






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	
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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: 	17	4.28%
GOOD: 	161	40.55%
FAIR: 	161	40.55%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	48	12.09%
POOR: 	10	2.52%
Total Responded to this question:	397	97.07%
Total who skipped this question:	12	2.93%
Total:	409	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:	215	100%
Total Responded to this question:	215	52.57%
Total who skipped this question:	194	47.43%
Total:	409	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	Increase taxation on the wealthy Amalgamate City, Regional & School District governments Invest in community literacy
2	Better bus service. Replacement for Olive Deveaux
3	living wage affordable housing affordable healthy food
4	more jobs
5	Attract more business to the area to provide employment opportunities.
6	Pay more than the bare minimum wage- and government (municipal as well) should support a living wage, as opposed to standing idly by.
7	Housing affordability, build affordable housing work are attracting industry that can provide good paying jobs
8	increase minimum wage to a 'living wage' increase social assistance amounts for individuals and families allow those on assistance to earn money
9	more community fund raising events
10	more low rental housing
11	Create programs that inspire people to be all they can be.
12	More availability of low income housing, more support for daycare so that parents can go to work, improved Mental Health care and availability.
13	Assuming there is a gap, since we all have definitions of rich and poor.
14	Job creation and training. Cuts to hand outs.
15	Provide affordable housing for people living on a disability pension, particularly those who suffer from a mental illness.
16	Increase and improve awareness of the problem provide affordable housing options
17	low cost housing
18	decent low income housing needed !!!!
19	Affordable housing. Youth housing.
20	Give school-age kids extra support required (food,tutoring,counselling, mentoring) to break the poverty cycle.Parent(s) provided with work for welfare
21	encourage the CRC with donations of food and time; encourage community gardens; decent low income housing interspersed through the community
22	Let the rich help the poor for a while. It always seems to be those folks who have had struggles in the past that help the needy. Not the rich.
23	Employment opportunities help the poor the most; the wealthier are in a position to influence public policy so can help by making business welcome
24	long term health care has a long / arbitrary waiting list
25	Need to build more services for the elderly as that is what this community is becoming and to keep their \$ here.
26	consider the influx of income assisted people without jobs
27	1. Create new community projects (& support existing ones) with a strong orientation towards social justice. 2. Topple neoliberalism.
28	Probably not possible but reducing the stranglehold of unions on the economy would be a great beginning.
29	Be more selective with who achieves income assistance
30	-provide more affordable housing for individuals living under the poverty line
31	increase taxes, at the provincial and federal levels, on top earners and corporations. ease the tax burden on the 'middle class'
32	need low cost housing, supported housing as well. The food bank could be better, although I think they are trying to improve.
33	Provide more decent low-income rental housing and perhaps some co-operative housing.
34	We need basic industry employment that will provide jobs that pay a decent wage that will enable our children to stay and start their own families.
35	We need to tackle the drug problem in Powell River to really start getting anywhere. Also, young children & families living in poverty.
36	Welcome large employers and discourage local business from unjustified inflated prices
37	Elect Councillors who listen!
38	Sports fees

39	We should be working towards getting all people employed. Wages need to improve here. Too low to live on. Cost of living is in fact dearer here.
40	Provide skills training, including basic skills training and computer training.
41	Provide additional lo-cost housing, senior-oriented community housing
42	Stop labelling and stigmatization. Educate people about difference. Raise welfare rates. More community food gardens. Hire the poor, not the rich.
43	make more programs and services available that are not cost prohibitive
44	Create jobs. Increase access to education for low/mid income families. Strengthen the college/trades programs in PR. Business training.
45	Affordable housing
46	Increase employment and wages; affordable (nice) housing, such as housing cooperatives; funding for seniors medical & hospice services.
47	There should be a "I don't know" option for the first question. I cannot answer it accurately.
48	provide low-cost housing
49	Affordable housing (buying, not renting as rent is very affordable here). More quality jobs.
50	job creation and sustainability...get away from being a retirement community.be progressive,get rid of big industry!start thinking about youth employ.
51	Create more affordable housing Create a bartering network Create a tool-sharing network Create community gardens in every community (labour for food)
52	more jobs
53	Need more and better paying jobs that don't cost us the environment.
54	Shut down PREDS and get a really skilled economic development person on staff at the City, so economic opportunities can be developed for Powell River
55	Bring in some Medium Density Business's and stop the influx of places like Walmart Canadian Tire,McDonalds who only give their employees 3 days of wor
56	Address homelessness Diversify the economy (we need new business and jobs)
57	Focus on employment so that everyone can use their abilities, however limited, to earn income and self-esteem.
58	Provide day care for struggling single parents. Children should never be refused entry to the Complex because of inability to pay.
59	I know of nothing being done other than the food bank.
60	Give incentives and public recognition to small businesses and other employers who offer employment or mentoring for the poor.
61	more reasonably priced housing for low income individuals families
62	Get rid of the Provincial Liberals, and Federal Cons
63	Improve the staff response at the food bank Stop charging more for out of town to use the Complex.
64	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
65	Give a little more. It actually feels good.
66	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.
67	Dig down where we stand and do our own thing: set up our own currency, engage in barter, support local communications and social activities.
68	Financial support to small business to create jobs. People need to work. An economic deveopment agency that delivers jobs, not just big box stores
69	Encourage business and industry
70	-provide more low cost housing. -work to provide more work experience and jobs for young adults with learning problems.
71	nothing
72	We need a homeless shelter, which would help the very poor.
73	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.
74	Identify those at risk Focus on education and empowerment, esp if young Make this situation more visible.
75	-don't encourage displays of extravagant wealth where possible -continue to encourage new jobs, especially environmentally sustainable ones
76	Stop pretending poor and homeless don't exist in PR Ask the poor and homeless what would help them, instead of doing it for them or to them.
77	Encourage local investment to create jobs, do MUCH more to encourage new businesses, esp. young adults.
78	We need to address the issue of homelessness.
79	low rent subsidized housing
80	school supplies provided with enrollment. more seniors aid improvised, e.g. grocery allowance for low income seniors in way of food card etc.
81	Keep necessary things affordable for the poor. For those in dire need have more services available.
82	Develop workfare and training for all able-bodied people; and provide daycare for single mums in the program.

83 Affordable housing.As a landlord I have tried to keep my rentals affordable but am forced to increase costs due to high taxes.Curb taxes.

84 activity and eduction opportunities for low income families organized volunteer opportunities for seniors or others who would galdly give their time

85 More free concerts or free tickets given out to the poor. Less demands on poor parents for field trips and extras. Home repairs subsidized.

86 Work to prevent environmental and economic disaster or provide shelter in the worst case. Provide affordable housing, heating, and local food.

87 Attempt to create more meaningful jobs with better than subsistence payscales.

88 Community sharing, cooperation, responsibility

89 Stop the Ministry from importing dysfunctional people into our community

90 reduce property taxes !!!! on LOW income seniors

91 Promote business better

92 not sure

93 Work at ways to create more jobs - get people employed via training and education.

94 I think awareness helps people act or do something. I feel that people are not aware of how many there really is here.

95 Stimulate the economy and create more jobs for young families. The town is being over run by rich retirees from other provinces and pushing out locals

96 Lobby for people on Income Assistance to be able to work part time without being penalized. Not very motivating to find work if you don't make money.

97 More environmentally friendly jobs, but it's a small town so that's likely not possible.

98 Work towards a living wage policy. Support micro business development. Ensure a local economic base that keeps wealth circulating within the region.

99 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

100 Housing Food Mental health Transportation

101 self help programs and practical training

102 education - more support in classrooms opportunities for teens

103 Create more jobs. Allow more business and industry to come in. I know of a few people who tried and have been turned down or too many barriers raised

104 Address housing issues for low income folks.

105 Community awareness, programs communicating and co-ordinating a unified approach

106 tax breaks for low income, housing that is above sub-par for low income families and also more financial support for single parents who need to work 3

107 More low income housing. Better paid jobs Higher taxation (seniors with) high income Free recreation for low income More healthy food for less

108 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.

109 This question infers that rich = wealthy, a view to which I don't subscribe. To be truly wealthy, one must have health, happiness, a sense of wellbein

110 The ferries have a control on our highway. There are no jobs here,people need to go else where for employment. Very hard to operate a business here.

111 Employment for individuals displaced from forest industry downturn. Many of the people displaced have little or no skills outside of logging jobs.

112 Housing. Job preparation.

113 increase funding and services

114 I see far less of a gap here than in the city (Vancouver). I'm aware of various ways this is already being done here.

115 Communal events- community barbeques, casual sports events(drop-in beach volleyball/softball) Music + food= community

116 Employment opportunities Education support and training support for people that are at a disadvantage

117 Healthy meal programs in schools - not PAC oriented.

118 Raise minimum wage

119 1. Get the ferry fares Lowered. 2. Fine away that discounts coupons can be made available for middle to low class people.

120 more affordable housing options for seniors more employment opportunities for 20 somethings that pay a livable wage

121 Try to encourage more industry to come to Powell River to create more jobs

122 more attention to providing food to students in schools

123 organize more free or low cost family bbq's luncheons, soup kitchens etc. ensure kids are getting a good meal at least once a day.

124 Giving rental properties tax breaks in exchange for lower rental costs. Also a neighborhood improvement insentive would be beneficial

125 Cheap housing made available to people and knowing about it rather than only through Welfare as there are working poor and they are more deserving.

126 Run the poor out of town, they are a drain on the local economy .

127 Affordable housing Jobs Training

128 Education is key in making people aware of how they are treating others not of the same economic/cultural identity of themself.

129 nothing if the poor want more money they should try harder

130 Have more affordable housing supply small loans or grants to start small business

131 more seniors housing is necessary. A two year wait list for assisted living is unacceptable.

132 more low income housing for lower income and include seniors more community involvement with food bank

133 encourage jobs by encouraging growth

134 Have social workers assist the above to budget their monies, to grocery shop economically, etc.

135 Targeted employment-readiness programs Job-creation initiatives Save the Powell River Community Resource Centre Inclusiveness initiatives

136 Paying the correct wage for positions of responsibility. Taxes here for the services received are far too high including property tax and natural gas

137 Too many paid social workers (read they are part of the rich) doling out allowances for the poor. This furthers us and their attitude of the masses.

138 Ensure services are easy to locate.

139 Provide caring people who really understand the person when they listen to the person, their problems etc. as they try to help the low individual.

140 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?

141 provide affordable rental housing have a used furniture store make food bank more accessible and available

142 Lesson the disposal of perishable items thrown away in supermarket chains by encouraging them to give these items to the poor (food banks etc).

143 stop merchants from gouging consumers. just because it is a ferry ride to shop else where is no excuse for these high prices!

144 Start with making a list of criteria for persons running for mayor or councillor. They are the decision makers.

145 Stop pretending that we don't have a cadre of corrupt business people who control and influence so much of the local development

146 That's life. Stop fretting about it. Those who show initiative or work ethic usually come out ahead.

147 I never use these services, so I have no idea. First Nations should be getting help from Sliammon/Federal Govt. Not leeching on provincial services.

148 Why should we? People who want government assistance (handouts) should be willing to do some community service.

149 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

150 Ferry cards for low income families

151 More low rental housing - especially for seniors - ranch type dwellings for people with disabilities.

152 pay for education if on income assistance.

153 Pay more attention to the poorer people, listen to their problems and concerns, don't let council push them around, ignore what they are saying...

154 I have no car. We need crosswalks on Joyce & better pedestrian access to Town Centre mall area. we need bike paths, cheaper bus fares, more access.

155 Better low cost housing, more rental units in the low to mid range income area. Better communication between the two extremes.

156 As the largest amount of \$ from a fixed, and/or low income goes to housing, there needs to be housing set up for people to live in healthy/safe homes

157 Affordable housing Subsidized transit Stop City's user-pay philosophy Eliminate property flat tax Facilities and events in all parts of town

158 Stop the tendency of certain interest groups who are more concerned about property values from creating divisions within the town.

159 Better public transportation, more attention to sidewalks and walkways. Lower property taxes! Better schools in poorer neighbourhoods (Wildwood and To

160 what caused the 'gap'? is it the disappearance of the middle class? if so, the solution is obvious.

161 Those in poverty depend on income from federal and provincial funds. In Powell River municipal funds may be made available to subsidize needs

162 stop giving huge wage increases to all the public sector people. retired people don't get those increases so the gap widens.

163 Desperately need affordable housing in our community. This means accommodation under the \$200,000 or low cost rental.

164 more subsidized housing. income assistance increase to poverty level.

165 Low income housing Create part-time employment

166 - lower housing costs to low income families - more financial help to low income families/individuals ie pharmaceuticals, housing, bills, etc.

167 Income Assistance is too low for the disabled to live on.

168 Cost of living (groceries, transportation, accommodation, etc) are high here.

169 support groups for immigrant families unified/organized groups that are funded social groups more support for children to partake in

enrichment activ

170 Housing for the elderly, ... an up-dated Nursing Home ...affordable housing.

171 Social programs available and known.

172 The City should promote, protect and encourage the small businesses in the community

173 Stop giving senior discounts. I think there are more young families that need a break with ferry and grocery costs etc. than seniors.

174 Job Training Educational Assistance Eliminate tax loopholes for the wealthiest

175 taxes on the rich home owners

176 Promote and allow more business development - town needs more employers & more jobs

177 Make sure there are programs in place to support low income workers and single mothers that are well publisized and easily accessed.

178 Build more low cost housing and low cost care facilities - both being not for profit driven.

179 There is a need to access services outside of Powell River. Low incomes result from the lack of jobs or opportunities for young people.

180 housing and volunteer network for community credit

181 Robin Hood? ensure everyone has access to quality health care and recreational opportunities.

182 Participate in creating well paying employment opportunities.

183 -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?!

184 Offer more low-income housing alternatives.

185 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 conveninies.

186 Promote, support and develop Powell River's attractiveness to seniors, general retirees, and home-based business people.

187 Support the ongoing funding and operations of the CRC and YRC would be a great start.

188 for the age bracket of 55-60 and when someone is totally new to Powell River, more help in acquiring work and bus passes or tickets if can't walk

189 give incentives to developers to address the issue of affordable housing...allow home owners to build carriage housing

190 Some of the "poor" are in that condition because of self choice of lifestyle and priorities.

191 Help educate people that to get a good paying job they need to graduate and take further education, such as college, university, BCIT and trades.

192 Return of the middle class for healthy economy

193 Housing

194 Try to provide community jobs for unemployed or under employed people.

195 Communication - close the gap - neither is superior or inferior of the other. When we get that - we'll move forward.

196 Invest 20 million dollars in projects for the poor, which is a similar amount that was invested for a marina for the rich. That would be a start

197 Co -op/ low income housing

198 need more good restraunts to attract more tourists. They do not even have a seafood restraunt in Powell river. This would create more jobs.

199 subsidized/social housing

200 We are new to Powell River as of July, but it seems any service available in New Westminster is also here. The CRC is a great idea.

201 housing!

202 provide true low income/subsidized housing for poor people that is well made and a person or persons would be proud to live there.

203 More jobs. Better political awareness and education.

204 Communication

205 Better housing for low income and seniors

206 Powell River food banks should be open in the summer while kids are out of school food costs group.

207 It's better than many towns I've lived in.

208 Single parent families can barely make ends meet on EI. Food banks can't provide enough to make ends meet.

209 Increase the minimum wage

210 We need to address the working poor issues where by individuals can only find part time employment that doesn't pay benefits.

211 1st, BC welfare needs to be increased. PR could provide food stamps and more low income housing. Maybe the rich could help support low income families






212 Start being more economically inclusive. We need to reach a broader spectrum of the poor. Listen to people. Stop paying lip service. Better programs.

213 make more money available to start micro business.



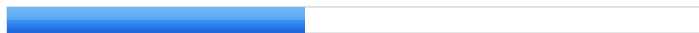


214 Support and encourage education Affordable housing Keep our good mental health services

215 keep jobs in Powell River. tax on outside contractors or suppliers. job creation and incentives and education.

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: 	1	0.25%
GOOD: 	85	20.99%
FAIR: 	206	50.86%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	94	23.21%
POOR: 	19	4.69%
Total Responded to this question:	405	99.02%
Total who skipped this question:	4	0.98%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	13	3.23%
GOOD: 	145	36.07%
FAIR: 	171	42.54%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	63	15.67%
POOR: 	10	2.49%
Total Responded to this question:	402	98.29%
Total who skipped this question:	7	1.71%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	274	100%
Total Responded to this question:	274	66.99%
Total who skipped this question:	135	33.01%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Improve community literacy Create a university concentrating on fine arts and incorporating the Powell River Academy of Music Build a cultural centre
2	Reduce dependence on mill - encourage PR as an outdoor adventure destination Enhance opportunities for retirees Hiway to lower mainland
3	living wage employment for youth to raise families and stay in town training options
4	make taxes affordable to attract bi businesses sness
5	Develop features that appeal to the growing population of retirees. There's not better place in Canada for them to live.
6	Strengthen the local economy and move away from the 'Big Box Solution' which takes money out of the community. Encourage people to actually live here.
7	truly open for buisness at City Hall Attract new Industry external marketing of Powell River lower ferry rates better ferry connections
8	Jobs, in order to attract families.
9	more attention to sustainability and food and water security lower ferry fares more attention to how to make this a retirement and tourist destinatio
10	reduce transportation costs, tax breaks for new business's to relocate here
11	bring in new industries!
12	more investment. Council to reduce the red tape for new investors and businesses and ACTIVELY encourage and support new initaivaes
13	try and get another industry going
14	We need ot focus more on tourism and move away from being a mill town.
15	listen to the people, more open minded as far as "green" industry goes, incentives for small business owners.
16	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.
17	We should have a nursing school here. We have the property right beside the hospital. Incentives for professionals.
18	We need to attract business, and help ensure their success rather than put obstacles in their way.
19	Improve our governance and public relationships. Improve the transparency of our local government Reduce our dependency on the Mill
20	Substantial improvement in transportation in and out of the community. Such an improvement is improbable based on a rather low population base
21	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
22	Reduce ferry fares and keep them that way. Offer tax incentives for new businesses to come here. Encourage people to shop locally, farm locally etc.
23	Concentrate on Tourism, eco friendly businesses and sustainably green light industry. Emphasis on quality of environment and not on logging everywher
24	small business start up help for people who did not receive EI
25	Reduce ferry fares & improve sheduled connections to Vancouver.Expand University offerings to draw students from out of town.
26	community identification and engagement - shop at home, support local farmers and other green initiatives, retain the beauty and peace = attraction
27	Lower ferry costs. It would encourage folks to come here and spend money
28	improve business climate; control city depts apparent lack of business sense
29	add to the focus of the development in diferent directions---eg establish a private university campus and use it to establish areas of excellence
30	Need to develop another industry other than the mill.
31	Secondary industries that manufacture items - too many minimum wage service jobs
32	Stop funding PRREDS. Devote funds to microfinancing, cooperatives, and other democratic and PR-centric enterprises.
33	Encourage any and all secondary business which will provide employment and a future for young people
34	Address the "old boys club" political mentality - allow competition. Kudos, though, for going after BC Ferries
35	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.
36	Invite new businesses to open here with less red tape. Listen to all people not just the native community and the tree huggers. we

	need new busines
37	-diversifying our economic base -keeping the ferries (our highway) affordable
38	continue developing PR as a food sufficient community
39	Attracting new business that could pay decent wages - unfortunately I have no idea what that could be! Too many minimum wage jobs here
40	Jobs for people who are educated and skilled, especially in the knowledge sector. Most jobs advertised seem to be for minimum wage, low-skilled jobs.
41	Support farmers and tourist industry. Protect spawning creeks.
42	reliable and affordable transportation in and out of the community that will enable businesses to make a profit by setting up operations here
43	Small businesses need better support. Too much red tape and bylaws effect small businesses.
44	Lower ferry fares. More employment
45	Powell River needs to let go of the past and invite new businesses and attractions
46	we have to do something about the ferries & the cost of doing business in this community. The gas & grocery prices are just too high.
47	We need to attract several mid-sized businesses to the area and we need to improve tourism. Mid-sized businesses rely on lower ferry rates.
48	Same comment as previous
49	More middle income jobs and opportunities
50	Tourism and employing the younger generation. Not enough trades employed here. Need business park! Too much anti light industry..
51	Training for young single men and single mothers Subsidized treatment centre for addictions Help local business bid on large projects
52	Find a niche market beyond the forestry industry. Explore wind power, tidal power
53	Organic small farms/food gardens. Tourism. Environmental awareness. Protect our water, land and air. Encourage small to medium sized businesses.
54	Attract new businesses who are "exporting" out of Powell River. Support existing businesses who are already doing this. Improve PREDS!
55	Attract more businesses and making it easier for them to do business; promote and support tourism; send a strong message concerning high ferry fares
56	more businesses/employment opportunities needed
57	change ferry system- too expensive - this is reflected in cost of goods and services and people are not able to afford rising costs
58	take action to address the high cost of raising a family or purchasing goods & services in an isolated community.
59	Get a (new) council that really understands what innovative means and to shift toward green and sustainable business/personal practices.
60	Sustainability plan that includes the health and wellbeing of all ages and the environment we all share
61	SO long as the ferry prices don;t keep going up..if they do we will be a ghost town
62	An economy not dependent on successful operation of one large industry, such as the mill. Instead, tourism, organic farming/education, arts, etc.
63	Attract real businesses. Not low paying tourist or retail jobs. Businesses that produce, manufacture or provide a service remotely.
64	development of tourism industry cultural development beautification of town centre
65	Tourism!!! Down town area needs a clean up...pretty up...needs work!
66	Lower ferry costs.
67	tourism,and education,entertainment...how about some culture?localize!create an attractive city!grow,this town feels like a mill town circa 1978...
68	encourage small home based business. Less red tape.
69	Local currency would be EXTREMELY beneficial! Bartering network for businesses and homeowners. Education/awareness program to encourage local shopping
70	a new enterprise or business model
71	My God! Can we please get residential property taxes under control?! No more sweet deals for polluting Catalyst. And PRSC is a nightmare.
72	See # 2.
73	Change the community's leadership, including city council, PRREDS, etc. These people seem to be stuck in an old paradigm; we need democratic leaders.
74	MEDUIM SIZE BUSINESS
75	Attract new business. Make City Hall approachable. What can we do to assist a new business, don't throw roadblocks up.
76	Attracting businesses to the city and helping them succeed rather than hindering them.
77	Keep the town green and less urban. Do NOT sell out to polluting industries. Our future lies in our town being friendly safe and clean.
78	Need to be more open to new compaines coming in
79	Continue to encourage new business by smoothing the way for investors. Cut red tape.

80 assistance for new business owners to help them be successful, support new ideas for economic growth (change can be good)

81 Diversification, green energy manufacturing, leverage industrial waterfront for an industry manufactures here and that ships around the world

82 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

83 Once again, education is key and we could start with an expanded library. Being near the top on the provincial illiteracy scale speaks volumes!

84 Focus on tourism, less on big industry.

85 Cut prices a bit. We are not Vancouver.

86 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

87 For me, it's my effort to kickstart a publishing industry. For the whole community, it's the abandonment of the old notion of "attracting" business.

88 community cohesion around issues of sustainability (cultural, economic, educational etc)

89 need to broaden our tax base by attracting new business, small light industry.

90 We need a vision & market the heck out of it. An alternative, affordable, artistic, cool community to visit and live- marketed across the world

91 diversify the economic activity base support and promote sustainable activity - especially in agriculture, value-added food production, localvore.

