	Ban the drug dealers and the motor bikes that speed
43	Don't know
44	Get drug addicts into rehab centres.
45	Regular drills for earth quakes. Help low income people with costs for earth quake supplies. Work on alcohol

36.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	28	29.17%
GOOD:	60	62.5%
FAIR:	8	8.33%
BELOW AVERAGE:	0	0%
POOR:	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	96	97.96%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.04%
Total:	98	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	83	100%
Total Responded to this question:	83	84.69%
Total who skipped this question:	15	15.31%
Total:	98	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	natural amenities Music Academy VIU
2	Climate, variety of activities, affordable housing, a variety of interesting people, great medical services for the size of the community, etc.
3	Recreational facilities; arts and culture; beautiful scenery; climate; access to both salt and fresh water activities...sailing, boating, etc.
4	friendships , geographical position, arts & culture
5	Our beautiful environment and physical surroundings And the general friendliness of the people
6	Climate, friendly citizens. Academy of Music. Complex.
7	the ORIGINAL phillosophy of the ORIGINAL mill owners the multi-cultural backgrounds the fine arts that WERE in schools and community
8	availabilty of affordable housing, clean enviroment, good medical and education services, arts and culture availability
9	good housing and good neighbours in a proud neighbourhood
10	The overall good access to services and very safe environment combined with clean air and beautiful surroundings
11	Isolation from big city, excellent medical care, relatively inexpensive housing, strong emphasis on local food production
12	Location and cost of living
13	Scenery, Music and culture, Education system , Farmers Markets
14	MOSTLY ORDINARY PEOPLE
15	fresh air and places to play (hike, swin, fish)
16	Our natural environment.
17	Gradual reduction of paper products at Catalyst; particularly when pulp mill closed.
18	Very little. Not near as good as it was 30 years ago. Home taxes to high. harbor fees too high for retirees.
19	Our setting and surrounding areas are spectacular. We have a rich cultural community. We have sports in abundance. Govt. is accessible.
20	fresh air-hiking, biking, walking trails arts and music excellent treatment of our special needs adults and we are working on discrimination issues
21	Pretty much everything that is Powell River - I can think of little I would want to change except for the incessant negativity of the vocal minority
22	environment oppportunities ocean and mountains social attitudes
23	Texada has many committed people willing to help others.
24	the people and of course our fantastic location among nature
25	Good air quality, good water quality, less crime than major centres, good climate and relative remoteness promotes great quality of life.
26	The west coast is a natural paradise. Canada is a just and free country. BC has a relatively small population.
27	Weather, forests, lakes, ocean, trails, complex, Academy, schools
28	The people.
29	The people
30	big business telling us whats good for us,and getting away with it
31	climate good neighbours country living slow development
32	Being a retired senior, the wages made during the good times in Powell River in the past.
33	There is something for everyone
34	Local groups like Transition Town, Food Security, and Water Watch. The hiking trails.
35	Lack of major 'Idiot Fringe' and major crime influx
36	compassion, cooperation
37	Freindship
38	Low level of population, low traffic
39	Safe environment, good weatrher
40	The reduction of air pollution from Powell River paper mill.

41	mother nature
42	Safety, and the small town atmosphere and general friendliness
43	cost of housing size of community
44	Relatively small city.
45	close access to wilderness and wonderfully maintained trails for me
46	the people and the environment
47	The people and their willingness to act to improve the quality of life for each other.
48	A healthy community, mixed groups of people, caring volunteers, all programs, the great outdoors. The history + the value people place on protecting it
49	Community services, amazingly strong desire in many people to make things happen no matter how much effort it takes.
50	Fresh air good water and access to natural beauty.
51	The view of the ocean from most of the homes
52	keeping land-grabbing developers at bay. Farmers feed the land. Protect and promote agriculture, clean water and clean air.
53	natural beauty, affordable housing and access to cultural events
54	the people
55	Friendliness of people and all the volunteers that are involved in so many worth while venues.
56	Mild winters.
57	Good climate Easy-going atmosphere Trails & other outdoor recreation opportunities
58	Access to top rate medical facilities.
59	Great caring friendly people. Lots of outdoor activities. Recreation complex.
60	Relatively low crime rate. Good climate.
61	The lack of hustle and bustle and traffic Love the daily view of the ocean. Friendly people and great neighbors.
62	The slower pace here - everyone isn't rushing around.
63	small town, arts and culture opportunities, volunteerism opportunities
64	The forests and the ocean and the friendly people.
65	getting to know people and participating in volunteer activities
66	the people
67	Clean air, friendly people, churches, community organizations and natural beauty.
68	Peaceful, not crowded, knowing your neighbour, accessibility to hospital, schools, supermarkets, banks, recreation, parks, and the church.
69	The caring people.
70	Sunshine Coast Trail. Access to lakes and hiking trails. The new north harbour. West Jet coming into Comox. The choral groups. Recreation centre.
71	still has "island mentality
72	The area in which we live, good climate, lots of sports and culture.
73	affordability
74	safe area to raise children
75	The efforts of the people of PR themselves, and the efforts of the previous owners of the mill..ie PR company and MB
76	I feel more relaxed here, less stress. I have gained many new friends and I have a beautiful view of the ocean. This is heaven.
77	Powell River is a small friendly community powered by committed volunteers in all areas of activities.
78	sports
79	Isolation
80	Isolation. The mill (Jobs!!)
81	Beautiful location
82	Access to great outdoors, good medical services, fine churches, emphasis on the Arts and influence of the Academy of Music.
83	Good neighbours