92 Think outside the box and make more progressive decisions.

93 More jobs in sectors that encourage our young people to stay here.

94 solidify PR as a retirement centre

95 Mayor and council could stop acting like they own the city and start listening to the people who do.

96 Cut waste in areas of city budget and keep a tight rein on expenses.

97 Make the ferries reasonably priced

98 Improve ferry fares, revitalize Marine Avenue, develop old arena site

99 attract and promote new small and medium business, complete an identify zoned areas for different business/industry use and market.

100 -increase the number of jobs available especially for young people.

101 Fair taxation.

102 Keep beautifying it .We need a new public library which will appeal to all ages and be a real attraction to newcomer

103 Maintain a strong small business economy - try and encourage a standard of a living wage among local employers

104 Build up the resort area that I have seen posters for since I arrived 3 years ago, but never see any development

105 -find creative ways to attract/keep younger/working generations here -encourage "made in PR" sustainable goods

106 Keeping money circulating locally for longer, instead of letting it leak out These boxes are too small!!!! No room for more ideas

107 Work to end the "divide" between wealthy established people and young entrepreneurs. Support/mentor the younger generation.

108 Provide incentives for small and medium business to flourish. Stop the influx of big national chain stores. Local stores can't compete.

109 increase small businesses, tourism and agriculture

110 lower ferries encourage industry-incentives

111 More interest shown to encourage Powell River as a retirement destination. Seawalk is a good example but if you notice its not kept up.

112 Attract more industry to the catalyst industrial property. Let the mill burn Vancouver's garbage in the power boiler.

113 PR needs to maintain a steady economy.

114 Encourage people with money to spend locally. Educate people why its important to do so. Have a business fair that is fun, include food, be creative.

115 subsidized ferries, a road to the interior of the province, industry

116 An additional industry. Paper Mill should pay their taxes.

117 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.

118 Adjust to and try to prevent climate change, prepare for disaster economic or environmental. Achieve self-sufficiency. Mobilize the masses.

119 Attract creative and ongoing businesses through innitial tax relief and by cleaning up 'old' decrepid site (ie: Inn at Westview.

120 Local business development, encourage and develop a 'green economy'

121 A revitalized Marine Drive - something of interest to people arriving by ferry

122 Lower Industrial Taxes,

123 Ferries, need to be reflective of the needs of our community.

124 Attract industry to locate here to create jobs and income.

125 to ensure that the local politicians and city planners welcome new business's and industry without putting too many or unrealistic

	roadblocks to force
126	More local businesses and jobs. Our city has sold out to big box stores and closed too many small businesses. Look at Marine Drive and how dead it is
127	Decent paying jobs for young families.
128	Get a seafood restaurant and a Casino. It would bring in lots of money for our economy.
129	The ferry costs are hard on our economy. If the ferries were part of the highway system instead of separate this would help our economy.
130	More local small business. Year round tourism Increase the agricultural sector Business incubation programs
131	a pro economic development agenda
132	Making Powell River attractive and sustainable (i.e. more jobs) for young people to live, work and start families in Powell River.
133	Diversify economy with varied small businesses
134	Unemployment at above subsistence level
135	tourism home care and services for elderly jobs and activities for young adults
136	see comment 2. Some councillors are only in for themselves and NOT the community as a whole.
137	The attitude of pr south harbour is not welcoming boating traffic, lacking signage, rules such as no BBQ's&backing into slips, deterring tourists w/\$
138	We need a cohesive vision. Right now the economic goals are scatters and incompatible
139	Tourism, cultural events, deep sea port for cruise ships
140	jobs for young families, new industry
141	Attracting more businesses to the community. Hiring local people (city still contracts outside of town even if knowledge/skills are available in town)
142	Promote tourism.. esp. eco Lobby against raw log export & open net fish farming " for orchard and farm subsidy Promote shellfish & aquatic
143	New Industry
144	We must promote self reliance.
145	Get another major industry in town. The mill is not the answer for our young people in the future.
146	Subsidize the ferry so people can travel in and out of Powell River.
147	encourage other industries that provides middle income employment
148	Another large industry is needed to bring families back to Powell River. The town is becoming a retirement zone and a healthy community needs families
149	huge decrease in ferry fees, should not have to pay ferry fees to leave Powell River encourage visitors, movement of the population, stimulate economy
150	encourage industry to establish in PR; build a high end conference centre on the water front; water front condos ?
151	Stimulate local resilience every way possible. a la Transition Town movement. Find ways to increase local food production, etc.
152	Opportunities for youth to create businesses or connect with local businesses for apprenticeships.
153	Services for aging population Recreational activities for aging population Relevant to age entertainment options
154	On-going promotion of outdoor tourism. Better ferry service for commuter work on the island - keeping people living and spending in our community.
155	Stronger motivation at our City to work with getting business here or working with investors and developers
156	We need industry here if we are going to survive and our city doesn't seem to want that
157	develop and enrich other industries (other than the mill) that are sustainable
158	Employment opportunities for the 20 somethings so that group can leave for education and return with a reasonable expectation of obtaining employment
159	More marketing of our area, attracting more industry to our area, clean up our main streets and make our town look more like an oceanside community
160	Get rid of the politicians.....
161	address the high costs of ferry travel in and out of here.
162	The rising cost of BC Ferries. Our Youth, sports, activities educational trips etc. The rising cost of ferries is putting a stop to everything.
163	attracting better paying jobs
164	More businesses in the community. Manufacturing rather exporting raw products
165	More industries...high tech type.
166	Work on promoting tourism on Marine Ave. (speakers playing music, street vendors and performers) to attract yachts and sail boats to stop in PR.
167	Diversify the economy Accessable/Affordable ferry system Continue to promote the natural beauty of the area
168	Higher education to be available in town. Expand the university offerings, make it a destination degree university, attract some young people to town.
169	More financial breaks and opportunities for growth with small businesses.

170 environment to support small local business less cost to go in and out of town on the ferries

171 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.

172 diversify be more receptive to change, ditch the NIMB attitude.

173 more employment for the young that is higher then mimimum wage

174 laffordable rental space for business people

175 Continue to teach/encourage shop-local initiatives Help job seekers find work with and generate income from out-of-town employers (eg. tele-commute)

176 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.

177 Build on the past with an eye to the future. Create a world class museum of forestry. Think Colonial Williamsburg or National Capital Region in Ottawa

178 Job creation. Everything flows from that. Without a job and income, it is difficult for people to survive.

179 Core activities away from building money. The community's foundation must be strong in order to strengthen it's economy.

180 More chain stores, more jobs, better jobs and better pay rates for employees.

181 Ferry services should be free. Subsidized from taxes for Highways across Canada; or provide road access.(this would also create jobs)

182 Attract industry, and make Powell River a realistic tourist destination that will attract return tourism. Designate the ferry system a toll free hwy

183 work on improvements to the ferry fares bring business and jobs to Powell River to expand economy

184 get city hall to allow new businesses, not just for their friends. city hall stifles new business!

185 open up good jobs to the entire community. Not just close friends, relatives and business associates.

186 Facing the reality of an extremely high cost of living and prohibitive cost of travel

187 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

188 go back to acting like a small community, not a city.

189 Peg tax increases to the cost of living. Have council start to live within OUR means.

190 Improve and expand tourism. The ferry costs way too much.

191 Could the money going to PREDS be put to better use. Compare them to community forest group. Who has generated more jobs/income for PR?

192 Lower ferry rates Build a road to Squamish

193 More industry with apprenticeship plans so the young people don't have to leave this community.

194 use the EDO to invite industry to our area.VERY VERY important

195 Financial, moral support to the small person trying run a small business....less to the town's clique of developers....reign in those whose bus. riles

196 cut the licensing costs for the home based businesses. tax big business in a more effective and fair manner

197 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.

198 Lower ferry fares; increased population; increased tourism

199 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.

200 Allow more businesses and industry to flourish here. Every time I've seen something possible be proposed - Council shoots it down! Competition good!

201 ours is a community on the mainland, yet commerce is stressed due to the strangle-hold of BC Ferries' high cost.

202 Diversification More focus on sustainable business Less focus on industry Fair taxes - no deals Less cronyism Listen to reesidents Kill PRREDS

203 Beautification & Tourism New and Innovative Businesses & Manufacturing Food Security Tool Kit

204 Enhancing it as a retirement and tourism destination.

205 Higher industrial taxes, more focus on tourism, lobby for lower ferry fares

206 the initiatives coming out of city hall are harmful to a societally driven economy.

207 Emphasize and promote to small businesses to look at and take advantage of the opportunities that are waiting for them in their own backyard.

208 Promote and subsidize increasing agriculture. Promote and subsidize healthy living choices Reward volunteer actions

209 encourage more industry

210 We need a local government open to new business/ industry. The protectionist policies and mind set of the powers that be need to end.

211 Employment for all our citizens, be it creating part-time employment in the way of cleaning up our streets, painting, boulevards, trails, gardening.

212 - more local businesses/support to those that already exist - support of any kind to low income & seniors to participate in powell river's economy

213 A comprehensive transportation management plan, including lower speed limits in areas with pedestrian traffic and better bike lanes .

214 More jobs for young people.

215 Try to influence fair ferry costs for Powell River.

216 Industry that can employ and sustain young families is vital for Powell River to have a future.

217 Focus on opportunities that will attract young adults and young families. Many young adults would be welcome to move back to PR if given the chance.

218 not resource dependent (a healthy community is diverse) tax mill more small business not chains (they hire better and support their community!) Local

219 Transportation to other communitiesthe ferry costs are a disadvantage to PR to be able to compete with other BC communities.

220 Encourage more businesses to come to our community by lower taxes.

221 Once again, the promotion, protection and encouragement of the City for small businesses. All the work goes to out of town companies.

222 build a bridge

223 Tax breaks for locally owned businesses and assistance for establishing new businesses esp in Townsite

224 increased tourism industry highway construction to Whistler - less dependance on ferry

225 Keep consumer dollars within Powell River. New diversified business . Influx of new full time residents willing to relocate their companies.

226 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.

227 We need to diversify our industry base. We can't rely on logging and the mill to support our town. we need to have supports for an aging population in

228 Lowering the transportation costs for getting in and out of Powell River - yes, the old FERRY RATE argument.

229 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.

230 change to new community model

231 Attract new industry- whether research, industrial or tourism

232 Creating a sustainable economy that provides an average or higher standard of living.

233 Tourism will not thrive based on the current suite of accomodation offerings -Could our airport schedule etc. be improved for the traveling worker?

234 Don't be so afraid to open the doors to our community!!! It's not healthy to let things stagnate.....stop being so afraid of change!

235 Have Powell River join the Communities First program from the Rural Secetariat of the Government Of BC

236 Larger, more diversified business sector

237 "To strengthen Powell River's economy" means helping people first. The the first question to be answered is 'who'.

238 City Council/Staff that aren't so hung up on the idea that Catalyst will keep us sustainable. More effort/resources into tourism & small business

239 Prioritizing support for local sustainable agriculture (land availability is key) and local independent businesses, in general.

240 tourism, work for 55-65 age, another employment place or industry

241 diversify the economy...bring in new industry...market our beauty

242 It would be helpful to promote some industrys or small manufaqturing firms.

243 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

244 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..

245 Bring in more big businesses that would employ a lot of people. Lower ferry fares to keep the tourists coming. Try and get more younger people here

246 Reduce tax burden

247 Decentralize, elicit the joy, enthusiam and inspiration of a community working together in true democracy. Take a long term view in decision making.

248 Better and less expensive ferry service.

249 Employment

250 continue to improve waterfront area so it becomes a tourist destination. We have so much but it is so underdeveloped and under marketed.

251 Diversify. Encourage new, environmentally friendly industries to set up in Powell River.

252 Business. Not necessarily big box businesses. Sustainable business. Tourism - self promotion, more clean up and make PR a sort after destination.




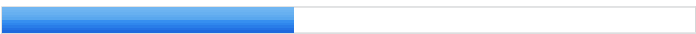

253 I don.t have a small business and I still have to pay for there up grades

254 Develop outdoor tourism

255 All timber from the Community Forest should remain in the community to create value added products/jobs.

256	get rid of the city council members they are a drain on the city budget.
257	Need a way for young people to make a living
258	tourism promotion
259	Continue to diversify. Perhaps ad campaign aimed at "zoomers" in national sources promoting lifestyle and weather.
260	Encouraging local businesses; not making water licenses etc prohibitively expensive.
261	More jobs
262	Working together
263	Ferry service - no reservations and no increases in fares
264	Youth move away. Seems to be a retirement town.
265	Affordable ferries. Securing new industry. Funding living wage (not basic wage) jobs to ensure young people can live here.
266	Employment opportunities are few and far between.
267	More support for small businesses, home based businesses and food growing businesses
268	Encourage small businesses to come to Powell River and make it the process relatively easy for them. Continue to develop the wharf, waterfront areas.
269	Powell River requires a highway connection to the interior. The ferry system stifles growth in all sectors including tourism.
270	Lower ferry costs! Grow more food locally. Spend locally.
271	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.
272	needs a more coordinated approach for spending city funds.
273	Improve city hall attitude to encourage new business, improve harbour for visiting boaters, actively pursue tourism,
274	Job creation. Industry incentives. Tax incentives for buying local. Support local businesses.

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: 	15	3.76%
FAIR: 	151	37.84%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	168	42.11%
POOR: 	65	16.29%
Total Responded to this question:		399 97.56%
Total who skipped this question:		10 2.44%
Total:		409 100%

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:	4	1%
GOOD:	54	13.43%
FAIR:	174	43.28%
BELOW AVERAGE:	138	34.33%
POOR:	32	7.96%
Total Responded to this question:	402	98.29%
Total who skipped this question:	7	1.71%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	225	100%
Total Responded to this question:	225	55.01%
Total who skipped this question:	184	44.99%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Improve community literacy Repeal the Coastal Ferries Act
2	Focus on attracting businesses and helping them to succeed rather than finding ways to frustrate and tax them.
3	Support each other-- buy local.
4	fight to attract new indusrty external marketing of PR study what area's we can be succesful at attracting new ind to PR
5	Open it's door to business, providing incentives.
6	diversify, support entrepreneurs, create job sharing, implement a living wage
7	support local business's
8	Campaign and educate local people to support local businesses
9	we need more well paying jobs as families cannot survive on low wages, hence more investment in industry in PR
10	Get some more apprentience opportunities
11	encourage "clean" industry, improve the ferry system and prices, more bicycle lanes
12	Concentrate on economic development and not listen to the NIMBY.s
13	Pay more than minimum wage, but less than union wage. This community is affordable for many; they do not need to make 26.00 an hour. Attract families
14	Assess the skills of our work force and the needs of our citizens, then look for businesses we can attract to employ those skills and meet those needs
15	Diversify job opportunities Reduce the family compacts that run the town
16	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.
17	Encourage local farming and agriculture. Offer incentives for business and industry to locate here Promote the affordability of the community
18	Keep promoting small business and draw people to Powell River with arts, music, VIU alternative courses like in Naturopathic studies, massage etc.
19	Seek out larger corporations, and invite them to base their operations here. Lots of room for light industry and tech.
20	Light manufacturing, possibly at the old golf course site with access to deep sea port and cheap power.Berth the Comox ferry in Powell River.
21	encourage compatible, sustainable economic development & have the courage to pursue, practice, live out that alternate lifestyle Enough for all...
22	Encourage companies to not have part time hours for its employees. Give them full time work so they can get benefits and not have to work 3 jobs.
23	attract educators and people with skills also encourage lower priced housing to be built
24	Need another business of large scale provider other than the mill.
25	More secondary industries employing skilled trades rather than minimum wage
26	Reduce regulations. Support local agriculture and food-processing/supply chain. Worker-owned COOPERATIVES, not big-box wage slavery.
27	Provide a comfortable and welcoming environment for business and other ventures that provide sustainable jobs, this has to involve all of us
28	SD#47 trades program an inspiration - some more programs following this model; make city hall more welcoming to new businesses!
29	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
30	allow new business, diversify, utilize old blgs dont leave them empty
31	again diversification of the economic base...inviting and encouraging "green" industry, eco-tourism, small business etc.
32	diversify; more tourism? a weak reed in the long run but a lot of reeds are strong. we can't continue plundering our natural resources - trees fish
33	see previous
34	Raise funds to start a cultural center, art gallery with positions that are PAID (not volunteer) Expand Vancouver Island University
35	Support existing and new small businesses. Explore sustainable light industry.
36	change the culture from say no to everything to lets get working on generating some positive economic activity.

37 More support for small business/home-based businesses.

38 Unless we obtain some kind of big business working for base rate won't cut it. We need good jobs for our young people so they don't have to leave PR

39 Powell River is severely handicapped when it comes to attracting young professionals. In most cases only one member of the family has a decent wage

40 pay a decent living wage to encourage young people to stay and work here

41 Attract mid-size business and tourism.

42 See previous comments

43 Invite outside business, encourage trades and service industry. Widen the land use classified for business. We aren't all retired.This needs to be#1

44 Provide funds for people to access training and jobs outside PR

45 see previous answer

46 Educate people academically and in the trades. Follow sustainable practices in industries such as logging and fishing. Protect the environment.

47 Promote PR as a great place to operate a business

48 from my experience jobs are harder to come by -employers not willing to pay decent wage to allow people to support families

49 See previous comments. Get our heads out of the sand and business's hand out the butts of our council members.

50 Work together, be open to a variety of possibilities and be willing to make short term sacrifices (tax base) for longer term gains

51 Support small business, tourism, organic agriculture and the arts.

52 Note on question 6 I can't answer question 6. I've always had a good, full time job in Powell River. Attract business. Train for the trades.

53 develop tourism potential

54 Promote the community with regards to new people moving into the area.

55 make it an attractive and progressive place to live.be innovative.green and sustainable.attract the right investment.don't act desperate!

56 Bringing in high tech. industry. train our people and hire locally.Promote tourism. Make Powell River a welcome place for the tourists.

57 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.

58 attract new business or industry or tourism

59 Many small, sustainable, locally owned businesses. Capitalize on our growing identity as a retirement mecca.

60 See # 2.

61 increase eco-tourism, eco-farming, invite people from other countries to live & open businesses here (see Brandon MB). stop relying on the mill.

62 Make this a retirement mecca, with the services to support it.

63 The increase in the minimum wage will help. Stop depending on one big industry. Diversify. Agriculture, tourism and safe clean living for seniors.

64 Harness teh talent present in the community and give incentives to these persons to mentor and create new ventures.

65 job training for jobs available in the community (such as Career Link/VIU), expand tourism opportunities, market our area to business organizations

66 Diversification, eliminate dependence on the mill

67 Keep building

68 Sorry folks but I'm afraid poorly equiped folks entering the work force will short change both applicants and employers until education catches up

69 Help people create new businesses

70 opportunities in PR might be less than Vancouver however so is the cost of living etc.

71 Get real about what a community needs most to flourish independently.

72 be creative and unconventional. look ot asset distribution that is not currency dependent

73 Better access - lower ferry rates and/or build a rail/road fixed link to lower mainland or interior - we would flourish

74 train up existing employees -- invest in the labour force we have here

75 encourage manufacturing sectors

76 do not let wages go to low

77 Make our city attractive to retirees coming from other communities. Encourage small business.

78 Same as above. Encourage business and industry.

79 Work on innovative programs to build up skills and retain youth. My company has difficulty finding skilled workers.

80 advertise what makes or community a better place to live and raise a family. happy employees equals sucessful busniess

81 -work to bring ferry fares down. -get more light industry and medium size employers

82	We need more high skill level jobs. Maybe job sharing programs should be explored.
83	We need to get out of our old school thinking that Industry or factory will provide the jobs and start looking at other sectors, tourism, Art, etc
84	Offer more jobs and advancement for university educated, skilled employees that go beyond 40,000\$
85	It would be good if there was that resort I believe
86	-keep trying new initiatives -keep cost of living low, so those under-employed or with lower wages can afford to stay
87	Encourage people to build their own jobs/employment/income , not rely on "a job" from someone else.
88	Encourage home-grown manufacturing for local consumption and export, attract knowledge workers from the city (empty mill office building for that?)
89	People cannot survive on minimum wage. Need to provide opportunities for young people to stay in the community
90	encourage second industry broaden University campus
91	Hire more people to beautify the waterfront and streets of the city,
92	Support businesses, fair wages, promote PR to encourage new residents.
93	- bring in industry
94	More services to seniors. Obtain another industry. Protect natural beauty of the area.
95	Attract sustainable new business not government supported ones
96	Subsidize local business and agriculture to create jobs and make food and shelter affordable.
97	Remove obstacles like 'overbearing municipal involvement and red tape.
98	development of micro businesses
99	work with VIU and businesses to sponsor kids to remain in Powell River for their 1st year university - businesses could sponsor poor kids
100	promote tourism/ outdoor activities
101	promote health care related jobs, we are becoming a retirement community and we need to meet the needs
102	Promote BUY LOCALLY and attract and engage industry and new business.....
103	Put a moratorium on fast food chains and box stores that are empty most of the time. Farming, and tourism would be best
104	Young people need to be able to make decent wage. Lots of skilled people making less than average.
105	Have environmentally friendly economy stimulating options - bicycle tourism like the BC Bike Race is a good start.
106	More small business development Community business initiatives Cooperative businesses
107	encourage development by making it easy to develop and committive tax rates for business
108	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.
109	Diversify
110	Take down barriers and allow companies and people with money, time and desire to come here. THIS IS NOT JUST A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY.
111	Stop logging; develop a cohesive strategy that includes the arts; education; and alternate health within tourism.
112	Incentives for small business
113	new industry
114	See previous (hiring more local and attracting more businesses)
115	Stop wasting money on PRREDS Council establish and report monthly on business & development initiatives
116	New Industry
117	Connect with one another within the community so that we all know what human resources we might have here, what skills.
118	Need to find a major industry for the town that replaces what the mill did for employment in the 1970's. Aluminum smelter? Major recycling plant?
119	We need to create jobs here for young families,affordable housing,a better health system so doctors would want to live here.Powell river is Isolation.
120	Encourage the municipality to accept business initiatives like the ones they have turned down in the past.
121	Invite another large industry to town. A prison would be excellent.
122	ferry situation has us truly isolated Companies think twice before locating here.
123	encourage industry and business to move in; remove some of the logistical/costl barriers that are preventing this
124	First study sustainability and resilience from a "power-down" and end-of-growth perspective. Try to develop a long-term vision of local resilience.
125	Reward people for shopping locally.
126	Bring in some new types of businesses that can pay liveable salaries to its workers
127	Hire and re/train local people. Ensure a minimum number of hours employment to keep people in our community e.g. casual health care workers.
128	Encourage medium industry. 20 to 120 employees

129 Bring in industry

130 encourage small, local business

131 Encourage industry to situate in powell river. Educate youth regarding existing current and future PR employment opportunities.

132 Attract more industry and promote the quality of living in a coastal community. Try to attract more technical jobs for our young people

133 working together and thinking outside of the box.....

134 Small clean industry promotion is a good start. Communities also need to defend against cut backs from other gov. as these effect employment directly!

135 Encourage our youth to get good educations and proper training

136 Market our community as a viable solution and open for business

137 Offer incentives for other industries to come here. Make building sites available. Give land tax breaks for new industries

138 Answer is obvious!

139 Encourage entrepreneurs, especially in the tourism business.

140 - employers should create full time positions with benefits to create stability for people trying to patch together a living with part time jobs

141 increase schooling, more industry jobs,promote tourism

142 encourage small business to supply essential foods and other housholder needs

143 Sell Powell River as a tourism and retirement destination and encourage small business to provide services. Make the town attractive to attract money

144 higher paying jobs for young so they can stay in community

145 advertise powellriver to the WORLD

146 Support local biz & keep local earnings circulating in town Access government funding for job creation & small-business development Biz training

147 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.

148 Bury the utility lines. Install cutting edge technical advantage such as digital phone, Super high speed internet. Create a tele workers paradise

149 Find secure funding opportunities that keep jobs available to the community. Pay people appropriately for skill level.

150 Perhaps another survey to see what employers in Powell River are looking for and then provide the training at VIU for these people.

151 Attract industry, create an exceptionally friendly atmosphere for businesses to locate here. Do whatever is necessary about the high cost of ferries.

152 work to make community more accessible with lower ferry fares work to make citizens feel confident about the future and then they may invest more

153 encourage new business

154 Get creative, take a chance, and go big.

155 We're isolated and expensive; affordability is a huge challenge with no solution.

156 Not a clue.

157 Reduce the cost of business licences to stores or increase the cost of home based business licences. Too much disparity at present.

158 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

159 Wages in PR are artificially high due to union wages being paid at mill and CDPR, fire dept + inflated salaries at council office.

160 Create more sustainable jobs

161 People at City Hall shouldn't make it so hard for folks to start a home based business.

162 Industry, high paying skilled employment

163 Open up avenues for the less connected folk in town....

164 reduce home taxes so people aren't living to work

165 Keep on training people and keep educational costs reaonable and accessible.

166 All more business here. Attract business / industry. Break the "old boys network" that has a stranglehold on this area!

167 The mill and housing development provide neither sound economic development or stable jobs. Look outside PR for new types of businesses/employers.

168 Raise wages to provincial/government standards. Do something (I have no idea what) to encourage FULL TIME jobs, not part time.

169 Get away from the "Big Industry" mentality and think of things that will enhance the intellectual and ecological aspects of our town.

170 Improve tourism, encourage smaller business and entrepreneurs

171 remove barriers

172 Make it possible for people on social assistance to keep what they earn until their income rises aove the poverty level

173 encourage more industry to base operations here

174 Taxes on small business owners are very high. Cheaper to operate a business in Nanaimo. Lower small business tax. Make Catalyst

pay their fair share

175 Build a prison

176 draw other industry and encourage small business growth

177 Apply for employment grants for low income persons, some of our tax monies go to fixing boulevards, cleaning sidewalks, painting bldgs, enhancing PR

178 - hire locally for any type of projects NOT OUT OF TOWN COMPANIES! - for companies in need of skilled workers, provide training to the right candidate

179 attract woodfibre related industry, almost all the wood harvested in our area is shipped to mills outside our community

180 Cut back on the number of local government staff and paid fire department staff. Lower taxes for the private sector.

181 Our local employment center should not inflate job seeker success by claiming a person who found work for a day has successfully gained employment.

182 encourage small business, they hire more full time at better rates for their size don't rely on one type of business for jobs

183 Keep diversifying the economic base.

184 Employers should look at local applicants, first and foremost, before looking at outside applicants.

185 No truly innovative thinking in this community. The City is a problem because staff do not have the expertise to recognize the possibilities.

186 Support for locally developed businesses esp. those that are environmentally responsible

187 change attitude toward new ideas presented increase profile of community as coastal retirement, eco education centre

188 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!

189 Support the tourism and service sectors of our local economy. put less emphasis on large industry.

190 Development a plan to attract business and manufacturing to Powell River.

191 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.

192 community networks for main needs

193 The community is slowly turning into a retirement community - in order for PR to grow, we need jobs that attract young families

194 -Employers can be transparent and have open dialogue about their staffing needs (current and future) -support those w 2 jobs, offer job sharing

195 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.

196 research the demographics and determine the specific wants and needs.

197 Build thriving Tourism and Small Business sectors.

198 Hire locally and accept local bids before seeking beyond.

199 job wages need to equal cost of living and that is a big gap, especially with such high rents

200 lobby the province and the feds to provide funds for skill development and provide incentives to new business to relocate here.

201 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.

202 more people r leaving their fams 2 go find work elsewhere...cost 2 much 2 live, wages dont keep up, not enough jobs

203 They need employment for younger people with families. They spend a lot more money in the community than seniors do.

204 Reduce the size of government put the tax dollars back in the hand of the consumers it's that simple

205 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

206 Become a model community to educate the world out of the New World Order.

207 Training and Apprentiships

208 Build tourism for all seasons

209 Sustainable communities need a work force to keep everything else going. Young people leaving for work! so how do we keep them here and grow.

210 Quit turning people away who have good ideas to start a business in town

211 The most important thing is to recognize that the old model for the economy is not working and it is only a matter of time until there is a collapse.

212 Focus on Eco/Green jobs. Tourism- stop logging the Sunshine Coast Trail and Canoe Route. We were the Cultural Capital of Canada once, build on that

213 Perhaps a committee could research & provide creative suggestions of using Powell River assets/resources to support the basis of employment.

214 diversify...mill is OVER so get OVER IT!!!

215 Continue to offer incentives for med/large business to relocate here. Look to Asia for opportunities.

216 Better political representation. Better political education. More jobs.


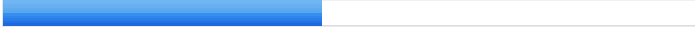



217 Fair wages

218 Offer full time positions

219	Lack living wage jobs for young and mid-career workers. Our chances to attract new industry are fair if we drop ferry costs. Drop NIMBY.
220	Promote healthy employment chances. If EI clients want something better, they should be sponsored.
221	Provide a land based connection to Canada.
222	Be more inviting to small businesses that are innovative and trying new things. Help them to succeed by being a link to other services.
223	don't rely on big projects or business to supply work.
224	I think that question is the one that nobody seems to be able to answer.
225	local business tax incentives for job creation and growth.

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: 	118	29.28%
GOOD: 	187	46.4%
FAIR: 	80	19.85%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	14	3.47%
POOR: 	4	0.99%
Total Responded to this question:	403	98.53%
Total who skipped this question:	6	1.47%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	28	6.91%
GOOD:	154	38.02%
FAIR:	138	34.07%
BELOW AVERAGE:	54	13.33%
POOR:	31	7.65%
Total Responded to this question:	405	99.02%
Total who skipped this question:	4	0.98%
Total:	409	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:	226	100%
Total Responded to this question:	226	55.26%
Total who skipped this question:	183	44.74%
Total:	409	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	Adopt progressive models for community consultation on important strategic community issues
2	City Council must pay attention to public input
3	Be more inclusive. Find a way to reach out to newcomers and / or provide a way for them to meet others and get involved.
4	become involved in community groups attend public info sessions join a non profit or two attend periodically Council & regional dist mtg's
5	Get involved.
6	Get involved, volunteer, contribute your gifts
7	get involved! don't cry apply
8	get involved!
9	use the opportunities that are out there to have your say, if there isn't one create one
10	get out and participate in things
11	the council needs to be very transparent and make sure that people really do have an opportunity to make a difference in what gets done around PR.
12	Council should not let a handful of naysayers dictate what they do.
13	Volunteer, keep an open mind, and give back.
14	Get involved. Don't allow those with a vested interest in doing so to maintain the status quo.
15	To participate and be informed Use the IT available for keeping the public informed
16	There are many organisations to join and lots of volunteering to do. New citizens should get together with other new citizens.
17	do what you enjoy doing and what you are passionate about
18	Important for Council to listen to people and act on their wishes if they have meetings to ask opinion and then do the exact opposite.
19	Still an 'old family' kind of town. Public input is asked for but not listened to.
20	Join clubs or organizations to belong, step up to lead.
21	City hall doesn't always listen well - the "old boys network" live on to sig degree. So keep at it - insist on communication and a voice - organize!!
22	Have leadership actually listen to what the majority really wants.
23	keep involved and informed
24	Council to closed off and old fashioned.
25	Old boys club still the mainstay - new ideas not accepted unless they fit the mould of existing thinking
26	Replace Mayor & Council with people responsive to the wishes of the citizens. Meanwhile it's a waiting game to change the old-boy us-them mindset.
27	Strive to "do it ourselves" and not wait for some other organization/government/group to initiate
28	Start taking initiative and stepping forward to become leaders to help move Powell River forward as a whole.
29	open forums at city hall
30	-getting involved in something that you feel passionate about -encouraging leadership in the school system -support the arts
31	join an organization, a non-profit. help out. give of yourself in some way
32	Pay attention to what's going on. Volunteer.
33	pro development groups have to band together and become vocal before the eco-terrorists completely destroy our economy
34	People need to get informed. Too many people complain about issues they really don't know anything about. Way too much ignorance.
35	People need to get involved and attend meetings. Those who are interested will do that.
36	SEE PREVIOUS COMMENTS
37	volunteering; helping others
38	Give teens; young adults a say. the town will die if we only rely on retirees! Kids don't want to leave but no choice. are we a bedroom community?
39	Attending council meetings. Councillors are too influenced by opinions of City staff.
40	Educate people about diversity. Teach them that negative attitudes and assumptions are the biggest barriers to people with visible

	differences.
41	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.
42	Be informed; attend events; volunteer
43	get involved
44	Vote and run for council. I rated #10 low because of the lack of transparency and civic engagement by our current council.
45	Put yourself out there, be interested, use your vote and your voice in ways that count.
46	Elect a city council that listens to the community and acts accordingly with concern for more than big business.
47	Be active and don't let the (very) vocal minority sway good decisions.
48	Participate in as many social and cultural events as possible.
49	Embrace 'new' people & their ideas....my experience is there is an 'old school' mentality in the community. No one wants change.
50	People who grew up here are very cliquish. While friendly they are not very open or accepting of new people.
51	people need to be properly informed on all issues...
52	become informed and get active within the community by joining volunteer or community groups that interest them.
53	Participation, and get involved.
54	Join community groups.
55	change the city council
56	City Council doesn't even pretend to consult this town about what IT wants to do. This town has a serious, long term, systemic political disease.
57	Become involved in groups such as ratepayers associations, attend city hall meetings.
58	Oust the present leaders and replace with leaders who will be open to healthy change and leaders with progressive vision.
59	Get involved.
60	Participate, participate participate!
61	Have council listen when we have referendums on issues. e.g. Incinerator, new library, north harbour, walking track. etc.
62	The community is very cliquish and council talks a good game prior to elections and then it's the same old ways.
63	We are an excellent volunteering community. Getting out and helping make things and projects work really binds us together.
64	maintain small town community atmosphere continue events such as former Newcomer Social use Internet to communicate (Facebook, blogs, websites)
65	Involvement
66	Our current councilors could pay more attention to social issues rather than pushing through "business opportunities"
67	Volunteerism and transparency
68	In a small community, being actively involved in community events and volunteering is important in becoming part of Powell River.
69	I find that people here are judgmental about new people.
70	Stay alive. Get educated. Witness what's happening on the planet. Grit your teeth and do what you can, right here. Survival is today's watchword.
71	community forums to we get to know one another so we can talk about one another and can therefore become involved in issues of importance
72	Make room for new people with innovative ideas. Old faces block new ideas. The museum for example. Have a council who listens & embraces innovation.
73	Participate!
74	A city council that communicates with the public rather than asking for forgiveness instead of permission. Look at the clear cut at our complex.
75	vote, and care for the community
76	Stop labeling people who care enough to voice an opinion as special interest, or "c.a.v.e." (citizens against virtually everything) Have some respect
77	Make themselves informed on all sides of issues, instead of taking a particular political stance.
78	take part
79	-treat the poor and disadvantaged with respect -have the Council listen to people BEFORE making their decisions and be guided by what they hear.
80	Participate
81	need to bridge the gap between City Government and public, there is little to no trust exist between the two
82	I'm not sure what the question is asking???
83	Ask their skills and interests and slot that into volunteerism
84	-among folks born & raised here (of various ages), there can be a resistance to welcome newcomers wholeheartedly -gaps between Sliammon & PR need work
85	Have Council take back their power and responsibilities from city staff.

86 More public input should be sought on important decisions, and really taken into account. Recent actions imply arrogant and heedless leadership.

87 People need to get involved and let their voice be heard either by voting or attending public meetings and events to voice their opinions.

88 get out to meetings, participate in discussions, get informed about things- don't sit at home and complain

89 participate

90 Take an active part in being a volunteer where one is needed. Don't look for payment as a return for your work.

91 When there is public input.....listen to it. Open up municipal debate on all issues.

92 Get involved, connect with like minds

93 - voice opinions - be positive - listen to other- advocate for those less fortunate than your self

94 Attend local ratepayers' meetings. Participate wherever possible.

95 Get out and get informed

96 Participate in grass-roots politics. Elect a city council that is competent and people-oriented. Organize to bring together like-minded people.

97 Creative thinking and involving themselves in affairs that influence meaningful decision making

98 participation

99 To continue the friendly, laid back atmosphere started by the pioneers of this area. Don't bring in big city ways.

100 join volunteer groups

101 people need to take part in events, too many people want things but are not willing to help out.

102 get involved, volunteer, join associations, go to events, meet people, get engaged.....

103 Our city leadership don't listen when we speak so people have given up trying to talk to them. Not worth speaking to deaf ears.

104 Go out and participate.

105 Try to counter the "born here vs. newcomer" dynamic Intentional efforts to include youth in leadership development, municipal affairs

106 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 moment

107 More community-building activities

108 Local Government listening to people.

109 Current council are NOT LISTENING to the people!! The mill and sewer is one issue, the "Great Wall of Malta" is another. Who allowed THAT!?

110 Gathering input is being done better. However, city leaders do not always act based on the input. A good example is the recent waste treatment process

111 Fair and equitable treatment for all

112 get involved

113 Vote in a council that will clean up staff and the aura of aloofness at City Hall. CANDO not "can't be done".

114 World change is happening exponentially. Leaders must see that new people with new ideas & new ways of doing things should be investigated and embraced

115 we need to have more say in decisions that are made by council. MORE REFERENDUMS.

116 Having a job, making money, being able to feed, shelter their families, keep families together.

117 vote at civic elections, voice opinions at council meetings,

118 Volunteer wherever you can.

119 speak out and consider all other opinions too; be part of the solution not part of the problem; work together

120 Be interested. Be informed. Engage the processes happening now, government and social.

121 Create a non-partisan group to advocate for community needs- youth facilities / greenspace / events

122 Be inclusive and open

123 Get involved in organisations sports/music/rotary/bookclubs etc.

124 get involved in issues/event/organization that they are passionate about

125 Get involved with things that are meaningful or interesting to them.

126 Utilize current venues to make concerns known. Make public aware of concerns that are not listened to.

127 Put away their own personal agendas and work toward common goals.....it doesn't really matter who gets the credit let's just get on the right track

128 Get involved with activities like seafair, bb fest, canada day celebrations, bc day celebrations etc.. stand up and be counted

129 More info meetings and people in power actually listening to the citizen's concerns!!@

130 spirit of rotation New blood new ideas every two to three years

131 Getting involved & being informed about the topics being discussed

132 volunteer to help Get involved





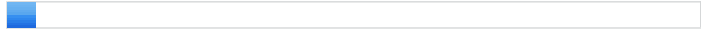
133	A difficult one....those who often run for such positions are not necessarily the best for the job! Many dumb decisions are made!
134	There seems to be an entrenched group of prominent people who sit on the council and it is their way or the highway for those who disagree with them.
135	stay informed and be involved
136	There are lots of groups and clubs to belong to but it is not always easy for a new residence to access the information about this groups.
137	Volunteer where people feel comfortable sharing their skills
138	change the additude of the families that have been here for 50 years.they need to accept change
139	get on the commities which try to make a difference stop contracts awarded to buddies and familie ties
140	Attend council meetings, write letters, make their voice heard, volunteer.
141	volunteer and get involved in anything that you are compassion about
142	quit putting down anyone with a diff. opinion
143	Think and act positively Research and know your facts Listen to others as well as offering own opinions Go out & be seen Join groups of interest
144	Being heard. Also to stand up and be heard not to just take things as they are because that's how it is!
145	join groups, event planning, volunteer, boards, etc.
146	Volunteer to do stuff for any of the 1200+ societies functioning here. Show up and participate.
147	Get involved with groups and organizations to assist others and themselves at the same time.
148	Step outside the house and join a community group. Take an interest in what's happening around the community and be ready to voice opinion and vote.
149	Become more involved with community functions.
150	Become involved wherever needed.
151	participate in events of the community get involved by volunteering
152	Openess to other's opinions, not railroading their own agenda's.
153	city hall does what it wants, no matter what. sewage treatment anyone?
154	One central info. agency. knowing what is available in a timely manner.
155	Weed out the corrupt individuals who influence so much out of the public eye.
156	Be heard at our council meetings. Not have decisions made prior to community input being heard.
157	Get involved. If you are retired - volunteer.
158	Join up and participate in community organizations
159	City council needs to listen to the wishes of the local citizens
160	Getting good people to run for Council.
161	get involved in community service organization. get involved, work toward goals.
162	Committees and groups in town are almost incestuous in nature.....the same group of people, and their connections, seem to run everything in town...
163	I feel that although I am recognized by many with my volunteer and work, the people who actually make the decisions don't listen to the public at all
164	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.
165	People need to join groups and organizations and get involved, which is easier to do here than in many communities.
166	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.
167	voicing convictions does not seem to have any impact on the decisions made by the elected leaders in our community! We must stand up, and take part
168	Find/elect responsive councillors rather than old boys who ignore most of the electorate. Insist that council consult and respond between elections
169	To make sure ALL the people are listened to and not just those of a certain political or socio- economic persuasion.
170	Better representation of citizens by council members. Too many special interests are currently represented. ie developers
171	silly question
172	Make city council realize that they represent us and not the mill. They should listen to us more and do what we want them to do.
173	Initiate small neighbourhood events for communication with elected reps providing means and ways for people with disabilities to participate
174	get involved
175	PR is not really welcoming to newcomers as a whole. Only superficially friendly (very cliquey). Newcomers hang out with other newcomers to survive.
176	attend church
177	City hall caters to special projects with the electorate on the sidelines.

178	Run for council, get involved, go to meetings, write letters to the Peak
179	- attended community functions and meetings
180	The "mill town" mentality does little to help newcomers feel they belong here.
181	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
182	All people, considering ethnicity, should be represented.
183	For change to happen, tough choices have to be made. Mayor and Council don't have the fortitude to stimulate change. Some engineering staff has to go
184	Have more things to do for people age 20-30 yrs. Advertise. Too many things in this town rely on word of mouth.
185	Emphasis on welcoming newcomers Public display and acknowledgement of diversity
186	Be active get involved . Strive to better the business community. Embrace growth Ensure that elected officials are proactive and transparent
187	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
188	Chances ot be heard. Programs that support all members of the PR community.
189	Take an active part in election campaigns - civic, provincial and federal. Attend Town Hall meetings.
190	one must join activity groups (ike anywhere else) belong to some form of volunteer group.
191	get rid of business people on council at City Hall - even the appearance of bias reflects poorly on the works being done.
192	- get involved in community organizations
193	- professional development -learn together - ex Alofi Consultants put on "non violent communication" excellent cross sector participation
194	Not to exculde people that are different or have different ideas
195	Open government
196	Become informed and get involved!
197	For newcomers, it can be challenging to find information that locals inherently know. A central online database for newcomers would be fabulous.
198	if you have no family here it is extremely difficult to break into the community-one needs to have a self-employment plan to live and make it here
199	be informed and when lobbying local gov't do it in a non-confrontational way
200	Introduce yourself to your neighbours. Get involved in different organizations that appeal to you.
201	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
202	We need to get across to our mayor and councillors that they have to listen to the people and that we should all be working together.
203	Vote in all elections
204	Volunteer
205	the oportunity to get involved is there
206	Take an active part in community affairs. Vote.
207	When given a sense of feeling welcomed, validated and that you belong eliminates barriers and creates door opening & opportunities.
208	Council should start to listen. End the lies, corruption, ignorance, and economic and political blackmail. Have accurate reporting by the local paper.
209	People need to educate themselves. Council does not listen to the community at their open houses. We need to get council to listen to the people.
210	get voted into a position and make a difference
211	more opportunity for youth so they stay here
212	Become involved, don't wait for an invitation.
213	We must become informed and involved with something(s) of interest or concern in the community.
214	- Stand up and be counted - Volunteer - Join a group - If there isn't already a group that reflects your interests, then form one - Share your talents
215	A person needs to be interested in participating
216	Be more involved in your interests. Avoid negativity
217	Volunteering
218	Step up to the plate. Volunteer. Take part in some of the free (donation) dinners in order to find a niche you want to fill.
219	Be able to be invited and involved. Have teens provide leadership to the younger children.
220	get involved
221	Remove all the old guard (not referring to council here) at City Hall and replace them with progressive thinkers. This community could rock!
222	get involved






223	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".
224	have a more open attitude to new people and ideas
225	Actively encourage new participants.
226	join associations/clubs, volunteer, show up to events, talk to people, engage, buy local, be positive, contribute thru awareness of programs.

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: 	17	4.31%
GOOD: 	127	32.23%
FAIR: 	182	46.19%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	53	13.45%
POOR: 	15	3.81%
Total Responded to this question:	394	96.33%
Total who skipped this question:	15	3.67%
Total:	409	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: 	9	2.23%
GOOD: 	61	15.14%
FAIR: 	184	45.66%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	105	26.05%
POOR: 	44	10.92%
Total Responded to this question:	403	98.53%
Total who skipped this question:	6	1.47%
Total:	409	100%

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

		Responses	Percent
Responses:		198	100%
Total Responded to this question:		198	48.41%
Total who skipped this question:		211	51.59%
Total:		409	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	ESL Training		
2	employment opportunities lower taxes training options available at VIU		
3	well paying jobs		
4	Through Welcome Wagon, make provide them with a list of churches and organizations and how they can learn more about or join them.		
5	encourage the joining community groups and get involved having welcome to PR INFO SESSIONS BY THE CITY ITS SELF		
6	Provide an orientation of services and events.		
7	continue welcome wagon, newcomer's social, offer a free 6 month subscription to The Peak.		
8	be friendly, open minded		
9	provide jobs for them!		
10	be friendly to the new family on the block, invite them to participate in community activities		
11	low cost housing		
12	We need to have better post secondary education available so that youth do not need to leave town to get further education.		
13	Question 13 mixes apples and oranges. They can make friends, but there are few jobs available for the young!		
14	Free passes to recreation for six months: hockey, dance, etc. or even up to 2 years. Form a welcoming committee or newbies support...		
15	Open ourselves to new ideas, new ways of doing things.		
16	Accept foreigners Improve tolerance Facilitate the inclusion of First Nations into the community		
17	Invite them to join organisations.e.g. ratepayers assoc., children should become involved in sports, council of canadians. academy of music.		
18	Young people can make friends here and fit into the community easily but there are very few jobs for them		
19	Excellent to have youth centre so youth feel valued and important. This was a community event.		
20	Expand the Welcome Wagon program to include a 1 week, a 1 month, and a 3 month phone call follow-up.		
21	Tough sometimes : work @ reasonable wage a prob - house prices increasingly a prob - If job there, it's a great place for young families		
22	Unless they can find good work, young families can't stay in PR, or choose to move here		
23	have a good supply of low cost and varied housing --from loft space to houses of all types		
24	Again, industry prospects poor for young families to stay here or for the youth to return.		
25	Hard to know - small town u can get superficially involved very easily but not able to really be part of the place		
26	Support & strengthen initiatives like the Community Resource. Have City Hall act as a better clearinghouse for information.		
27	Support any effort that offers long term and stable employment for younger people		
28	Host an annual expanded "get acquainted" event in a public venue (i.e. Willingdon Beach Park or Rec Complex) similar to Newcomers business event		
29	There just are not a lot of jobs in the community for young people, especially jobs that pay more than minimum wage		
30	support them,		
31	keep a viable workforce that provides decent jobs which pay above minimum wage		
32	it all comes down to employment		
33	The aforementioned low-income housing. Sustain services such as Career Link and Community Resource Centre.		
34	need to have good paying job opportunities or business opportunities		
35	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.		
36	There are only two large employers in Powell River If you dont have the training for either of them you are stuck in a minimum wage job		
37	again provide decent paying employment		
38	ELECT A NEW COUNCIL		
39	jobs, education		
40	Bring in more industry, heavy; light;office. We train kids but don't offer work! The social side is excellent here, but work is poor.		