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?

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	49	100%
Total Responded to this question:	49	50%
Total who skipped this question:	49	50%
Total:	98	100%

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?

Response	Response Text
1	Volunteers are great and seem to increase all the time.
2	keeping the old arena site agreement to build a new intermedite care facility cat scan
3	The inclusion of more teenage youth getting involved in local issues and the inclusion of foreign students coming on exchange arrangements
4	Can,t think of anything
5	schools are beginning to encourage students to more participation in the community, the environment, the ecology
6	clean enviroment
7	the arrival of the smaller transit buses
8	The improvement of city roads and hopefully soon to be completed ferry dock/harbour
9	More local food production . Attempts to clean up some of the dreadful neglected spaces in our town . We should all be working together on this.
10	THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LOCAL FOOD.
11	more bus service
12	Increase in price of gas and food so that people realize we must have locally produced food and green transport.
13	Cannot think of anything.
14	youth community centre-need a youth hostel now sharing surplus food
15	Cat Scan and PAC system. Also harbour improvements - great start - hope efforts continue using Campbell River as our model.
16	improved parks, and gardens such as Joyce and Manson gardens, and cleanup of Parsons Pt on Cranberry Lake
17	Construction of Kiwanis extention and approval for Olive Devaud to be rebuilt.
18	Transition Town has grown in interest and impact. Plutonic Power P.R. brainwashing has left town.
19	Food Security Programme.
20	- greater cooperation and unnderstaning with Sliammon
21	joined more organizations, met many more people who had same interests
22	nothing that I can stress highly.
23	I'm a hiker, I see new people using our trails all the time. I hope they don't spoil them all with logging. They are doing a pretty good job of it.
24	The visit of Naomi Klein attracted such a huge crowd that it became obvious that progressive politics could really take off in Powell River.
25	Not really...sad to say.
26	Wonderful volunteers Nice to see municipal public landscaping improvements
27	?????????
28	Improvements in choice among retail stores. Better stores and services in Powell River means less ferry travel needed to make important purchases.
29	Tim Hortons
30	no
31	Quality Foods
32	cat scan
33	The Focus on growing food and educating people about food and being self sufficient here in PR. Art Tours Garden Tours Programs and festivals in park
34	Opening of Max Cameron Theatre. Increase in Mother Goose offerings. Orca bus.
35	Road improvement. Less logging locally would be better.
36	A lot more stores open
37	City created an off leash park for dogs and people to socialize
38	CAT scan.

39	Two grandchildren!
40	Getting the seawalk done, sprucing up the area at Willingdon Beach - all the flowers around town & the home owners trying to keep their yards neat.
41	possibly the CAT scan machine and being included in the bowel cancer survey
42	No - my own increasing disability reduces the equality of my life
43	Transit system in the city of PR.
44	Good supply of clean water.
45	The bringing of more performances to Max Cameron Theatre.
46	North harbour reonovation.
47	community centre
48	senior centre
49	not a thing it is worse, let's be honest about that






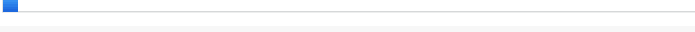
39. How old are you?

	Responses	Percent
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31 - 40: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
41 - 50: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
51 - 65: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
65 or older: <input checked="" type="text"/>	98	100%
Total Responded to this question:		98 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		98 100%

40. Which sex are you?

	Responses	Percent
Male:	42	43.75%
Female:	54	56.25%
Total Responded to this question:	96	97.96%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.04%
Total:	98	100%

41. Where do you live?

	Responses	Percent
City of Powell River: 	69	70.41%
Regional District - North: 	3	3.06%
Regional District - South: 	15	15.31%
Sliammon: 	3	3.06%
Texada: 	6	6.12%
Somewhere else (temporary or seasonal resident): 	2	2.04%
Total Responded to this question:		98 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		98 100%