41	Provide immigrant employment services. The problem is, there may not be a large-enough critical mass of immigrants to qualify for funding.
42	Treat them with respect and dignity. Treat them the way you would want to be treated. See them as people just like you rather than the "other".
43	Continue holding the newcomers event at the Rec Centre; have real estate agents and rental managers provide community orientation materials
44	encourage employers to hire more people and pay a decent wage
45	Provide more opportunities. Orientation for new people. The yearly welcoming event at the complex is a good start.
46	Not sure but services and opportunities for youth are sadly lacking. There is not much opportunity for employment for those graduating high school.
47	need more opportunities....pr has a tendency to do things half ass....like the pool, skatepark not well done
48	Increase employment opportunities with suitable pay and encourage integration with our First Nations community as well as immigrants.
49	Get them involved. Loose the "born in Powell River" mentality. Much of the vitality of the community comes from those who are not "from here"
50	Arranging jobs.
51	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.
52	Visit them and invite them to the community's gathering.
53	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.
54	more neighbourhood events
55	Have a town party to meet newcomers every year or so. A bash so we can all get acquainted.
56	Hold regular community events, make information about community groups and activities readily available.
57	Programs and services for youth and newcomers is good -- getting jobs (decent ones) is not so good. Invite newcomers to our homes; be open to learn.
58	Young people are having to leave Powell River to find work. We need to create more jobs here.
59	Be more inclusive rather than protecting the status quo.
60	Be welcoming. Employ them.
61	We need people with skills and talent. finding a job and having no special skill or training is difficult.
62	Reach out, but the new comers have to take advantage of every possibility to meet and participate in as many opportunities to meet others.
63	I became an immigrant because of Powell River, more free opportunities for youth to enjoy outdoor activities, ask youth what they want
64	friendships and information regarding their interests, example: biking, hiking, music, etc. Clear info and how to search for a job in P.R.
65	provide jobs for young people. Reduce the gap between the rich and the poor by discouraging the practice of givig contracts to the same business men
66	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
67	Help them out instead of judging them
68	people with the "right attitude" can fit in anywhere and PR is no exception.
69	Make the stupid Peak irrelevant with better community communication avenues.
70	cultural events/ youth leadership and youth directed intitatives
71	Have jobs for them.
72	more diversity awareness and activities, continue with youth driven projects like employment training, community initiatives and YAC
73	Use the welcome wagon as an intro to services rather than to promote certain businesses.
74	We found this city to be unfriendly to new people.
75	Have one spot where questions about services, ect. can be accessed my new arrivals.
76	-work to provide jobs and reasonably priced housing -make a conscious effort to counteract racism, sexism, and other prejudices
77	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
78	Don't just welcome - INCLUDE! PR people are not as embracing as I think they think they are
79	-offer new family-friendly opportunities, or existing ones more inclusive (eg. with child minders available) -activities in parks -more notice boards
80	Bring back the Newcomers Fair! It was great.
81	Long-time residents can be resistant to accepting new residents. Recognize, value and use skills and knowledge moving into community, and of retirees
82	just say hello, strike up a conversation , get to know people's names, show an interest, volunteer
83	more open houses to social clubs broaden welcome wagon duties

84 Encourage the Peak to write more of the good things happening in Powell River. Community Living is doing a good Job.

85 More supported training and employment programs

86 Be open to hire new comers instead of just who you know. Difficult to break into good jobs, as positions tend to be held for family/friends.

87 - have information about what is available, schools, day cares, sports, arts & culture, recreation - have free organized play ground activities

88 Things like Career Link help. Updating and advertising books that show what clubs are available.

89 Make sure that jobs are available and food and housing are affordable.

90 Try to make the community more accessable through events and local business sponsorships

91 inclusive community events, training for people to learn how to integrate

92 Share local information

93 be an ambassador for Powell River and be super friendly and welcoming.....

94 Powell River rents have skyrocketed since albertans have bought houses they only live in 2 weeks out of the year. We need to have a local rent subsidy

95 I moved here from another city and quickly found work as did my wife. Our first jobs were not great. PR tends to be a who you know town.

96 There are not many options for young people here. Maybe having more environmentally sustainable jobs available would help that.

97 We need more resources for young adults (social, economic, etc) Invite a more diverse range of immigrants to settle here Increase visible diversity

98 Celebrate different ethnic festivals, foster open dialogue, encourage volunteerism

99 Focus on developing work and life opportunities for young adults and young families

100 If you are not from Powell River, you never feel a part of it. Always an outsider.

101 Provide well paying jobs

102 Again...THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!!! They are trying to GIVE stuff away, so how can young people survive?

103 Promote a diversity center

104 Sufficient affordable housing. Contracting young professionals for a fair rate (not a rate for a retired p. Designate a 'mentor' to find your way

105 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

106 Be open and accepting.

107 Be good neighbours. Lend a hand and a hand up.

108 having more places where immigrants can go to meet people so they can adjust to their new town more effectively.

109 welcome wagon

110 Provide support for youth who are just getting on their feet. Affordable housing oportunities.

111 i think Pr does a pretty good job except in the employment sector where oportunities are limited

112 Few answers in our present conventional community economy. We need to want it more to start with, then start studying how to achieve it

113 Have a central place for information about our Community and what it has to offer in all areas. Support systems that are accessible

114 Be a great welcoming neighbour! Welcome Wagon/Rec. Centre program - as it offers a list of many different options of activities at the back.

115 Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

116 Be supportive and available to give them help of what things are available in the community and where to find them.

117 Employment is the biggest concern. If people new to powell river have liveable employment, there are ample oportunities to be involved with the communi

118 make them feel welcome and encourage them to become involved in our community and all we have to offer

119 Informal, but perhaps organized, contact with parents of kids entering the schools to connect them to services and organizations.

120 Welcome new people, call the welcome wagon, volunteer in something. join an activity, go on the terry fox fun. (walk, run, ride, roller skate)

121 Maybe a newcomers club with info from the business community.

122 Provide entertaining venues for all ages

123 support them by buying from them if they are competitive

124 First they need jobs!

125 It's not up to the community to do anything. The people need to take the initiative to help themselves, join clubs, volunteer etc.....

126 focus attention on the many groups already available and raise awareness of how "locals" can be welcoming and supportive

127 Be welcoming and tolerant

128 people are here for the environment, allow alaternate transportation on the streets or through the community, like bike routes not on the streets

129 there isn't enough reasonably paid work for immigrants and young people. If they come with jobs, the community is welcoming and inclusive.

130 Have jobs for them that match their level of training.

131 Regular newcomer events and programs Positive accolades for employers and residents who include newcomers via the press and/or community newsletter

132 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.

133 offer job stability

134 Alter the welcome wagon model to draw people out to events and groups rather than simply offering shopping for stuff.

135 Make sure they are invited to participate in activities and events.

136 Provide them with resources so they can make educated choices about what they wish to pursue in order to make friends and find work.

137 Provide training for good paying jobs(careers), here in Powell River.

138 to get work in this town is hard. skills matter little, who you know is everything.

139 affordable housing; above min. wage jobs. Diversify religions base.

140 Focus on healthy outdoor activities and far less on consumption oriented events

141 Its up to the individual - there are a multitude of organizations one can participate in.

142 More street and neighbourhood parties. More notice boards throughout the community for people to connect.

143 It is up to the initiative of the individual to do this - not another community group with a govt grant.

144 More jobs for low income earners

145 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.

146 create employment

147 Can't get my comments under 150 words

148 continue to be open and welcoming

149 We need more decent Jobs and incentives for entrepreneur's. Eco-Tourism...

150 Give them the support they need,be open to change.

151 Like anything else, it's all about finding solid, well-paying work.

152 accept people from the "outside", be tolerant

153 More chances for long-time residents to encounter diversity personally. Celebrate different festivals Job networks of new and long term residents

154 Emphasis the positive aspects of the community as a whole. not just certain areas. Stress the values of the community and encourage participation.

155 Better employment, higher wages for entry level work

156 access to land. revisit the previous homestead act (repealed around 1975)

157 Make them feel welcome.

158 provide support and encouragement by means of rewards - special offers on the price of attending events

159 Most young people have to leave PR to make a decent living or have to have two or more jobs to survive. Need more well paying full time employment

160 bridge to the mainland or Vancouver island

161 Affordable housing, employment opportunities, activites for children and youth.

162 Without an college or university degree, and the income they provide - most people can forget about becoming established here.

163 more higher paying jobs

164 Powell River 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

165 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.

166 Once again, if there is no innovation, the kids will go somewhere where they can grow and have their ideas heard.

167 advertise events

168 Create a public registry for newcomers to record skills, needs, interests

169 Support and embrace change and new ideas .

170 not an immigrant and don't have a family - unable to offer an informed opinion

171 As our population ages there should be some services put in place creating jobs to service this aging population.

172 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.

173 - improve web presence of services/businesses - the quality of websites here is shameful! - encourage volunteering to get foot in the door






174	Rent is high, wages are minimal....not easy for a young family to get by!
175	Have a special outreach office for people getting started here in Powell River
176	No comment.
177	Online database for newcomers about resources, organizations, etc. It would really help.
178	you left out seniors in the 55-65 age bracket - that is a big part of the problem....
179	provide lots of information even before they get here
180	Small manufacturing or industry would be helpful.
181	Maybe a Welcome Wagon?
182	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..
183	Pass on our excess to help those in need. Be open to new friendships/relationships.
184	Affordable housing and Daycare
185	having joblink do their job
186	Be open and accepting.
187	There is more than meets the eye. We need to search out and learn of these needs to better address what we can do to help.
188	More openness, less favouritism of the elite (rich)
189	So far everyone is very welcoming. Finding a job which will sustain us is a challenge.
190	Reach out and invite them to become part of an organization or group.
191	Invite them to join us in our many community endeavours :)
192	Helping
193	The communities do a fairly good job right now of inviting participation, except for wanting a long-term commitment up front. How about a 1-wk trial?
194	Hard to know where affordable places are and to find groups to become part of.
195	Provide land based access to Canada so that the community can grow. With growth comes job opportunities.
196	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.
197	let their new ideas be heard by all powell river
198	Be friendly and positive and share the great things about this area. Introduce them to people - sometimes it's who you know.

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:	159	39.36%
GOOD:	186	46.04%
FAIR:	51	12.62%
BELOW AVERAGE:	6	1.49%
POOR:	2	0.5%
Total Responded to this question:	404	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	5	1.22%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	9	2.23%
GOOD: 	91	22.58%
FAIR: 	198	49.13%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	77	19.11%
POOR: 	28	6.95%
Total Responded to this question:	403	98.53%
Total who skipped this question:	6	1.47%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	178	100%
Total Responded to this question:	178	43.52%
Total who skipped this question:	231	56.48%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Build a new library and cultural centre on the waterfront Create a university concentrating on fine arts and incorporating the Academy of Music
2	Support the Music Academy
3	funding Marketing
4	support
5	This is something I know nothing about.
6	Continued promotion and growth of the space within our City and Region Advertise what we ahve externally Arts and Culture speacility school
7	Attrct more events.
8	fund them
9	attend the events
10	I think we've spent enough there
11	arts and culture is pretty well looked after
12	this is one area that is very strong in Powell River and we just need to keep doing what we are doing.
13	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
14	More youth driven (19-35) attractions or interests.
15	Greater financial support Get our governance to appreciate what we have
16	Support local events. Buy locally made arts for gifts
17	Continue to provide venues but pursuit of the arts is a hobby that few can/should earn a living at. Benefactors should fund arts, not taxes.
18	PR loves the arts! Support them! Attend concerts! Prices are right! Getting a job s/t difficult I suspect but is a growth area w potential
19	have several core activities to build around and then keep it vareid
20	Too much stress on these two areas and not enough on Sports and Leisure spent.
21	Not much without a larger population - people like the service but do not support things
22	Tax rebates for artists.
23	It is currently being well served by our residents
24	Already doing a great job
25	I think Powell River has an abundance of jobs in these fields unfortunately this area is not a sustainable filed that will continue to grow Powell Rive
26	more productions, feasible costs.
27	-provide more source of funding -do not charge musicians who perform at Blacberry Fest (for eg.), pay them! The arts draw people to these events!
28	support with tax breaks/donations in kind, as happens, I believe, with the Academy of Music. small investment for SOAP and Kathaumixw
29	More injection of funds. Turn volunteer positions into paid positions! New public art gallery and library
30	Advertise arts events as aggressively as hockey games.
31	a coordinated marketing approach and a coordinated fundraising approach
32	New library and new museum including display space for arts.
33	HOW MANY TIMES TO WE HAVE TO REPEAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS?
34	I am happy with the way things are regarding art & culture. we excel at that.
35	Provide marketing help, or access to the services of an agent.
36	Provide free spaces for artists to display art or play music. Do not charge musicians to play at street festivals. Value and support artists.
37	Continue to promote and support; work with Tourism Powell River to get the word out; don't charge musicians to play at Blackberry Fest
38	Local funding for arts innitiatives. Education stream for the arts.

39 community, municipal and provincial support. Have people value arts as part of a healthy community.

40 Recognize the value in employing people in the arts industry and secure funding with which to do so.

41 Keep supporting the Music Academy.

42 More promotion of world class events. increase hotel space.

43 More advertising!

44 start with building a beautiful arts and culture centre/public gallery/library down on willington beach...see what happens then...public art!!

45 Make Powell River an destination for arts and culture. Promote tourism.

46 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.

47 get people, particularly tourists, to buy more art. Open up Marine Avenue as an artist street and subsidize rents for a season to attract tourists.

48 More residents need to attend and support more cultural - especially music - events. City financial and in-kind support is essential

49 Increase funding for arts & culture; support new initiatives; open an art and eco school here.

50 Arts and culture at this point is mostly volunteer. We need a standing committee of Council dedicated to Arts and Culture along with appropriate \$.

51 Continue to support them. Find a way to provide cheap clean accommodation for students involved in the arts.

52 Art, in itself, provides very little opportunity to make a living.

53 Continue and expand the public support of cultural events. Lock in on a permanent basis City Gov. financial support.

54 many entrepreneurial artists live here, offer more opportunities for them to market wares,

55 Funding

56 most artists starve to death so instead first develop money making schemes and then dabble in the arts. Culture - we do very for a city our size

57 More national and international promotion of our artists and artistic events - particularly for the visual arts.

58 I think the arts are doing very well.

59 Start the school of fine arts in Townsite. Make PR a publishing center, a book-town.

60 Support the Academy of Music financially. Develop an arts and cultural centre for instruction and training.

61 encourage more festivals like arts in the park and advertise them to other communities

62 let tourists know of arts and culture in PR

63 Welcome new ideas

64 Keep S.O.A.P. and Kathaumixw going and encourage all types of art groups.

65 -keep providing the opportunities we do at a reasonable cost

66 Have a public art gallery

67 City council needs to financially support long standing institutions such as the Academy of Music.

68 There are no jobs in Art related market because the thinking is, it should be volunteers doing those job, hence the quality is not there to attract

69 I don't think there are many jobs in arts and culture really anywhere beyond self employment?

70 Support bands/various music groups in performing at McKinney's or other pubs.... it's pretty same-old-same-old right now

71 -continue local government funding commitments -offer professional grant-writing support -lobby provincial & national governments to shape up

72 New library

73 Take local music into the studio, build an export industry around music and art, make PR a destination for music events. So many possibilities!

74 Better funding and opportunities for exposure even in the community. Some public art would also raise the profile.

75 we need a dedicated ,secure, art gallery for displays of artists work. Make it easier to obtain funding for events, projects,

76 continued support lower ferry cost to encourage tourism to view are many talented artists

77 Doing a good job

78 More municipal support as line items not grants

79 To encourage higher attendance, keep it affordable, keep it diverse

80 - opportunities for the children to experience first hand - drama clubs - visual arts experiences - song & dance - sewing - be original

81 Continue Kathaumixw. Build an art gallery. Honour artists in our town.

82 Free and open gallery space, unjuried. Open stage venues.

83 There is an abundance of local talent which should be encouraged to become more pro active in joining or creating new ventures

84 federal and provincial funding for the arts and culture

85 The community is very involved

86 We absolutely NEED a dedicated art gallery for all of Powell Rivers wonderful artists. This is one of the most artist starved communities

87 Not sure there are many jobs in arts and culture anywhere that are easy. People who really want to do it make their own way. See some successfull

88 It's already great.

89 An arts and culture magazine and or web site Encourage youth expression through the arts

90 More funding for arts and culture

91 More important to focus on practical employment then subsidize art and culture

92 Not much of a living being made I don't believe, but there is lots going on..Better have a carrer if you want to survive for the most part

93 More events and encouragement for local artists. More community support needed for farmers market and local produce

94 More accessibility for low income families/youth/children

95 Support for alternate prov. gov't. Provide Library/Gallery at Willingdon-South Advertise casting call for public to demo their thespianism

96 Continue holding events that draw visitors to P.R.

97 Create jobs for people who live here.

98 We have many venues for arts and culture in our community - theater, music, visual arts

99 Ferry costs are a concern both for incoming and outgoing activities. We have top notch facilities but a reluctance to use them due to costs

100 Be involved. Do music instead of TV

101 Keep with the traditions e.g. Kathaumixw, Art in the Park, SOAP. Promotion of our events in other communities hotel/shuttle and theater. Website info

102 Jobs

103 Municipality should assist with funding of current events such as Kathauimeux, and SOAP that are proven to bring in people and money to the community.

104 Let's focus on all arts & culture not just the Academy of Music.....

105 Art in the park, exhibiate art work at local resturants, mecical buildings, malls, show off what PR has to offer

106 more public concerts in the park, we have such a wealth of talent, but the average citizen is not aware of this talent.

107 Stop relying on the same people. takie a leap of faith and try new artist and musicians. Powell River has alot of talent

108 Visual exposure

109 the population has to grow to support the arts you need people with a disposable income to support them and young people on base rate can't afford it

110 Of course increased govt funding for programs and grants make it more viable for artists to survive.

111 increase funding and grants to groups who bring \$\$ into the community through tremendous, but flagging, volunteer effort (Academy of Music)

112 Provide venues to showcase work

113 more affordable venues for working and lower class

114 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

115 When residents have more discretionary dollars to spend, this sector will have more opportunities, so the key is a vibrant economy & low unemployment

116 An attraction for visitors to come here for arts but ease of access to Powell River is a must.

117 more money is needed to increase quality

118 local workers who support NIMBY cause should take a look at whose door they knock on when asking for \$\$\$ to fund their save our whatever campaign

119 Most of the jobs are voluntary. PR Academy of Music does offer work for music teachers.

120 Support financially or inkind to allow the creative process to take place. Artists cannot create when worried about earning a living.

121 Need to attract more individuals that are interested in arts and culture (see what other cities are doing to attract these people)

122 We have enough in this area....not sure it creates many jobs and only those with money can afford to go.

123 Annual arts and culture festival.

124 Arts and culture only survive with subsidies or patrons.

125 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+

126 Lots being done now

127 Build an outdoor theatre

128 Certainly to keep the Music Academy afloat if they run into financial difficulties.

129 create employment with high paying skilled jobs

130 Could advertise them more....get council involved personally in all sorts of cultural events....use some city money....friendlier to outsiders

131	Jobs are scarce in the arts everywhere. Supporting the arts with reduced cost for city services would help
132	We have a lot of Artists and possible entrepreneurs that with support from the city could help our economy and Tourism.
133	There are many great art events but they are few and far between. Consistent live music at a suitable venue would be an asset.
134	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 .
135	If we believe that culture in all its forms is necessary for a thriving community we must, at some points sponsor its survival
136	Art Gallery Free music that allows poor to participate Greater variety in type of music Book club focussing on local writers - reading and writing
137	Open an art gallery.
138	Keep up the good work
139	Stop expecting local musicians to work for free at public events
140	Events could reserve a portion of seating free to people on social assistance as well as transportation to and from events
141	More Advertising events, lots of performances to bring to the public, outdoor performances at the beach.
142	A public gallery would be a start!
143	More young families are needed to keep PR vital.
144	hire local artists for more work put a focus on it in the downtown support it at VIU & at school
145	We need a modern movie theatre.
146	A dedicated public arts and culture centre for display and performance perhaps combined with plans for new library
147	more funding offered at a municipal level for businesses promoting the arts
148	Variety and tourism
149	not a prime concern to me - unable to offer an informed opinion
150	Continue to support and build the arts community by suporting their endeavours.
151	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.
152	PR is a great choral community. easier access to communities beyond the SS Coast to bring in or send out art presentations.
153	central artists gallery ... ex Qualicum Beach has the old schoolhouse features over 60 artists under one roof - great shopping and cultural experience
154	to have a seperate music theatre eg. The Don James Theatre
155	Unknown.
156	Change up the annual events (most a similar each year) and include lower sunshine coast in marketing/advertising for such events.
157	there are a wide variety of options but they all cost money so therein puts a gap in the ability of seniors to participate-also no transportation.
158	create a department in the city dedicated to attracting arts and culture as an economic driver
159	plenty of opportunities, but many artist(like most people here) have 2 work more that 1 job 2 make ends meet..
160	I think we're doing a great job with arts and culture in this town. Keep it going.
161	Funding for supplies when needed
162	continue as we are
163	Attract better quality of arts and culture
164	Have a University for Music Education/Arts
165	Additional government funding to support the work done by volunteers.
166	REAL municipal support would be nice. There is LOTS of support for sports teams and little to nothing for arts and culture.
167	More funding
168	People in the jobs stay in the jobs. New jobs don't come often.
169	More promoting arts and culture. More children oriented places for school aged and teens to hang out.
170	support from local government
171	Encourage and support the present arts and culture in Powell River.
172	Community Compost site, which in turn people can purchase (with proceeds going back into the upkeep of the site). A great education tool. :)
173	Provide a land based highway to Canada.
174	complex could sponsor more events for local musicians and artists
175	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
176	encourage new people to take part in the arts.
177	City funding Supporting the library
178	There is enough balance/focus on arts & culture for the population. Industry and small business development is in more need of




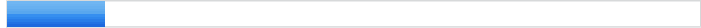

attention!

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:	104	25.81%
GOOD:	219	54.34%
FAIR:	66	16.38%
BELOW AVERAGE:	9	2.23%
POOR:	5	1.24%
Total Responded to this question:	403	98.53%
Total who skipped this question:	6	1.47%
Total:	409	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: 	18	4.46%
GOOD: 	149	36.88%
FAIR: 	162	40.1%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	57	14.11%
POOR: 	18	4.46%
Total Responded to this question:	404	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	5	1.22%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	234	100%
Total Responded to this question:	234	57.21%
Total who skipped this question:	175	42.79%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Raise fuel taxes
2	preserve green space Stop Clear Cutting Replan forests permote and reward local farming
3	keep the garbage out of the backcountry
4	Conrinue work on our sustainablity charter Composting and recycling Save as many forests as possible understanding we are a forest based communi
5	Don't sacrifice the environment for the economy.
6	make it easy for people to recycle
7	no dumping, remove the garbage bag tag fee as lots of people would rather illegally dump that buy tags
8	recycling and composting
9	we need to get a proper waste management system in place.
10	More funding for volunteer groups who are trying their best.
11	Devoloping our ALR for what it is meant for.
12	Reduce, reuse and recycle Get business and governance on side
13	We need an environmentally friendly Waste Water Treatment Plant . Not the Primitave Co-Treatment Plant that Council is insisting on.
14	deal with our own garbage have our own composting centre for the community with curbside pickup
15	Bike lanes, emphasis on tourism, PUBLIC treatment and especially drinking water. NO run-of-river involvement.
16	Recycling pick up every week(curbside).Have a central place to bring electronics, batteries, ink cartridges.Pick up compostable waste.Ban plastic bag
17	Compost pick-up and a waste to power incineration system large enough to bring in garbage from other communities as an industry.
18	Community composting, preserving green space, improving public transit, encourage local shopping, food production, TEACH the old and young about it.
19	Compost household greens.
20	the current LWMP deabaate is unreal--fix what we have and get on with it
21	We do we have to pay for garbage when we already pay such huge taxes?
22	Too much emphasis on environment - we live in a forest -not enough on sustainable industry
23	Tax lawns. Rebates for vegetable gardens. Stop coddling the polluters & despoilers (Catalyst, Plutonic, WFP, etc.).
24	Take responsibility for your own "garbage" and appreciate the fantastic natural surroundings
25	Not sure - bus schedules are not that convenient for conducting business but I assume that ridership must increase to allow more service
26	Charging people to dispose of their garbage had lead to having piles of garbage all over the place in our surronding woodlands
27	we do well in this area mostly, higher dumping fees for the peeps dumping in the wooded areas
28	-Do not allow massive cuts of forested areas alongside residential communities, such as what occurred in the Townsite -we should have Aircare here!
29	make Sunshine Coast Trail a linear park. scooter parking at the Complex upper door (!), bike trail thru the Cut
30	community composting - somehow stop the littering in the bush, public transportation could be better to avoid driving
31	More recycling drop off locations More frequent bus service to encourage lower car use A car/truck-sharing service so residents don't have to own
32	Community composting. Preserve the watershed. Remove stupid by-laws re clotheslines. Tax the s**t out of monster houses.
33	good quality developments that are envirnomentally friendly
34	Community composting would be very helpful.
35	ALL TALK AND NO ACTION...Council can not make a decision no matter whan the issue is
36	reduce the cost to use the waste transfer station so that more people will be inclined to use it rather than throwing trash into the forests
37	CLEAN HOUSE
38	recycling of not only compost waste but other things. Help getting large items disposed of you do not have a vecicle
39	More would recycle if they didnt' have to pre-sort as proved in other communities. fig's up to 80% if this is implemented. we do good

though.

40 Community-wide composting program.

41 Other communities have set up roadside pick up for compostable materials. This should be done as well.

42 Environmentally sound disposal of waste. Improved monitoring of mill's impact on environment. Stop clear-cuts. Plant native plants and organic food.

43 Do not put the liquid waste water plant 4km out of the way so the sewage needs to be piped to it; deal with the decommissioning of the old dumps

44 Address our waste water issue. Listen to the experts IOW's get truly educated. There are great ideas out there!

45 continue to support community initiatives for sustainable living.

46 Find a solution for recycling glass; use smaller buses; make some bicycle lanes; enforce by-laws for no-idling, smoking, backyard burning.

47 Community composting.

48 waste treatment facility

49 Promote more recycling....more education on environmental issues...Powell River is considerably behind larger centres with respect to recycling.

50 Protect areas for future eco development and recreation.

51 too 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!

52 Promote central and private composting .

53 More street-level garbage AND RECYCLING containers is essential! Garbage-littered streets don't inspire anyone— littering becomes no big deal.

54 personal actions

55 We need to deal with the fact that we have some serious pollution problem from historic sites. The charter and its process were a sham.

56 Promote reduced use of water and throw-away materials. Make all liquid and solid waste processes sustainable, with economic use of waste products.

57 Put the sustainability charter to work instead of just on paper. Car sharing and public transport improvements. Add career eco courses to VIU

58 We need to develop solid waste plan that includes recycling, composting, etc.

59 Compulsory separation of garbage and the making of compost for sale.

60 Work to encourage and reward children and especially teens to participate in all aspects of supporting the environment.

61 bins are easy to access to recycle, Peak provides information, balance access to back country with preservation

62 More advertisement for group volunteers that help with clean up, trail maintenance etc. and educate the groups as to why it's important.

63 more bus routes

64 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

65 Continue to promote recycling, and purchasing from local retailers and farmers.

66 Create less trash.

67 Find a way to get rid of Island Timberlands (oxymoron or what?) and stop exporting our precious trees! (Tell the Peak to stuff its Friday crap, too!)

68 more awareness/community initiatives that look at alternatives to consumersim

69 could have a better recycling system. pick up of all recyclables.

70 Bike & walking lanes. More recycling bins, (townsite, wildwood, etc.). Hsehold. compost program like halifax. Sort and recycle dump waste

71 community-wide composting mandatory recycling

72 be responsible ourselves, and be aware of the environment

73 Kill the co treatment plan as it could result in sewage in the sea.

74 Institute curbside yard waste collection in order to begin outdoor burning.

75 Clean and provide more recycling depots

76 Community compost, better recycling services, further bans on backyard burning, certification process for woodstoves (must be in compliance).

77 dealing with our own waste

78 - stop driving gas guzzlers and large v ehicles to drive a few blocks walk more provide even better public transit

79 Promote the idea of 'zero waste' much more; start a municipal compost program

80 Keep planting trees; do something about the devastation and degradation of our local forests.

81 I would like to see green recycling (compost) and free pick-up of yard waste.

82 Offer a curbside composting community like the one being adopted in other communities.

- 83 I cannot believe that lack of effort most people seem to make. I make one 1/2 bag of garbage/month...b/c I recycle
- 84 -propose lower ferry fares & emissions with reduced number of daily sailings -encourage affordable Malaspina charter bus rates - improve bike routes
- 85 Reduce car usage (PR is still totally geared around cars) Retro-fit old buildings for energy efficiency
- 86 Curtail logging! It ruins long-term potential as an eco-tourism destination. Regional compost facility. More, smaller buses, more routes lower fare
- 87 Recycling awareness needs to be increased and reusing yard waste by creating public composting and mulching. Tie this into the LWMP.
- 88 more programs to educate about environment, recycling, home gardening, home preserving,
- 89 weekly enviro "two-do" list in paper listing two things each house can do that week to be more environmentally sustainable or concious
- 90 Doing a good job
- 91 Burn our waste for power instead of sending it south. Comprehensive bike paths separated from traffic as much as possible. Every subdivision must ha
- 92 Create safe bike routes,make soil with city green waste, preserve the trees
- 93 - curb side composting - reduce household waste
- 94 Stop the clear cutting.
- 95 stop logging for short term gain. institute a compost, and garden waste pick up that could be processed and resold.
- 96 Improve public transport and create bicycle lanes. Oppose logging, oil transport, fish farming. Support wind and tidal generation, and local farming
- 97 Unfortunately, with the costs of shipping, storage and materials on an upward spiral..I don't see much hope, in the near future
- 98 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
- 99 Teach the young people not to litter
- 100 Stop illegal dumping
- 101 Don't cut any more trees (The complex !!!!)
- 102 Need to bring back the incinerator should not be sending our garbage out
- 103 Reduce water consumption in the summer time. More community gardens, less destructive and non sustainable logging.
- 104 Talk about bike lanes but so far I have only seen a couple of signs and a painted stencil on Manson. PR is easy to bike except traffic and narrow road
- 105 Keep up the reduce, recycle, reuse message, and have WAY safer and better bike commute lane options.
- 106 Provide municipal wide composting (no organics allowable in garbage or land fill No more clear cuts in the municipality improve bike connectivity
- 107 On the whole, Powell River residents seems to be environmentally conscious.
- 108 Make it easier to practice reduce, recycle, and reuse
- 109 Provide yard waste pickup
- 110 encourage bike riding by making the roads safe for cyclists, fix holes on the side of roadways, remove barricades on foot paths yard waste pick up
- 111 Stop charging for garbage tags, build the cost of it into taxes and MUCH less dumping in the bush etc. INCINERATION!!!! 3 times passed on voting day!!
- 112 Get help form the provincial gov't to stop Island Timbers destroying our forest and trails.
- 113 Waste disposal
- 114 Improved cycle lanes/paths/lights Waste plant in the region payment for plastic bags
- 115 Move forward on compost pickups Lobby for control of City garbage disposition. Burning is better than shipping cross-boarder
- 116 Encourage more local food production. Build bike lanes, particularly through the cut.
- 117 Keep encouraging recycling, especially to younger people and continue to supply large recycling stations throughout the community.
- 118 ban plastic bags, curbside composting that could then be redistributed for gardens (Burnaby model), saltwater swimming pool at the rec center,
- 119 The polluting the mill is allowed to do dumping their pollutants in wildwood is nothing short of criminal and the community turns a blind eye to it.
- 120 Grow local Food. Foster Support local organizations already focussing on this issue
- 121 Compost collecting for energy creation-methane plants. Reduce cutting of local trees (require permits)
- 122 Waste management and water
- 123 Composting e.g bins distributed by Municipality - similar to those in Nanaimo. More days supporting car-pooling, bike to work, build on the one week.
- 124 make recycling easy - provide reuseable recycling bags in curbside recycling create bike lanes/safe biking areas for commuting
- 125 My understanding is that, currently, glass that is taken to recycling is not actually recycled.
- 126 Sustain clean air quality, and clean water

- 127 The city should encourage periodic collection of junk & refuse..help eliminate the illegal dumping around the community It would also beautify area
- 128 Everyone, every home should learn to compost properly. Creating soil out of waste is a good thing to teach the younger generation all the time.
- 129 Not involve the Mill in any decision making on the environment
- 130 Catalyst should not be given waste contract or other favors. They should pay their share of taxes
- 131 understand it
- 132 compost sites for suites and apartment buildings
- 133 If we did not pay so much for the weekly garbage pick up and to take garbage to the dump, then people would not be dumping in the bush!
- 134 Preserving the quality of the water on our lakes and in the ocean. Getting more forest land set aside and preserved for recreational use
- 135 continue to raise awareness through local initiatives--ongoing articles in newspapers of the many small changes we can make to make a big difference
- 136 We need to be able to recycle glass (at the moment it is too expensive to ship out of PR so they through it away)
- 137 Move towards solar and wind via government initiatives likes the City of Calgary Get into composting in a big way and sell it back to the community
- 138 better recycling program/pickup
- 139 We need to include a recycle pick up service. And thoughts of a community composting site would help Other communities are looking into this idea.
- 140 stop shipping the garbage out have a full scope recycling program have bike lanes in places besides the road, riding a bike in PR is dangerous, and
- 141 Move sewage treatment from middle of town. Shut down mill. Create traffic calmed areas
- 142 more recycling containers around community dont let residents dump cardboard at waste station when the recycling is next door community compost
- 143 to make it easier for the community have ONLY ONE BAG for re cycling.All recycling can be sorted at the center.
- 144 Educate the public about benefits to them of helping the environment Encourage the public with "rewards" such as recognition for positive actions
- 145 Pollution and sewage control.
- 146 education to low income families and children
- 147 There should be a burn waste to energy unit running here (see what they have in Charlottetown PEI that powers the hospital
- 148 Get better at recycling. Don't put cardboard into the landfill.
- 149 Understand we are part of the environment. Increase knowledge. By understanding systems we can't be oblivious of our affect.
- 150 Stop barging garbage to the US and deal locally with waste. Keep the waste disposal in the public sector.
- 151 We need to stop chopping down trees even though we are fortunate to have so many trees around us. There should be public access to safe composting.
- 152 The city should allow one bag or garbage per week without payment as Campbell River does.
- 153 State of the art liquid and solid waste disposal at affordable cost. Public transit that is not more expensive than operating my private vehicle.
- 154 Willingdon park land that was recently purchased should have all of its trees preserved in its natural state, small sit parks should be encouraged.
- 155 Ban back yard burning - get your act together and put council words into action not just another report to file on the dusty report shelf.
- 156 Encourage people to stop using big trucks, gas guzzling big boats, heavy camper trailers, ATVs and motorcycles. Encourage physical activities.
- 157 Emulate Comox composting. Alternate between garbage service and yard waste service every other week. Abbotsford does this with large compostable bags.
- 158 Stop raising garbage fees. They could be part of taxes. Give incentives NOT to dump garbage.
- 159 A yard waste pickup should be available. Maybe change garbage pickup to every two weeks and offer yard waste pickup alternate weeks.
- 160 More recycling. Example: The rec complex, it all ends up in the same bin. There is also too much garbage at festivities and parties.
- 161 Free yard waste pickup. Comox is making money from composting. Why isn't PR?
- 162 Close the landfill in Wildwood Don't burn biosolids in the Mill
- 163 Keep recycling & if the fees for dumping were less I think you'd have fewer problems with people dumping in the woods & trails.
- 164 education,information..its working now
- 165 reward people who have or planting trees...more green spaces with trees in the populated..limited developers from lopping down every tree they see
- 166 reduce bus fares every year instead of increasing them. Bike lanes. Sidewalks. Neighbourhood recycle bins. reward agriculture, farming & gardening
- 167 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

168 Need to actually recycle glass.

169 Stop cutting down trees unnecessarily. Keep pollutants out of our soil and water. Fine people who dump and litter

170 adopt a waste policy that recycles wastes of all kinds to the highest degree. As glass is expensive to move, set up a plant to reuse glass -here.

171 Drive less, smaller Reduce garbage, store packaging Reduce water use Keep tertiary LW treatment Reduce chemical use - gardens, cleaning, building

172 Discourage dumping. It is rampant in this community!

173 Deal with the toxic waste dump in Wildwood. Continue to educate and promote . . .reduce-reuse-recycle-compost

174 existing landfill site(s) clean-up. a truly innovative waste management plan for liquid and solid waste, with zero emissions as a goal.

175 Get the sewage treatment system sorted out and discipline those who use our backwoods as a dumping grounds for their garbage.

176 Offer incentives to reduce the use of cars, provide walking and bicycle paths/lanes - parking lots are dangerous for walkers and cyclists at present

177 Have composting service like Comox

178 build a new City owned and operated stand alone sewerage treatment facility.

179 One wkend a yr, all residents be allowed to put out all their junk and it is picked up by municipality and disposed of free to the public.

180 - recycling pick-up with garbage pick-up - more recycling bins around town, wildwood and beyond, thunderbay store and beyond

181 Recycling kitchen waste, make it more expensive for people who don't recycle, get batteries and other electronics out of the waste-stream, etc..

182 manage water, air, and noise. User pay for water (including businesses), better control on backyard burning, control noise from traffic/industry

183 Create our own landfill instead of shipping it off. This way we maintain control of the enviromental aspects of disposing of the waste.

184 Stop driving huge beastly shiny pick up trucks to fetch lattes at starbucks. Start walking more!

185 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

186 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.

187 Environmental laws should be respected. How many landslides are there in the sea walk and old arena area? Why were the gray heron nests not found?

188 I love that our recycling pick up is included in our taxes, but there is an additional cost (buying tags) for our garbage.

189 Safer walking and cycling access on major routes Tax breaks for greener vehicles Big Incentives for use of public transportation

190 deal with the garbage removal issue.

191 Non- privatization of public services such as waste treatment Eco tourism

192 seems to be ok, however, why is waste paper being shipped out for recycling when there is a pulp mill right here?

193 Continue to support Recycling, reducing and reusing endeavours.

194 Be a leader in what can be recycled and establish an industry using recycled material, i.e. presto logs from coffee grounds.

195 Pr recycle and household waste program is good.

196 fly ash dump is a disgrace

197 Community composting and pick up by City build top-notch incinerator and import garbage to make money for City

198 -better info from Augusta - the "rules" and protocol are confusing and it can be intimidating - more recycle drop off locations-

199 Start thinking about Invasive Plants. COnsider an annual free dumping day and eliminating the fee for disposing of yard waste.

200 I would like it if I didn't have to pay to dispose of plastic and other garbage that I voluntarily clean off the beach!!!

201 Set up free composting site along with opportunity to recycle more materials, and make it an easy process

202 Functionally involve the community in developing and implementing short and long term strategies.

203 Lower landfill/garbage fees to discourage some people from dumping illegally in the back country.

204 Support the land conservancy. Consult the public on any project with environmental impact and respond in the public's favour, not necessarily industr

205 again you need a car to get to the bottle recycling and milk containers should be refunded - so more accessible place to refund would help seniors

206 provide education and make it easier for the consumer to reduce

207 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.

208 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

209 Encourage people to recycle and continue to educate people about growing their own vegetables and fruit and raising animals.

210 Clean up the large number of old dump sites that are sending yellow water into the ocean






211 turn the mill into a hemp paper mill. grow hemp on a large scale (not pot).

212 Stand against mega projects that destroy environment and bleed money and ownership rights out of the country.



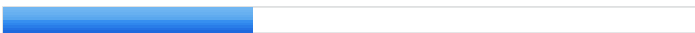


213	Stay on top of the fly ash issues
214	Institute compost pick up
215	I do the trash bash yearly. It needs to be done 2, 3, or 4 times a year. I would be a willing participant
216	Follow the three R's. Compost when and where possible. Walk more, cycle more, drive cars less.
217	We could all do more. There are some that see the need to deposit garbage in our beautiful back country. We need to change this.
218	Remove present elected officials and staff
219	Stop logging in the Watershed and use the forest as a Carbon Credit. Build a Composting Plant-aim for zero waste.
220	Doing good. Improve transit frequency, then hours of service. Perhaps bike lanes on major streets.
221	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
222	Stop dumping garbage in the woods. Stop ATV break-up of trails. More recycling options in our community...not as it is affordable by barge.
223	Create a waste management plant that converts organic garbage into soil
224	Incinerate our garbage.
225	Stop shipping our garbage elsewhere. If you don't want the garbage stacking up in your front yard (or a new city dump) stop buying so much stuff.
226	Love the fact that recycling is promoted and encouraged.
227	stop cutting down all the trees!!!!
228	I would like to see either a bigger market or more open air markets selling locally grown food.
229	Provide a highway to the interior which would reduce the cost of transportation making recycling viable.
230	more education in the schools. try and provide low cost electric scooters. help low income families with more energy efficient heating.
231	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.
232	waste recycling needs to be better thought out and studied.
233	Plant trees, ban on plastic, improve roads for cycling, plant more trees.
234	environment is fine - job creation and increasing the tax base needs to be all important.

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: 	58	14.25%
GOOD: 	186	45.7%
FAIR: 	114	28.01%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	39	9.58%
POOR: 	10	2.46%
Total Responded to this question:	407	99.51%
Total who skipped this question:	2	0.49%
Total:	409	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: 	38	9.41%
GOOD: 	166	41.09%
FAIR: 	145	35.89%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	45	11.14%
POOR: 	10	2.48%
Total Responded to this question:	404	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	5	1.22%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	208	100%
Total Responded to this question:	208	50.86%
Total who skipped this question:	201	49.14%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Quality of health care Mill emissions
2	Difficulty going to other communities for certain health services
3	Access to specialists Need Qualified staff Need full time mental health specialists that practice in the community and provide continuum of care
4	We have come to accept people with disabilities, but not mental illness. Steps must be taken to end the stigma.
5	grow more food.
6	None!
7	more specialists and special diagnostic testing HERE. Host a quit smoking campaign, provide a harm reduction strategy for drug abuse
8	we need a radiologist
9	doctors are busy, not enough support for disaabled community members. Group homes should not be closing, we need more of them
10	always having to go out of town for speciality treatments
11	better access to Mental health care
12	More specialist services. But every community wants the same! No easy answer.
13	Have to have technologists/radiologists/technicians available 24 hrs for the C/T scan.
14	Attracting technologists and keeping surgeons. We also really need a walk in clinic instead of emergency for stitches, minor symptoms, casts. etc.
15	Stigma attached to mental illness needs to be eradicated so people will seek and find the help they need and realize they are not alone.
16	Reduce the total VHA authoritative stance Encourage a "closer to home" philosophy
17	Waste Water Treatment Plant. We must think of the future and not cater to Catalyst
18	Encourage local agriculture in order to establish our own food security as well as employment.
19	Concerned that we have to go out of our community for a simple ultra sound or mammogram. We are going backwards in our health service.
20	finding a family dr. Excessive waits at the ER. We could really benefit from a walk-in clinic for non-emergencies.
21	We are becoming a draw for more and more poor people to come an squat with others in the same position, straining the balance of a healthy society.
22	Great medical care here. Like alternative modalities available here. Local food situ. improving, & that's great! City needs to actively support
23	I am on waiting lists for 2 operations. 1 is going to take another year. 2nd is going to take 2-4 yrs. on top of the 4 I have been waiting. Push gov!!
24	Physical health access: Excellent Mental health access: Fair at best
25	variety and security of supply
26	Sad when an out of town business does better than the locals because of council restrictions.
27	Too many disabled/low income population not enough industry to support them - too many things to support that do not increase prosperity
28	Huge population of aging people with serious health needs swamping out younger people's needs. Distance from health services.
29	None, really. I've had wonderful care in every aspect
30	The quality of care in Powell River is severely lacking especially in the field of sports medicine
31	waiting lists, second opinions, lack of specialists available here
32	-not enough doctors/hours too limited -mental health options are very medical model---mental health services should be offsite from the hospita
33	Need mental health services
34	Continue to support and expand local organic farms and markets Work on emission reduction at mill
35	Having to go out of town for medical procedures.
36	providing quality housing and accomodation and support services to allow seniors to age in place
37	Many people don't have a family doctor. Once you have one it's impossible to switch if you don't feel comfortable.
38	exceptionally long waiting times for surgeries & that we have to go out of town in most cases to attain this health service

39 A cat scan that has no operator.

40 SEWAGE AND WATER

41 no ultrasound here, that's vital. need to stop shipping people out to Comox, or city, unless very unusual tx's. Basic should be here. waste of money.

42 We need more local psychiatrists and services for people with psychosis and addiction issues.

43 Of course, we do not have many medical specialists here. We have very poor access to mental health support. We have nowhere but the emergency

44 We need improved accessibility for the disabled, not the illusion thereof. Find ways to bring all types of people together more. Inclusion is vital.

45 That the CAT scan is not available 24-7; that medical services on Texada are not always readily available

46 difficult when coming to PR to get a doctor - makes health care difficult when only access is through emergency department

47 I don't know a lot about this but I think mental health get's short shrift here. Being faster and better about supporting families in crisis.

48 access to psychiatric care -youth and children in particular. access to LOCAL residential alcohol and drug treatment for women and youth

49 Access to medical tests and procedures price and availability of organic food safe options for bike commuting and walking noise and vehicle pollution

50 I have no issues.

51 More bike paths and lanes more jogging paths

52 Roads should be better equipped for cyclists...better education for cyclists...ie: helmets, riding on the road & not the sidewalks.

53 Lack of general doctors.

54 economic security,food security,clean air/water,arts/culture,social programs,entertainment,progressive city planning,mental stimulation.eat local!

55 Promote healthy eating and buy locally grown food.

56 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)

57 youth need help

58 Can't find a doctor who takes new patients. Air and land and water pollution from Catalyst.

59 Health and social services need to have good evaluation processes for both the service in general and for the individuals providing services.

60 Let's see what is working well and then build on those aspects to increase well-being of people and the environment.

61 Education concerning mental illness, so the stigma associated with it is removed as it is for other illnesses.

62 Limit the number of junk food outlets.

63 Mental health issues seem to be increasing. We have to respond as a community by expanding facilities and treatment facilities.

64 need more local specialists and general practitioners, farmer's market is excellent but limited farm produce, encourage farm gate sales, maintain ALR

65 We need a walk in clinic, more doctors or doctors willing to take new patients.

66 question 22 - your assumption is that I want locally grown food - its not an important distinction to me

67 It is frustrating that prenatal ultrasounds are not currently being done in our community.

68 I really don't think anyone should have to sit in ER for more than 4 hrs.

69 We have no information about how much radiation we are getting. This isn't funny.

70 community gardens/ backgarden project/ sharing of harvest opportunities

71 Need safe walking and bike lanes in the city to promote affordable exercise.

72 don't take land out of the ALR -- support local agricultural initiatives for small, diverse farms. support young families in starting farms

73 building a sustainable community

74 pollution of air and ground water bt Catalyst

75 Long-term elder care beds are needed and will increase, so that people do not have to leave the community.

76 -full staffing of hospital re CT scan and other tests on weekend --need for good quality low cost housing -more jobs

77 local food is still relatively underground; farmer's market is inconsistent & inconvenient; a co-op market would help farmers and consumers

78 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...

79 You should not have lumped the medical care and the mental health care together.....I'm not sure mental health is as easily accessed

80 -access to reasonably priced local food in Townsite is lacking

81 Get people out of their cars and self-propelled, out from behind desks and active outside.

82 More local food production is always good. Place emphasis on preventative measures, and good health practices, rather than treatment.

83 You always have to go elsewhere (i.e. vancouver) for anything other than basic services. Simple procedures cannot be done here.

84 have to go out of town for many basic procedures i.e: ultra sound...should be available immediately

85 medical for all

86 have more pedestrian/cyclist only streets

87 Food sustainability.

88 Having access to local meat, veggies, less chemical preferably no chemicals.

89 - children's health - bring health care professionals into the school system - out of town care is a burden physically, mentally and financially

90 High rate of cancer victims here. My personal top issue is lack of cash. Poor people do not leave town.

91 no issues I think the care is wonderful

92 Health care shortages. Cheap fresh nutritious food not readily available.

93 Times and costs of travelling to Van or the Island for specialized requirements are hyper restrictive for most...especially seniors and 'challenged' !

94 - bigger budget for home support, funding for respite care - increase funding for hospital, staff

95 More doctors and specialists

96 more programs on healthy living is needed.

97 Be open about mental health and well being and educate and be inclusive and accepting

98 hospital wait times are way too long but the amount of new doctors in the area are a real help.

99 It was hard to find Dr when we first moved to town. Lack of specialists in community - need to travel away. Obese children.

100 Glad we have the hospital.

101 Possible contaminated soils from the mill (does anyone know if the soils in townsite are safe to grow food?)

102 If Powell River is going to be a community of seniors/retirees, the hospital and geriatric services need to be much improved.

103 PR needs a walk in clinic to lower the load on Emerg.

104 It is slow to get a family doctor. I waited about one year.

105 Need more freely available mental health services

106 Having to go out of Powell River for medical issues. Not enough good doctors and services.

107 I think the support staff in our hospital and extended care units (housekeeping, laundry, kitchen) should be paid a proper living wage.

108 reduce the user fees at the complex

109 No opinion

110 we need a DROP IN CLINIC for all residents who do not have a doctor and/or do not have time to wait in the ER.

111 Need better mental health services.

112 Having enough physicians. Healthy (local) food is too expensive!

113 Purchase Old Inn at Westview for homeless / hostel / low income housing.

114 The difficulty time-wise in accessing specialists, in particular, getting to a Cancer Clinic.

115 Need more top specialist doctors in Powell River so we don't have to travel as much.

116 We need a better highway system so we can grow produce work the land. The ferries do not allow this opportunity. We need free travel along the coast.

117 qualified radiologist, better support for families that have to attend medical appt in Van., which is very costly in the area of fuel and accomodation

118 Medical services are beyond ridiculous. Doctors shortages, having to travel out of town for many diagnosis and treatment plus costs are a hardship

119 sufficient medical staffing and access to hospitalization and services should I need it.

120 I have none....excellent care personally

121 Access to dental care for those who may not have coverage e.g. program similar to eye-care for school age children - you asked!

122 having to travel to access health care - e.g. surgery, orthodontics, naturopath, etc.

123 Having to go out of town for x rays.

124 Currently, it is very expensive to get to and from this community.

125 more specialty medical services are needed, utilize the cat scan machine that powell river community worked so hard to get here

126 availability of medical specialists

127 Earthquake preparedness

128 Too many times we are sent out of town for tests - do them here

129 youth alcohol and drug abuse

130 It would be nice to have better access to specialists in PR.

131 Many people have to leave town to obtain tests/specialized services and the ferry schedule to Vancouver is poor.

132 not enough doctors or specialists

133 the cost of medical options for poor people, like glasses, dentures, dental care, access to costly medications, not many places to walk

134 not enough dentists

135 long waits to see specialists out of town

136 The municipality should have a van to take patients to the Island and Vancouver.

137 Would like to have a locally based Naturopathic Physician Would like local medical doctors to know more about how nutrition affects the body

138 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?

139 powell river is an excellent place to take care of your health, very supportive, with many opportunities

140 Not sure at this time

141 Lack of facilities for people with mental health issues, other than the hospital. Same as for detox facilities.

142 Health of the community depends upon the air we breathe, water we drink. By looking after our environment we look after ourselves.

143 We need a drop in clinic for citizens. It would free up the emergency ward at the hospital plus allow for quicker medical attention.

144 More support for local food producers

145 We need more opportunities for local farmers to sell produce other than the open air market.

146 Having fair priced locally grown food for all families. We need more individuals educated in special medical services living in Powell River.

147 access to specialists is difficult mental health issues and addictions are high

148 doctors who come from other countries can continue to call themselves doctors in canada without first passing stringent canadian standards.

149 not enough qualified doctors. lots of unqualified doctors. Dr Parma anyone?

150 Too few specialists - too much travel on ferries

151 Laziness and obesity, lack of physical activity by the average citizen.

152 ECU is a shame to PR. Convicts have more rights and better food than the residents who built this town.

153 Too many bureaucratic regulations trying to protect our health. Stifles opportunities for growers. Farmers market held at wharf would attract people.

154 More family Drs.

155 We have excellent doctors, a good hospital & the waits to be treated aren't long.

156 needs improved mental health PHYSICIANS

157 chicken, rabbit and other small farm animals should be allowed in city limits

158 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

159 Grocery stores should make more of an effort to sell local produce. More vendors are needed at the Open Air Market.

160 We need more help in the mental health area. Medication is not enough many would benefit from psychology and groups

161 Follow Fed. and Prov. guide-lines re care and safety of people - do not allow short-cuts for any reasons. Officials are responsible for actions/lack of

162 More farms, more diversity of products More organics More alternative lifestyle products, from building material to furnishings

163 We need more options for pregnancy, labour, delivery (i.e. a birthing pool, access to midwives, more trained doulas)

164 Have a farmers market central to the town all week during the summer.

165 Catalyst paper's toxic waste (fly ash) Clean water and water rights We are now relying on a single vulnerable reservoir

166 local food security. availability of non-traditional health practitioners

167 Access and availability

168 We need to recruit more QUALIFIED medical professionals to operate the hi-tech equipment we have at hospital or there is no use having it.

169 Mental health care needs to be improved, employ nurses to do continuous follow up care for mental health and seniors.

170 Faster wait times in emergency, nicer, kinder nurses at the hospital.

171 some resources are not accessible re health and choice (ie. midwifery) Needs more farms

172 An emergency nurse must be patient and understanding not rude, unkind, and, most of all, hurtful.

173 Too much junk food available Too many fast food outlets More emphasis on active lifestyle for all that is not just centered on competitive sports

174 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

175 If the hospital was ever to downsize or close, proper access to medical care would be jeopardized.

176 Do not have any - except we should work on Powell River being a provincial Heath & Well-being destination.

177 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.

178 employment opportunities, recreational opportunities, ability to afford BC Ferries

179 - find a family doc - there wasn't a single one in town accepting new patients - love local food options! - better recreation schedule at complex

180 competance

181 More medical facilities here along with more practitioners

182 Get people out of their cars and trucks by creating user friendly, environmentally-sensitive options such as bike-lanes.

183 Access to healthy, affordable, local food. Supporting low-income families with accessing recreation facilities and active lifestyle choices.

184 i came here and waited 3 months for an inadequate doctor-got told off for going to hosp. emerg. no transport to markets or long bus waits to get back

185 keep doing more of what we are already doing...attract more doctors

186 More people could grow foodstuffs if they wanted to.

187 We should be allowed to change doctors if we feel the doctor is incompetent. We should be able to trust the Health Authority.

188 most doctors r a joke here, and u cant change docs once u find that out, locally grown food is accessible, but not affordable

189 Not enough specialists in our town. Don't have confidence with our two surgeons. Not enough residences for the elderly.

190 Go Organic it's the only way

191 Qualified people in our hospitals

192 Getting appointments with specialist doctors.

193 The prices of locally grown could be the result in clients going to the big box stores instead. Sad but the \$ has a value - we could grow something.

194 Concerned about the future fresh water supply due to the logging of the watershed.

195 Herbicides/pesticides need to be banned.

196 Not here long enough, children have extra needs so perhaps will need more than offered.

197 Mental health services and supports are not adequate for the number of people needing them

198 More health facilities here so old people don't have to leave town for care.

199 Hospital cleanliness. Getting the CT into fulltime operation.

200 There is need for a full-time pediatrician. We need more information on where to find local food and who sells it.

201 We need an new up-to-date Olive Devaud

202 I would like either a bigger market or more open air markets selling locally grown food.

203 Having to ride a ferry to Vancouver or the island to see specialists.

204 more help for people with mental illness and addiction as well as seniors. dental and eye care for low income people.

205 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.






206 more small farms and accessible clinics should be encouraged.

207 Cuts in health care Lack of senior care housing Drug use; lack of rehab Needing ferries to go for specialty services (medical) Mill pollution



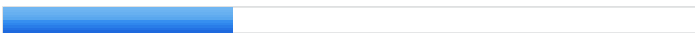


208 More positive recognition of this being an awesome place - less focus on the negatives. Upward spiral.

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: 	12	3.03%
GOOD: 	79	19.95%
FAIR: 	181	45.71%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	82	20.71%
POOR: 	42	10.61%
Total Responded to this question:	396	96.82%
Total who skipped this question:	13	3.18%
Total:	409	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: 	53	13.05%
GOOD: 	151	37.19%
FAIR: 	136	33.5%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	47	11.58%
POOR: 	19	4.68%
Total Responded to this question:	406	99.27%
Total who skipped this question:	3	0.73%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	201	100%
Total Responded to this question:	201	49.14%
Total who skipped this question:	208	50.86%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Low income housing Senior-appropriate housing
2	Encourage innovative housing strategies
3	affordable/low income housing
4	Affordable and available housing for people with mental illness.
5	External marketing what a great place PR is to live and bring up family and housing cost are reasonable to excellent create affordable housing
6	More senior housing.
7	Affordable and social housing
8	lower taxes
9	more low rentals
10	more subsidized housing available for all ages.
11	Being pro active and flexible with developers. Work with them. They have vision. Transit for every neighborhood.
12	Affordable, suitable, supported housing should be made available to people with serious mental illness. They are not in a position to help themselves
13	Provide affordable housing for single parents and low income persons
14	Low- rental housing
15	Ensure that the infrastructure can support new development.
16	Housing priorities should be for low and middle income housing. We are lucky though our prices are not inflated and I have seen young people buying.
17	subsidized housing opportunities within the community at large. not just 'low income developments'.
18	Need youth transitional housing!
19	House and treat the mentally ill. Progressive senior village with dynamic amenities and various stages of care.
20	Housing for seniors and low cost housing for families
21	Prices are getting steeper and so are taxes. Waterfront is out for most. Need to keep the brakes on this and ensure all can have decent housing
22	Low income housing.
23	Make the most of what's here already; secondary suites also a good idea
24	we need some public assistance for rental for young families
25	Buyers market right now but only cheap and expensive, nothing in the middle range.
26	Lots for assisted income meanwhile people who want to sell and/or move experiencing horrible market
27	Denser housing. Mother-in-law units. Relax building code to allow smaller dwellings. Cooperative housing. Tax the crap out of stupid mega-homes.
28	Assisted living for seniors so they can remain in their own homes
29	Don't know enough to answer question #24. Low rental houses always seems to be an issue for every age group
30	I think the market is a little bit too high right now, but it will balance it self out in time
31	more subsidized housing
32	low cost supported rental housing
33	Options for home ownership for singles who don't make a lot of money
34	A housing co-op for low income residents. Assistance for seniors and the disabled to repair and maintain their homes.
35	condo development, accessible accomodation
36	We need more housing for low income families and homeless people.
37	low income, decent housing
38	More assisted living for retirees and physical/mentally challenged. otherwise we are ontop of it.
39	Providing good subsidized housing on a community level.
40	we need additional low cost rentals and community living situations for older adults

41 Low-income housing. Accessible housing. Affordable seniors housing. Mix various types of housing together to avoid creation of slums. Quality housing.

42 A rental facility for youth at risk

43 more affordable housing, especially for low income families

44 Mixed, green, affordable housing for seniors (support for seniors is deplorable). Let move beyond ghettoizing the aged and the poor and children.

45 Low income housing for all age ranges..youth, families and seniors

46 Affordable housing with reasonable taxes. Alternative options for ownership, such as cooperative communities.

47 I do not support the creation of any more low income housing.

48 develop low cost housing

49 Keep costs of buying affordable with living standards. Not inflated by outside markets.

50 attractive,progressive,green,affordable housing.look ahead 10-30 years.prepare for the future.

51 We need much more low-medium income rental units.

52 things look good to me

53 Establishing a city/region housing program for better coordination and to apply for funding to build and maintain subsidized housing

54 Housing for seniors and young families s/b priority. Realtors should really care about people's needs not just want to make \$\$.

55 Studies have shown we need more affordable housing in Powell River.

56 Affordable, assisted living for the elderly and for people with a mental illness.

57 Affordable housing for those who need support

58 Additional housing projects for low income people. Offer incentives to contractors to build such units and encourage city to offer land.

59 house prices are attracting people wanting to retire, need support systems for more older residents

60 provide some housing for the poor. Some of the slum landlords should be made to clean up their places. Some of them are disgusting. Have standards!

61 24 - housing prices are dictated by factors other than "afford" - we can't influence this so education/training will do the trick

62 More rental housing is needed.

63 More low cost housing rentals

64 affordable is a relative term. for people who have no marketable skills, they have limited income. not societies fault. help them get trained

65 Our renters are horrible. Ask any landlord. Would Habitat for Humanity make a diff?

66 sustainable building materials/ cooperatives/

67 Affordable housing for seniors, disabled and mentally handicapped.

68 bylaws to promote green energy (energy, grey water use) market-value and low income housing projects

69 more low rental housing that encourages a healthy family environment

70 continue as we have been since 2003

71 Relax prohibitions on rental suites in homes that are single-family residential.

72 seniors assisted living and the ability to have suites

73 -low cost housing for poor -safe,affordable housing for the elderly on small incomes -more assisted living spaces

74 A homeless shelter and perhaps a safe house for men.

75 There are no quality rentals available in Powell River, ppeople are charging way to much rent.

76 Not driving up the price of real estate to a ridiculous level.

77 Reliable home inspectors

78 -encourage owners to offer secondary suites for rent

79 Improve building eerngy efficiency, especially in rental housing.

80 Open crown land for "homesteading" by young food producers or cooperative living arrangements to reduce land cost, promote alternative construction.

81 Homelessness is a large issue.

82 senior's housing-one level, easy access for handicaps,small square footage, in complex with communal gardens,meeting rooms, hobby rooms

83 ocean front condos may invite out of town investors

84 Keep homes affordable.

85 Low income subsidized housing and co-ops

86 Landlords with over priced poor condition rentals.

87 Comparable to outside PR housing prices and rents are much less in PR. Government supported rental housing. Church involvement

88 - stricter construction standards - accessible housing - lowincome housing

89 We need a shelter for the homeless. We also need low rental housing.

90 Public housing.

91 Seniors and 'special needs'...demographics are changing locally and need to be addressed urgently to attract more retired citizens.

92 more subsidized housing especially for people with mental illness

93 Patio homes

94 Lower taxes !!!!

95 keep fees low

96 affordable housing

97 Too many realtors and people from the city and Alberta own houses and have driven up the cost of rentals. Crappy low paying jobs dont allow us to buy

98 More options similar to Lifecycle housing.

99 Excellent in comparison to most other communities in BC.

100 Preserving and retrofitting existing housing stock

101 Create job opportunities

102 The real estate market in Powell River is one of its strong points.

103 Low income housing

104 Low Income housing subsidies

105 More rental units that are affordable by people who make less than \$30,000 a year

106 More jobs so young people can afford to live here and raise a family

107 Federal funding restored for social housing.

108 Affordable low income housing

109 More affordable housing more diverse (life cycle) housing - not only single family homes with a garage! Build close to amenities!

110 See #23

111 Suitable seniors accommodation at all levels of care, as the demographic ages.

112 Build new smaller homes so the average person can actually afford a house. Homes that are being built now seem to be too large and overpriced.

113 Well cared for rental housing - bylaws that require landlords to up keep properties, more housing like 'Lifecycle' on Ontario Avenue for young familie

114 Affordable housing for low-income workers. The jobs supplied in Powell River generally mean new families are working to come in below the poverty line

115 Develop long term community vision based on resilience, sustainability etc

116 Create more housing co-ops

117 House prices have dropped so it's getting more affordable.

118 Control property tax so that people with houses and limited or fixed incomes can afford to keep them.

119 affordable housing for seniors and young families

120 help lower income families to save and set goals to purchasering there own home.

121 Repair grants

122 the working poor need housing more than welfare bums

123 Other than having affordable senior housing, the free market should dictate rents and house prices. Having lower property taxes would help.

124 Clean up some of the rentals that are rented for low prices so they do not attract as many drug dealers...

125 Habitat for Humanity Affordable housing projects based on need.

126 safe housing for seniors/low income and special needs

127 build more housing for low income, seniors, fixed incomes get the realestated companies on board and not to encourage such high prices for homes and

128 Require owners of junk filled yards and lots to clean them up. Reduce home owner property taxes.

129 more low income housing units out of town people buying housing driving up the prices of houses it is no longer affordable for middle class to buy

130 Approve carriage houses Approve small-scale homes Approve smaller lot sizes Give tax decreases instead of increases for those who add rental units

131 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.

132 The real estate market should follow home grown needs not big city whims the average price should not be higher than average 4 year total personal \$\$

133 Low income housing for people with mental health and addiction issues, and families with children on low incomes.

134 Safe, healthy buildings. Discounts on taxes for using less resources. Have a roof over everyone's head. Use empty, for-sale homes as

temporary rentals

135 Safe supported transitional housing for youth

136 People on income assistance have few choices for safe places to rent. Low income housing and/or co-ops are needed.

137 Provide more housing for young families and now more than ever for our growing senior population.

138 affordable rental space for single people and families on income assistance

139 affordable, child and pet friendly housing; also allow homeowners to have quadplexes etc without having to have special exams/licences.

140 buy a house with what job?

141 affordability

142 Look into providing more houses to rent at lower costs

143 More senior facilities, as we are starting to become a retired persons community.

144 EMPLOYMENT WITH GOOD SKILLED HIGH PAYING JOBS. MANDATE THE EDO. TO GET THIS DONE

145 safe affordable housing

146 although housing is less pricy here the taxes are insane. In order for it to work here taxes on housing needs to be dropped..

147 More affordable housing for those below the poverty line

148 More public housing of good quality and more apartments.

149 Jobs, jobs jobs! And not at \$12 an hour, either!

150 as our rate of poor/low income citizens is high, efforts need to be made for safe, inclusive and affordable housing. Just do it! Yes, it will cost us!

151 Subsidized housing for the many, many low income people

152 Develop parts of Lot 454 for single family housing. Create a new road connecting Westview and Townsite to discourage the trains of traffic.

153 Low cost rental homes for young people

154 healthy buildings. affordable housing and property taxation

155 Make more housing available for seniors who can't afford better housing. Make space available for young people and families that they can afford.

156 Low cost rental units for families and single adults

157 Encourage developers to build entry level housing between \$150,000 to \$200,000.

158 Stop building condos

159 Affordable housing for all. Respectable and maintained Low income housing provided.

160 low income families/individuals ability to find affordable housing

161 Nothing - PR already has the most affordable housing and rent.

162 good jobs + less affluent retirees buying up real estate = chance at home ownership for young families.

163 Multiplex condos in central locations for first time home buyers.

164 families need steady work there is a huge range with prices (town seems very split btw locals and outside money, which mks market inconsistent)

165 We should have Habitat for Humanity here available for people who need it.

166 Tax incentives for building and purchasing smaller footprint, energy efficient homes Co-housing initiatives

167 Renovate existing homes not develop.

168 same as for every community - affordable housing. overpriced vacation housing and real estate speculation by out of towners should be discouraged

169 I believe decent and safe rental housing is a huge priority in our community

170 PR is among cheapest housing in Canada. Prices decline yearly. PR is dying. More sustainable businesses are needed for housing development to happen

171 Stop speading further and either encourage remodelling or building new on existing lots.

172 - keep taxes reasonable - stop building new vinyl sided houses ... use local wood

173 One of the top housing priorties should be to provide more affordable social housing here in Powell River

174 Low-cost housing.

175 Increase support for land/home ownership opportunities for prospective farmers.

176 no low income housing. i have a lower rent but with all the high utilities it turns out higher than an apart. i found long waiting lists with no job

177 create more affordable rental units and affordable market condos/homes in new developments

178 More housing for seniors and the mentally/physically disabled.






179 housing prices boomed 6 years ago, then dropped...nobody has lowered their expectations since..houses sitting 4 sale forever at rediculous prices

180 Compared to Vancouver and other areas our real estate prices are very affordable.


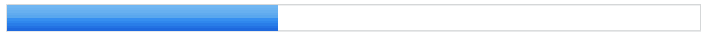

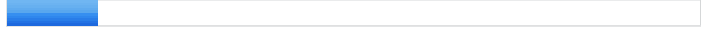

181	Can't buy a house in powell river on minamin wage
182	more safe low income housing, more sustainable housing projects
183	Affordable for the recent economy
184	more accessible low income housing for people with disabilities or low-income
185	We could keep prices down - but like everywhere else what's seen as a good price by people from outside the region often drives them up.
186	Secondary suites in existing homes, within walking distance of the Town Center Mall
187	Co-op/low income housing.Green eco houses. More buildings like life-cycle housing and assisted living faculities for seniors.
188	cheap rentals
189	Can't beat the house prices(we came from New West), rents seem reasonable too.
190	We need more supported (social) housing for diabled, mentally ill and other low income persons. Some are living in deplorable conditions.
191	Low cost housing. Co-op housing. Assisted living housing.
192	- Affordable low income/subsidized housing that persons on social assistance could actually pay with the \$360 a month that is allowed by the Ministry
193	Full care facility
194	Too many houses are being sold, not rented out.
195	More low income housing.
196	Increase the # of units of government assisted housing while we are creating higher paying jobs so that we don't need assisted housing.
197	low income housing
198	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.
199	build smaller homes and affordable apartments.
200	Senior care Affordable apartments Fair taxation
201	Not a priority. Job creation and industry and small business and positive thinking - keeping people here able to work and stay here.

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: 	42	10.53%
GOOD: 	216	54.14%
FAIR: 	113	28.32%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	20	5.01%
POOR: 	8	2.01%
Total Responded to this question:	399	97.56%
Total who skipped this question:	10	2.44%
Total:	409	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: 	30	7.48%
GOOD: 	158	39.4%
FAIR: 	147	36.66%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	52	12.97%
POOR: 	14	3.49%
Total Responded to this question:	401	98.04%
Total who skipped this question:	8	1.96%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	177	100%
Total Responded to this question:	177	43.28%
Total who skipped this question:	232	56.72%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Build a new library and cultural centre Invest in major community literacy initiatives
2	Further growth for VIU
3	new library- now!
4	We have an excellent school system in Dist # 47 a new library would be nice
5	the library is an issue, but should not be built on the old arena site
6	we need a new library
7	more awareness and community events
8	Employers and families in general should promote education to a greater degree.
9	Supporting single parents with small children and pre-school education...as well as up to Grade 5. Mandatory reading and writing a priority.
10	Address educational issues New Library Greater interactive opportunities between young and old
11	New library
12	A new library
13	the committment from City Council and the Regional District to support and fund a new library... it is time!!!
14	Continue with the good work that is being done.
15	Require teachers to be in their actual class room available to students and parents from 8am to 5pm like other 40hr per week workers.
16	New library would be good. Overall, don't do too badly but need to work to keep what we have and not let it slip away....
17	try to establsih local schools such as the Academy of music /arts to locate here
18	The new library should be attached to the new Elem. for better utilization of everyone. Brooks is expanding the trades which is good the the young.
19	new library
20	A new library. A new library. A new library. A new library. A new library. A new library. A new library. A new library. A new library. A new library.
21	Involved parents
22	Library is deperately in need of relocation/rebuilding. Seems to be good exposure to literacy programs, Toastmasters and story telling club beneficial
23	I think there could be more programs available through different agencies to help encourage this initiative
24	we need a new library and newer books. with the advanced technology more will download books unless it is available.
25	New, expanded library Writing center Expanded VIU courses for credit
26	A higher priority for the library. Maybe more reading and writing competitions for students.
27	Powell River Schools are an embarrassment on every level
28	New library and new museum
29	REALISTIC FINANCING AND GOOD TEACHERS WITH AN UP-TO-DATE CURRICULUM
30	more help for those who fall between the cracks;
31	No child left behind is excellent mandate. Also adult literacy is crucial.
32	Young people who leave school early have abysmal skills even in computer use. This could be rectified with training provided by a community agency
33	Build a new library on the "old arena" site. Give all people access to a waterfront facility where learning, literacy and community are encouraged.
34	We need a new library; ORCA bus is great!
35	better teaching in schools to encourage students to read - right now not an issue for teachers to ensure children learn
36	New library. Supports for preschools and daycares. More trades education.
37	ensure funding of early literacy programs is maintained and to provide more opportunities for upgrading for those who did not complete grade school
38	A bigger library.
39	More internet connectivity. Create a functional library in a reasonable location. Willingdon South is NOT a reasonable location.

40 provide a decent library

41 advanced education.stimulate learning throughout the community with funding and supportive programs...become international centre.a hub...

42 improvements to the library

43 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)

44 a big learning centre with all kinds of services under one roof

45 Elders who are literate and value reading. Teach the elders and kids at the same time.

46 Build a decent library - the present space is a disgrace.

47 More funding for education of all types. Learner-centred courses so that people learn through enjoying themselves while they learn.

48 We need a new Library.

49 Get a better library space.

50 Library development of multi media and wifi access to all citizens.

51 VIU community classes & ElderCollege, and Recreation Center programs and facilities are good, library a great resource

52 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

53 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.

54 Free education

55 Read my forthcoming book. We have an outstanding opportunity to do what no community has yet accomplished. Could be an important industry for us.

56 intergenerational programs in schools

57 wouldn't a new library be great.

58 continue our current programs

59 New Library (as planned...)

60 -concentrate on basic skills in first three grades -provide early assistance for slow learners -keep kids at same grade until they learn to read

61 A new library!!!

62 There are plenty of opportunities for young and old in the community for those who wish help

63 I gave 27 'fair' b/c I never hear of that commitment...so is it there? The library needs its new place PLEASE!! Get a move on!

64 -full steam ahead for a new library! -short term/one day courses for Joe Public through VIU/Complex could be expanded

65 Publicising literacy help in ways that don't involve people having to read to get the message. New library

66 Increase offerings at local VIU campus.

67 A better library and more local programs of study at VIU.

68 make sure that any learning difficulties in children is addressed by the school district and not swept under the rug bu over worked teachers.

69 education available to all students need more tutoring available, something like a Sylvan learning centre

70 Keep both available to poor as well as rich.

71 a smashing new library

72 reach individuals when they are young

73 - promotion of this area of skill building - volunteer opportunities for those who want to help - free programs offered by the public library

74 Most important to inspire children to read. Also important for children to learn French in school.

75 Adequate funding for the library and a broader curriculum for the university.

76 Council mus ACT on the question of a new and enhanced library..get on with it.

77 funding for a new library

78 New library

79 Our library facility is worse than libraries in smaller communities.

80 Expanding the library, keep offering courses at VIU and free tutoring.

81 Build a new library near Willington beach More post secondary education programs

82 Education and dissemination of information

83 Build a new multi-purpose library

84 Build a bigger and better supplied/supported library

85 encourage families to read to their kids, which will improve some parents and help THEIR kids so the public doesn't need to raise someone elses kids

86 Library is not welcoming(too small) for adults to come read and share with their children.In Kelowna libraries are close to arena's - better location

87 New library

88 Get the library going at Willingdon-south before the developers get it

89 New library, an inviting place for families. A place were people want to come. A positive learning environment.

90 Get the new library built as part of a thriving and growing community centre. Expand the available courses at University level.

91 the long overdue library. Committed Community funding for Family Place & Orca Bus - which provide service for many low income families.

92 Support the local library.

93 We need a new library based on attracting patrons. Combine a school with a community center.

94 A new library

95 Availability e.g. free workshops, access to volunteers, literacy to fit with individual needs. On going promotion through community and schools

96 build a new library

97 Continued emphasis on early intervention strategies and programs.

98 Awareness, coaching of potential tutors, space (new library?)

99 a library with children reading and writing activities. Library groups for young children and teens who love to read. develop book clubs for all age

100 A new library!!!

101 Share our school libraries. there is no need for a new one

102 some are just too lazy to take advantage of all that is offered

103 No, to the library at Willingdon.

104 Needs to be more support for children with behaviour problems. They have difficulty learning in a regular classroom and cause difficulty for other kid

105 A larger and more visible library.

106 education has gone away from the three R's. bring it back

107 We need to expand and create a new library with more modern accessibility.

108 we need a bigger library more places to sit down when walking or meeting others

109 Build a library

110 a bigger easier assessible library

111 a new library

112 Motivate targeted populations to participate in relevant activities to improve their literacy and learning Get the word out by multiple means

113 Not enough quality teachers and after school learning/teaching facilities.

114 quality/commitment to SUPERIOR education required. PR laissez-faire about action to EXCEED status quo, should be an expectation of post2nd education

115 NEW LIBRARY world class up to date facility charges reasonable \$ to use Increase school standards to raise real reading level through public speaking

116 Early childhood learning so little ones are ready when they enter school. Poverty has an effect on this. Libraries and bus transit are important.

117 Encourage all to feel comfortable in their educational abilities, yet understand there are differences in level of understanding.

118 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!

119 Basic literacy is being addressed here.

120 need to have organizations that provide this service coordinate services better

121 Library that is wifi friendly, the library could be in one of the many empty buildings rather than spending millions on new facilities

122 learning to respect property and people in the community that is all part of learning to be morally responsible, which seems to be lacking in school

123 Make sure the students are not belittled or made to feel bad about themselves. If teachers cannot teach with compassion, fire them.

124 Advertising mentorship programs at VIU

125 Build a new library

126 Our schools & teachers are great. We do need a bigger library space with more computers for those who don't have their own.

127 NEED LIBRARY

128 Need a decently equipped public library in a central easily accessed site....not the waterfront....could combine a genuine cultural centre with it





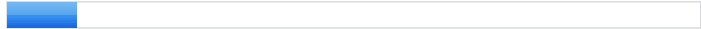
129 continue

130 A new library! One that's easily accessible to all by car, bus, walking, wheelchair, walker, etc.






131	Literacy for all, fostering a yearning to learn, then listen. No good to teach speaking/reading skills, then take citizens to court when they use them
132	More focus on library, extended library hours, more programs for the illiterate/barely literate with topics that will attract them
133	New library and better support for children with learning disabilities.
134	Better elementary schools... better library
135	Build a new library behind City Hall which is centrally located.
136	The public library should be within easy walking distance from a mall
137	Continued promotion of literacy is very important. We have some excellent organizations doing good work. Make sure they are funded properly.
138	Build a library. Include a computer lab for the public. Schools increase the assistance to individual students.
139	A larger library!!!
140	programing!!!!
141	It should be FREE to anyone who needs it. There are people I know who are functionally illiterate.
142	We need a new library that has the funding to increase the quality of the collection.
143	why is the library closed on sundays?
144	Satellite learning centres in all areas
145	a larger more fully equiped library with on going programs to encourage youth
146	good free library access and re-asserting teaching of the "basics" through to high school graduation
147	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
148	better library. mobile library for outlying areas and those without transportation.
149	New library and museum next to RCMP station will provide easy access to culture and reading / information research
150	- support a new library - the literacy initiatives appear to be great - support international students/exchange
151	A new library would be an asset to the community
152	Client-centered programs.
153	Build a new Library/Cultural Centre
154	Improving library facilities and services.
155	ESL and easy access to VIU are good. Also Career Link and Model CP are excellent places and need to be kept active
156	keep doing what we are doing...and get going on building the new library and cultural centre
157	Give everyone the opportunity to continue their education as long as they're willing to learn and work hard. No one should be denied an education.
158	maybe think about replacing the decrepit old library and fund it better so we can have more books?
159	Open mind to adapt to computers for teaching
160	a new library
161	Use schools more , not just from 9:00-3:00. Idea of community schools.
162	It has to be of interest of those learning. If not it's lost. Children need to want to read - be creative, be relevant and make it exciting.
163	Build a community library/ cultural center
164	Build a stand alone library at the old arena site.
165	The new library, right downtown, with space and activities will promote people to drop in. Local jobs that require good literacy would be encouraging
166	Acessabiliby, cost. Does the community resource centre offer these programs? Seems like built in clients.
167	We desperately need a better Library. More, appropriate space for more resources and additional programming is a great need.
168	New library! Community centre.
169	Good
170	The library is small. Not many activities.
171	An expanded library is needed.
172	A larger library and more local classes/courses (and/or courses relevant to Powell River) at Vancouver Island College
173	Build a functional library
174	Outreach. Free programs with easy access. Glossy posters do not do the job. Be realistic.
175	more government funding should be spent on alternative types of education.
176	Improve the library Keeping kids, especially first nations, in school Identifying homes with problems
177	We are not a socialist country. There is only so much tax base and not enough income from jobs. It's a bit of a catch 22 but we need more industry.

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: 	14	3.45%
GOOD: 	110	27.09%
FAIR: 	156	38.42%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	87	21.43%
POOR: 	39	9.61%
Total Responded to this question:	406	99.27%
Total who skipped this question:	3	0.73%
Total:	409	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: 	4	0.98%
GOOD: 	9	2.21%
FAIR: 	56	13.73%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	124	30.39%
POOR: 	215	52.7%
Total Responded to this question:	408	99.76%
Total who skipped this question:	1	0.24%
Total:	409	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:	277	100%
Total Responded to this question:	277	67.73%
Total who skipped this question:	132	32.27%
Total:	409	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	Repeal the Coastal Ferry Act Make the ferry same as the highway and charge or don't charge but charge the same for each Improve intercity bus service
2	Ferries are part of our highway system and as such Government should treat them that way.....
3	More bike paths sooner
4	Resident discounts for ferries Only pay one way for ferry transportation Lower fares/subsidized by profitable runs More frequent buses daily
5	smaller buses.why do you need forty seats when so few people use the lossier cruiser
6	Make the government understand that reasonable ferry rates are vital to our well-being.
7	continue to push the BC Gov to look at the ferry coastal act and make much needed changes that reconize the ferrys as our high way. Affordability Key
8	more public transit, more routes, more buses, set up car pools, ride-shares for people north and south of town
9	Reduce ferry fares
10	pr residents should be given a discount on ferries. ferry prices are too expensive & reduces the amout of visitors to PR Too. Reduce Ferry fares now
11	get the cost of the ferries back down to a reasonable rate
12	have the ferry docked in PR and residents should only have to pay one way. More bike lanes and awareness for safety with drivers and bikes.
13	Powell River ferries, our highway and lifeline, should subsidize PR more. The degree, to which, there is no easy answer.
14	Make the ferries commuter based; don't add the fancy tourist stuff until summer months. Smaller, community buses. 12-20 seaters. Bike lanes.
15	Ensure we are heard about the need to keep ferry rates reasonable.
16	Reduce the cost of our ferry system Encourage walking and cycling facilities
17	Work with other communities that would benefit from improved access to Powell River
18	More smaller buses. Too many nearly empty large buses running around town.
19	Reduce ferry fares Upgrade the road to Lund Extend Manson Ave, through to highway 101
20	ferry service for local residents needs to be really affordable..we need resident's cards again (from 1970's) which will give locals a cheap ride
21	Reduce Ferry rates
22	Rally was a good idea to voice our concern on fares. Nice to see transist being promoted and possible bike lanes.
23	vanpool?
24	Add more bus runs to North and South of town. Ferry costs need to be addressed. Comox ferry should be on Powell River side.
25	Two smaller busses that run in opposite directions continually on the marine/Joyce loop.
26	This is our highway we should NOT have to pay for ferry
27	Transit improving = good thing. InceasE frequency & efficiency of routes. Ferry fares becoming prohibitive. KKEP ADVOCATING - B/C IS OUR HIGHWAY
28	LOWER FERRY COSTS!!
29	Is reducing car use necessarily the best goal? I feel it's way over-rated.
30	The second ferry is absolutely vital--it must be supported
31	REsident cards should be used for athletics and events that take place out of Powell River
32	increase ferry schedule- especially in summer & holidays - reduce ferry fares
33	Paid parking in town. Create car cooperatives and cooperative in-town delivery of groceries, etc. Wait for fossil fuel prices to do our work for us.
34	We need our own ferry....BC Ferry has had more than 40 years and it is still lacking
35	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)
36	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

37 Give us a newer faster ferry, a special rate for residents, cheaper air fares

38 -we need more bicycle lanes/routes -there should be a designated walkway/bike lane from townsite to Westview along Marine Ave.

39 subsidise the ferry, as in the past - our highway - you know the drill/reasons

40 better public transportation, control ferry costs

41 Even with current bus service, I still find it hard to get around to different parts of the city - and to Lund Need much more frequent bus service

42 Give some consideration to pedestrians when designing or repairing roads and public areas.

43 transit system is great. taxi service is excellent. Ferry service is a complete disaster and it is killing this community. air service is excellent

44 BC Ferries prices and service needs a major overhaul. Ferries with elevators that haven't worked in months are unacceptable. Prices are INSANE!

45 BCFerries is a monopoly and the government continues to support their control instead of looking for ways to reduce cost

46 significantly reduce fares as this is our highway

47 Hwy 1 between Townsite and Westview should have a paved bicycle and pedestrian lane. Willingdon trail is not always safe due to bears and cougars.

48 REPLACE THE CURRENT FERRY MANAGEMENT

49 Decrease ferry fares. It is part of our highways. We need that to get in and out of town.

50 less expensive ferry cost

51 Buses to outlying areas; meet ferry! Smaller buses would help reduce costs, more frequent service. Smaller ferry's and more frequent for same reason.

52 Provide residents with subsidies

53 Ferry service continues to be expensive, and rates continue to climb, while we hear of BC ferries providing huge incentives to the corporate executive

54 Reduce ferry fares. Give reduced rates to Powell River residents. Create bike lanes. Widen roads. Improve sidewalks. Smaller buses - increased hours.

55 A strong message to Victoria that the Coastal Ferry Act needs to be overhauled & ferry fares need to be controlled; ferry maintenance needs priority

56 affordable transit (including ferries)

57 Increase bus service (I know this is hard!) Walking corridors Road to Vancouver. Resident cards for the ferry (low's free)

58 more accessible bus service, bike lanes and a dedicated residents fare on BC ferries

59 This is our highway...why are we paying and paying for crappy service they are supposed to SERVE us build a bridge

60 Lower ferry and airplane fares. Bike lanes. Car cooperatives. Smaller buses with cleaner fuel options.

61 Revolt against BC Ferries. Create bike lanes and sidewalks.

62 Encourage cycling & walking. Offer cheaper prices for alternate transportation.

63 Promote and encourage ride sharing. Ferry should overnight here and not Comox, allowing us the first sailing.

64 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...?

65 Small buses and more frequent run. Bike lanes every where.

66 We need to DEMAND affordable ferry fares. Tax rebate/credit for bicycle maintenance costs and bike safety gear. Car sharing systems!!!

67 shake up the whole damn system. REevaluate whether the ferries are a highway or a money making sector.

68 Do something serious about ferry costs.

69 Push the province to re-build the highway in the cut and to Lund - it is dangerous! Continue to support the bus service. build good bicycle paths

70 Ferries should be public not private - costs s/b lowered. More public transportation of all kinds (small buses and car-sharing).

71 Need to lobby government to keep prices affordable. Coastal Ferries Act has to go.

72 Make sure our concerns are heard and responded to.

73 Continue to lobby government to accept that our community should not be in a user pay situation. We need provincial support.

74 Every bus which passes my home on Marine Ave is 90% MT. Better to reduce fare to 25 cents and fill the bus !!!!

75 Ferry fares need to be held in check, pensions and pay rates are not going up at the same rate as ferry fares.

76 Lower costs of Ferry services to an isolated community is vital for individuals but also for business.

77 ferry prices are getting too high for frequent travel, bus service not used to its potential,

78 I think the ferry expense is ridiculous. We should get one free ride, either in or out, just like Texada or the peninsula.

79 P.R. needs biking lanes everywhere. It should be free to take the ferry out of P.R. to the island.

80 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

81 The ferry situation is poor - less people will be able to travel outside of the community if the ferries do not become more affordable.

82 I think the ferry system is a part of BC highways and should be free like all inland ferries

83 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

84 Realise that post-modern civ is based on the biz of movng people and stuff all over the planet and that this is the most costly idea in history.

85 bike lanes/bike lanes/bike lanes

86 we need to promote alternate methods better, buses are a start but what about gloif carts or quads within city boundaries.

87 Create bike and walking lanes from Lund to Saltery Bay along hwy.101 Almost all communities have this - why don't we? Good for locals and tourists.

88 lobby for changes to Coastal Ferry Act create bike lanes on all major roads

89 remind the government our ferries are our highways, and should be treated as such

90 Fire David Hawn

91 Keep up the fight to have ferries considered part of our highway system, and therefore an essential service.

92 Reduce rates for powell river people

93 True bike lanes, better cycling infrastructure (dedicated covered parking, etc). More equitable ferry fares.

94 address ferry pricing and scheduals

95 -work for lower ferry fares -call for service small bus for evenings and weekends

96 ferries must be made essential service/ part of highways; commmuter trails/ green corridors should be developed

97 Allow for kayak docking and launching at the new terminal.

98 Wider divided sidewalk for walkers/bikers on Joyce. Put BC Ferries back in public hands with a return to reasonable fares.

99 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

100 Can't the buses be generally smaller? I do not see anyone encouraging nor creating alternates to cars.

101 -bike & carpooling needs infrastructure & encouraging -see previous ferry comment -is horse rides through power line a crazy suggestion ?

102 More bus routes, more frequent, decent service to rural areas. Real bike lanes, not just lip service Good luck on ferry costs, given rising fuel price

103 Lots of small, affordable buses. Use "people mover" vans, not large, under-utilized buses. Make all buses bike-friendly. Add commuter routes.

104 lobby the provincial govt to chnge their policies on privatizing the ferry system

105 resident rates at a considerable discount

106 We all know that people are never satisfied with the wage they make so costs of ferries will go up. Fuel will kill us.

107 Tolls on all major highways in BC to support free ferries Parking ares next to pedestrian zones

108 continue to provide public transit. Carpooling intiatives.

109 - road to the interior - improved rural bus system

110 A bus to Vancouver island on a regular basis. Lower ferry prices.

111 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

112 Better bus service, and bicycle lanes, and buy the ferry.

113 Re-establish 'resident subsidies' to offset projected increases. Ferries should be looked upon as our road system

114 Restore government run the ferry service. Get people to use city buses. Extend runs to Saltery Baby (coordinated with ferry schedule) and to Lund.

115 Issue residency cards to get a break on ferries

116 stop the empty buses...either get smaller buses or open the service to private businesses...don't like to subsidize

117 We are part of the highway system and pay road taxes, the ferries should be FREE !!!!! for RESIDENTS !!! HIGH TIME to build a ROAD !!!!

118 Lower ferry fares Review concept of road access to avoid ferry monopoly

119 we need to make the ferries our highway and not have to pay to go off the mainland.

120 buy locally - encourage people to create a stronger community for all kinds of reasons. Health care subsidy is great.

121 Ferries are our highways and need to be recognized as such. reduce cost or we will lose too much due to cost.

122 A new water taxi service to Comox and Texada Island that the community can afford. People are having to find jobs in courtenay but live in Powell Rive

123 At \$60 each way to leave PR - the ferries are a problem. Our bus service is underused and not terribly useful. No bus to rec complex? Really?

124 We really need the ferries to be considered part of the highway system as is done in the Maritime provinces.

125 Better bicycle infrastructure Better bus service Ride sharing for ferries Alternative boat transport to BC ferries

126 ferry cost bus in the regional district

- 127 Good road conditions, subsidies for travel, alternatives
- 128 Travelling to the lower mainland is expensive.
- 129 Consider ferry and bus alternatives
- 130 SUBsidized at higher level by government
- 131 An all-weather safe biking/walking route between Townsite and Westview. The Powell River - Little River ferry needs to be docked overnight in PR.
- 132 Ferries should be considered part of our highway and be better funded. Transit should run more often and later.
- 133 bike paths for both bikes and old people on scooters
- 134 Ferries are a HIGHWAY SYSTEM. Government should run it as a highway dept and make it PUBLIC!! Shutdown the ferry corp and fire the management
- 135 We need shoulders on all main roadways, designated bike lanes and multipurpose pathways. The ferries are a major concern, they will drive down tourism
- 136 Provincial government needs to commit to reasonable ferry rates.
- 137 More services needed to the Island for appointments, shopping etc
- 138 the ferry is our highway, paying the rates we do is highway robbery, locals need a break on ferries
- 139 Free ferry transportation for residents (we already pay 'highway tax'. An on-call taxi system instead of letting an empty buss drive.
- 140 Replace most of the bus fleet with mini busses. They seem to run empty most times. Use savings to lower fares.
- 141 Ferries are part of our highway system and need to be treated as such.
- 142 Our community won't grow in a healthy and sustainable way without adequate & affordable access to medical care for everyone.
- 143 Have a better public transit system that runs later in the night. Ferry prices are completely out of control and HAVE to be cheaper !!
- 144 Residents of Powell River or sunshine coast travel free.
- 145 create bicycle lanes on main routes. Heavily lobby the province to provide a reduced rate to local travellers.
- 146 Frequency of bus service. This needs to increase. Not having to wait an hour for a bus will increase bus usage. Ferries? Don't get me started...
- 147 Better ferry rates, and sidewalks from Cranberry to town - I can't walk with my stroller safely into town, so I drive and increase my carbon footprint
- 148 ferry costs must be cost efficient for all ; reduce unnecessary bus runs. The bus often runs with 2-10 people and sometime empty-can we economize ?
- 149 Relocalization of all activity we can to reduce need for long distance transport. Bicycle. Walk. Car-pool. Hitchhike. Inspire personal interest.
- 150 Bike lanes, smaller buses with larger routes
- 151 Make ferries affordable again. In town, build bike lanes, educate drivers about bicyclists (they deserve to use the road too), covered bike racks.
- 152 Improve the ferry system
- 153 Better bussing options on the Comox side:) day trips to appointments, shopping, connecting to trains/buses. Lower ferry rates for children 12 - 19
- 154 lobby government to decrease ferry fees create bike lanes for commuting/pleasure
- 155 Reduce ferry fares. Bring back the ferry care for lower ferry fares for people living in Powell River. The ferry is apart of our highway.
- 156 Ferry prices are a major concern for residents and those considering living in powell river
- 157 Commuter cards for Powell River residents, better ferry service, or build a toll bridge or tunnel, cheaper air flights
- 158 subsidize
- 159 Reclaim the ferry system as a SERVICE.
- 160 Get the Ferries working for Powell River Residents. Reduce the cost. Create a bus service to and from the Island. Develop something that works!
- 161 We need road access and we know that isn't going to happen any time soon. So lower ferry fares. They are our highways.
- 162 Reasonable cost of ferry service.
- 163 Encourage bus use and build bicycle routes
- 164 ROAD & Bridges to interior and bridges to Island. Bridges would be toll bridges until they are paid for then toll eliminated
- 165 locally-improve the bus service and increase ridership with incentives
- 166 Bike paths beside roadways from Westview to Townsite, around Cranberry Lake and Paradise Valley so it is safe. Keep increasing bus service
- 167 better and lower fares ferry service
- 168 Some roads now that are being bombarded with heavy trucks and can't handle it. The ferry service is too expensive and major changes are needed
- 169 get a bridge or road to mainland. ferries are holding us hostage especially is on a low income
- 170 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

171 reduce ferry costs for residents of Powell River

172 get a road

173 Have smaller buses in town. they should run every 20 minutes, in the morning and after 2.30 and have quick connections.

174 People are resourceful: when motivated to get somewhere, they'll usually find a way. Set up carpool website & tips for screening riders/drivers

175 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.

176 Stop trying to stop people from using their vehicle. Encourage people to go places in car or truck as this also drives employment.

177 Reasonable ferry fares. There is assistance for medical appointments. we have ferry elevators that do not work and affect people with mobility issues.

178 Within PR, build with a smart-growth focus. Beyond PR, increase carpooling ability, but focus on providing resources here so people don't have to go.

179 lower ferry fares.

180 BIKE LANES !!!!! We've got the space. The ferries are our highways. The toll is too high already, raising it is no solution.

181 Have more bus service north and south of town.

182 No cost for Ferries and road access to and from Powell River.

183 Cost reduction.

184 work with government to get ferry fares lowered create bike paths bus scheduling more often especially during peak hours

185 keep late night busing even if stats don't pay for it. Run a bus to comox/courtenay one day a week mutually (with Comox/Courtenay).

186 rural bus service schedule is designed so that a person can not have a job and commute into town! re-do the rural bus schedule so people can commute

187 Build a bridge to Sea-to-Sky highway

188 Make walkers and cyclists feel safer and more welcome on their streets.

189 On Joyce, the 3 lane setup is dangerous for bike riders. Have one footpath for bikes, the other for pedestrians- or widen footpaths.

190 The ferries are our highways and everyone should be able to get on a ferry and to their destination without exorbitant fees and ridiculous schedules.

191 Put ferries back in to gov't ownership. Dept of Hghways is doing a great job with inland ferries.

192 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

193 Bike lane needed on Joyce - sidewalk widened? and bike path on Marine from Ferry terminal to Grief Point

194 Provincial government needs to contribute more money to the Ferry Corporation so fares can be lowered

195 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.

196 CREATE JOBS SO THAT WE CAN PAY OUR WAY...NO FREE RIDE

197 Affordable ferry service...or a road to Vancouver...more ferries to the island....ferries should be a service not a profitable enterprise

198 joyce avenue needs crosswalks at places between traffic lights. reduce ferry & bus fares for residents & low income

199 safer bike routes, more frequent bus and encourage alternative fuel use on cars where possible.. to many trucks in town.

200 Lower ferry prices

201 **** Push hard for a land route. I would rather pay a mortgage on a road (toll) than rent on a ferry. ****

202 1) Bicycle lanes!! 2) Recognize that ferries ARE our highway. Remember the cost of forging road to Whistler? Who paid?

203 More safe bike lanes Ferry travel already too expensive for most people. De-privatize it and make it part of highway system.

204 I am daily disheartened by the lack of pedestrian infrastructure, especiall around TC Mall (crosswalks and sidewalks for strollers would be great).

205 The Ferries should be an extension of our highway and should be free or heavily discounted for P.R residents! The V.I. ferry should be berthed in P.R.

206 more walking/bicycle paths and sidewalks, better bus service, public transportation to major centres

207 designated alternate transportation routes. a realistic free inner-city transportation service with appropriate sized vehicles (demand)

208 Make ferry service reliable and affordable.

209 reduce prices and increase times of travel

210 make government realize that the ferries are our highway and make them affordable

211 Put in a road to lower Sunshine Coast to eliminate one ferry from our trip. We are often held hostage in PR (poor weather, break downs, etc.)

212 bridge

213 If ferries bother you get the hell out

214 Real bike and walk paths and lanes throughout town!

215 Ensure public transportation (bus) service is available at hours that work for seniors, employed persons and students.

216 LOW FERRY FARES!! - buses all day, everyday, all around town - lund, and south of town.

217 A sailing ship to Vancouver, with solar back-up!

218 separate bike lanes for safety, educate motorists about sharing the road,

219 Encourage more biking through share the road signs (educating drivers) and a painted bike lane all the way down Joyce street.

220 Bus fares are too high to make them economical for me to use for going to work. Ferry fares are expensive.

221 Develop proper sidewalk and bike lane infrastructure. Powell River is in the dark ages, people walking the streets because they're no proper sidewalks

222 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

223 Ferry fares and cost of gas should not increase anymore.

224 Once the City has failed us miserably

225 we need some paved pathways for roller blading ie. willingdon beach trail and/or seawalk. many towns have a beautiful path.

226 More emphasis on safe walking and cycling routes Continued pressure on BC Ferries

227 construct road way /bridge or tunnel combination to connect to the lower mainland. We will never have control of ferry service or pricing.

228 The ferry is part of the highway !!!!!.We should not have to pay!!!! There is no road. The Kootney lake ferry is free!!!!

229 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

230 Ferry service needs to be subsidized. especially for families having to continually travel out of town for sporting or cultural events.

231 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.

232 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

233 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

234 -stop raising ferry fares - crippling our economy and negatively affecting our social wellbeing - we need to circulate and move around to keep vibrant

235 Lobby politicians to return BC Ferries to Public Service, and to reduce fares. Try to have the ferry schedules work better with Comox Airport.

236 Demand to the provincial government that the ferry fares be lowered for coastal communities like powell river and put new ferries on the runs

237 Locally, increased bike and walking options, to Vancouver Island, a ferry system subsidized for affordability as is the trans-canada highway.

238 Throw out the BC Coastal Ferry Act. Make BC Ferries public and part of our Highway system.

239 Continued advocacy for affordable ferry travel. Move beyond 'share the lane' signs and put in extensive bike lanes. Car free section once per month?

240 more bike lanes in pr

241 Bus service is fair but #1 should be every half hour to get to appointments. I like isolation so no road but resident ferry reduction would help

242 lobby for the 1 cent gas tax to build the regional bus service and get the ferry corp to listen to us, bring back the resident card for reduced fares

243 The ferry service should be part of the highway system the same as it is in the interior where they have alternate choices.

244 We should have free ferry transport in and out of the Sunshine Coast as we are on a main highway.

245 ferry prices high, everything high..no tourists, small businesses die (like this year) ..none of us can afford to leave PR, so we just dont

246 Lower the ferry fares so it's affordable for everyone to leave town.

247 Ferry system is broken and only a road to the lower mainland will fix it

248 1. ferries costs are unacceptable. we are likely moving to chilliwack because of the ridiculous increases. 2. better bike paths for safe biking

249 re-nationalize public transportation

250 Better and affordable ferry services.

251 MOT should provide free oneway service

252 bike lanes and bike paths reduce ferry fares

253 Cycle paths need to be wider to make it safe. Share the road signs are a waste of money. Look at holland to see a barrier to separate cars from bikes

254 Change the BC Ferries Act. Make ferry service affordable, reliable, safe: under the direction of the Ministry of Transportation.

255 Accessibility. Or an alternate. BC Ferries monopoly - can we provide an alternative?

256 Public transit, tax private automobile use in order for to pay for public transit





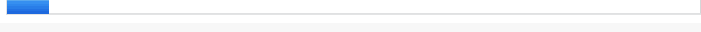
257 Have electric vehicles in our bus fleet, more linking of bus routes.

258 Buses that can be counted on, with only a short wait, until midnight. Promotional activities to get people to try the bus.






259	actually, the transit system is the best i have ever seen in a small town
260	Continue to lobby at all levels of gov't.
261	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.
262	Demand ferry costs figured as part of our marine highway not as profit for a private corp.
263	Make the ferries a part of the highway as they are in the Interior of BC. People who reside in PR should not be charged for using the ferries.
264	Raise your political awareness. Get involved.
265	Bike lane for seniors on motorized scooters
266	Ferry fares go up too often.
267	Perhaps a private donation-funded community-run driving service to transport medical patients.
268	Better bus service. Ferry costs should be more affordable for residents of the area.
269	reduce the cost of ferries for residents of powell river
270	Reduce ferry fares
271	An expores bus from one end of Powell River to the other.
272	Build a highway to the interior.
273	small electric cars and scooters. our ferries are our highways, and as residents we should not have to pay a fortune to use them. low bus fares.
274	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.
275	much better ferry service
276	Affordable ferries Connecting schedules Keep our bus system
277	Be self responsible. Life costs. Get a job and live within ones means.

33.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	11	2.76%
GOOD: 	126	31.58%
FAIR: 	177	44.36%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	61	15.29%
POOR: 	24	6.02%
Total Responded to this question:	399	97.56%
Total who skipped this question:	10	2.44%
Total:	409	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: 	7	1.78%
GOOD: 	92	23.35%
FAIR: 	184	46.7%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	74	18.78%
POOR: 	37	9.39%
Total Responded to this question:		394 96.33%
Total who skipped this question:		15 3.67%
Total:		409 100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	179	100%
Total Responded to this question:	179	43.77%
Total who skipped this question:	230	56.23%
Total:	409	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	Amalgamate City and Regional District Amalgamate police, fire and ambulance service into one entity
2	New earth quake proof fire hall tougher courts and sentencing
3	training, education
4	educate the public
5	I do not know what PR has in place for this.
6	These questions should have had another answer. I don't know!
7	Enforcement of rural areas where clearly drugs are being sold. Surveillance videos subsidized for business. More police to "walk a beat".
8	Don't know
9	Public meetings re earthquake survival
10	Educate youth on drugs and encourage programs which offer alternatives to drugs and video games etc.
11	We need to look behind reasons of vandalism and source and deal effectively with situation not a blanket police approach.
12	Live webcams. Promote to tourists Powell River Live! lessen the criminal element if they might be live or recorded on video
13	Hot spots for drug activity need to addressed. Powell River needs to be above average in terms of disaster preparedness because of our isolation.
14	Perpetual offending students attend military-style boarding school encompassing academics, exercise, and regular chores to support the communal livin
15	BERTH FERRY IN WESTVIEW. MOVE GAS/PROPANE TANKS out of RESIDENTIAL AREA. Emergency preparedness does good job but needs + public engagement/awareness
16	Harsher penelties for drug dealers. One has lived 3 houses away from me. Cops do "once a month" drive by's. He still sells on a regular basis.
17	re #33: we never know that these things are occurring as local media if PATHETIC at doing their job with NEWS. Feels like there is little problem
18	we are at the end of a complex distribution chain and therefore vulnerable
19	Stop drug usage
20	More publicly visible emergency prep. Consumerism is a bigger threat than vandalism.
21	More frequent public awareness efforts
22	Don't know enough about #34. Individual responsibility, including my own, is weak. Getting people out to PEP events/training sessions is key.
23	Unfortunatly 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
24	shut down the known drug houses.
25	-we need more high profile community projects which target these problems and ask concerned citizens to be involved. -take social issues seriously!
26	There is apathy here, just accepting that there is a segment of the community that does drugs - we need to have zero tolerance for hard drugs
27	Education. Maybe a stronger police presence.
28	engage the community in getting involved through neighbourhood watch and crime stoppers- also more attention to drug and alcohol rehab
29	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.
30	Powell River would be devastated with even a minor event. The infrastructure is well beyond its design life and the emergency personal is under staffe
31	an annual evacuation practise
32	Not really familiar with this area. If we posted people on a wall of shame, then crime would be even less, so would drug crime. Put a face to crime!
33	Provide training and access to jobs outside Powell River, as well as addiction services. Poverty is responsible for many of our problems.
34	Police should be more proactive and community-minded. Some emergency work is done, but needs to get to the community members
35	Become more self-sufficient. Grow food. Learn survival skills/first aid. Have an emergency plan & practice it. Zero tolerance for bullying.

36 Emergency plans need to be developed for all areas and then widely communicated

37 more individual emergency training needed

38 evacuation plan? what would we do in case of forest fire that would devastate the city?

39 Earthquake preparedness. Food security. We need to be able to feed ourselves.

40 dont know

41 Increase amount of locally grown food.

42 Get rid of the methadone clinic.

43 More information given to the community should there be an earthquake.

44 if there's an earthquake,be prepared to deal with the toxins from the mill...culture/entertainment,helps cut down on crime.

45 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

46 Can we please not have the police doing so many make-work-project, petty, mass traffic stops at mid-day, please? Seatbelts? License? for God' sake!

47 Support development of local emergency plans so people in each district and block have a plan to look after themselves while waiting for official help

48 Have an emergency plan in place & make sure all people know what to do in an emergency. Awareness and education will go a long way!

49 We continue to have mock disaster to ensure preparedness in a disaster. Need new Fire Hall.

50 We should create an umbrella emergency committee to coordinate and oversee in the case of an emergency. this committee should have authority.

51 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.

52 Wish I knew!

53 thefts go unresolved due to limited investigation, graffiti isn't removed promptly encouraging more,

54 Get the little skate boarders OFF the ROADS, NOW!!!

55 support the new youth resource centre

56 34 - don't have the tools to answer 35 - no city large or small is equipped to handle any major emergency or catastrophe

57 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...

58 More drills

59 Engage youth in positive community activity. When the crunch comes, we need their strength and spirit. Oh, yeah...oppose high-rises and proud projects

60 we are not cohesive as a community and do not know where are community assets and skill sets are

61 Enforce speed limits on hwy. 101. Develop power line as truck route. Take industrial traffic out of residential areas, separate truck route to mill.

62 community initiative for emergency planning/kits

63 make sure support services are trained for emergencies

64 Provide on-going information to the population regarding services available during major emergencies.

65 -on the job and in the school training in first aid and emergency procedures

66 If something major happens, how is a community of 20000 people who are dependent on food shipping in, expected to eat?

67 Identify those at risk (poverty/poor education/lack of work) and work on the root causes.

68 -continue to work away at the underlying causes for poverty, addiction -engage youth in society -discourage dangerous industry (eg LNG)

69 Emergency Prep team needs more public visibility - hard to know what preps have actually been made. Push more individual preparation.

70 Give kids places to go. Encourage stockpiling food and other staples in homes. Have building and fuel supplies stockpiled for shelter & repairs.

71 Stronger encouragement and education to tell people about emergency preparedness

72 flyer to each home with emergency plan outline specific to Powell River where our trauma centres are etc. what

73 We are pretty safe and secure here.

74 Way to deal with the vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

75 Need to focus on vandalism, immediately cleaned and fixed. Drug situation has improved in community. Educate the young about value self, community.

76 - more practice, do more mock events -involve neighbour hoods & schools

77 Every citizen should have a 72 hour pack sack ready to go. Education regarding safety. Clear cut areas are a fire hazard.

78 Create food and transportation self-sufficiency. Lots of planning and discussion of this, imagining eventualities.

79 Sorry...no expertise !!

80	Continue to inform people re disaster planning
81	Crack down on poor driving habits - failure to stop at stop signs, use signals and speeding
82	I think pr is working toward the goal and is doing a fair job
83	Nothing - it is amazingly safe and secure compared to everywhere.
84	Better communications with the community, more drills, up to date First Nations fire service
85	Imagine that as an isolated community we will run out of food fairly quickly if our ports are destroyed.
86	Develop a community emergency plan Support local food infrastructure
87	city must put money and resources into youth and social issues
88	Powell River is a very safe community
89	More coordination of emergency services, more frequent practices
90	Too many druggies, drug houses. Too many out of control kids doing damage, hanging out...
91	Wait. Educate Practise
92	Police officers that are trained
93	More education.
94	Establish Truck/dangerous goods route from new barge terminal eastbound up improved road that is now tunneled under Marine Ave/Hwy 101 north.
95	Get to know your neighbours so that you can help each other if necessary. The guy with the chainsaw just might be your saviour.
96	More police presence in town. Too much graffiti and vandalism going on for the size of the town. Need to educate people to report suspicious behavior
97	Create jobs, increase better transportation in and out of Powell River.
98	The COPS program was very successful in reducing crime - is it still going? Engaging youth is a difficult endeavour - maybe talk to the kids?
99	The people of Powell River will pull together in an emergency. I'd rather be here than anywhere else.
100	Unsure of what is in place so not qualified to comment
101	Development of local resilience, i.e. food production, etc. We need a full time emerg coordinator like the lower Sunshine Coast.
102	Education in the event of a major forest fire
103	Specific information re: what happens when...e.g. earthquake. Siren/meeting places not generic but specific. Tsunami sirens not recognised in Tofino
104	Battle the drug culture, and the crime element
105	Build post disaster buildings for emergency services
106	foot patrols by police local call centre rather than island control for police
107	Jail sentences for criminals and make vandals pay \$\$\$ for any property they damage.
108	Safety plan in case ferries (aka food supply) is cut off in an emergency such as an earthquake.
109	Increase funding to Youth Resource Centre, sports and culture activities and rec complex to keep youth active and busy. Youth nights at school gyms
110	Public needs to know what the procedures are in the event of any of these emergencies. I, for one am not aware of any at this point.
111	more police patrols at night when drunks and vandals are active.
112	more help inside our community for drug and alcohol related problems
113	Meaningful consequences for criminal activity Victim-impact & restorative-justice practices Monitor "known to police" residents more vigilantly
114	Stricter laws and sentencing. It seems you can kill, steal, drug traffic & abuse children and just get a slapped wrist. If nothing else banish them.
115	33. Powell River has two points of access ferry or air we should be 100% drug free. 34. Japan, New Zealand, Haiti pull your planning head out of sand
116	We don't truly know what will happen so focus should be on family units, home, local neighbourhoods, caring for one another.
117	Addiction treatment and safe supported social housing. People need help not punishment
118	Educate the Powell River population. (all people) about major catastrophes. What to do-where to go-how to prepare yourself and family ahead of time.
119	have police work on drugs and dealing and vandalism
120	stop bringing in highly acidic tailings to the site in wildwood-it has to be leeching into the environment-do more unbiased testing of our ground water
121	Education, education, education
122	Many communities publish an emergency booklet. What radio station will broadcast emergency info, where are the emergency centers? I don't know.
123	No information readily available. Can emergency services -police fire hospital, ambulance schools, council switch to a common emergency radio channel?
124	Is there a cohesive emergency plan? Have never seen one published. Have emergency services installed a common radio frequency in

their radios?

125 More planning and preparedness regarding earthquakes

126 Try to get more people trained to handle the emergency situations.

127 MORE JOBS AND EDUCATION

128 More police presence....close down liquor stores earlier...more police on the streets to control noisy drunks

129 stop the ridiculous "war on drugs" and focus on a safe, friendly community. We do not need so many police. We need more community ambassadors

130 Have a community plan and make it available to the residents.

131 Congregation or refuge areas pre-planned and posted for major emergencies.

132 Vandals convicted to restore and work set amounts to make amends. Clean up your mess! Children to take part in cleaning their classrooms - start early

133 Little anti-social behaviour in town Each neighbourhood needs a specific emergency plan and leaders for likely scenarios, not generic plan

134 Get rid of all the tacky graffiti everywhere! Provide better things for youth to do. RCMP should patrol more at night.

135 PR is a safe place to live. The biggest danger is getting hit by a car. The dump in wildwood will be a world class disaster in the event of an earthq

136 identify risks like large quantities of chemicals and explosive media (oil & gas)

137 Make the judges hand down stiffer penalties to criminals. Go after the organized crime members; those with patches and those without.

138 encourage small neighbourhood gatherings

139 aggressive policing at the helmet law, skateboarding levels photo radar back full time traffic officer give peace officer status to bylaw enforcement

140 Fire the RCMP and have elected law officials answering to us

141 Do we have a plan if there is an earthquake in townsite, cranberry, etc, and has it been mailed to all residents.

142 -get crazy ppl off the streets, cops actually doing their jobs busting the ppl that should be busted not the ones that shouldnt

143 I feel safe living here for 50+ years.

144 People should prepare themselves, education.

145 big business should be more accountable for clean up & restoration of our community. (Mill spills This town is not prepared for any catastrophe (FOOD?)

146 Residents must be educated and notified of the ways to deal with major emergencies. Residents must be provided or required to have Emergency Kits.

147 The plans are on paper, but as a community member, I have never heard anything about an emergency plan. This area is a joke

148 have an evacuation plan

149 A well-thought out well-publicized community emergency plan for each area of town needs to be developed and communicated to the public

150 not an issue for me, unable to give informed opinion

151 Public education sessions, check-lists to each household, & information in brief form so that people will read and participate in safety & security.

152 An access/escape route from this land locked city is needed. Again an overland hiway.

153 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

154 not sure - I feel safe and secure -

155 Making investments such as replacements in earthquake proof fire halls. And have diversion programs for youth

156 We need a better Crown Prosecutor

157 None that I know of.

158 Mixed unit housing; support the ongoing operation of the Youth Resource Centre (YRC).

159 an all service emerg. group and lots of practice for both groups and residents of PR

160 better information on the emergency preparedness plan

161 Educate people in case of emergencies.

162 have a court system that works

163 Addiction center for women

164 Don't know

165 Prepare by having mock runs.

166 Education. Desperate people do desperate things. Meet the needs. Educate - show the alternatives not condemn the problem.






167 Education: emphasis on how climate change will affect how we live and work. This is the real deal breaker, and is coming quicker than anticipated

168 Education.

169	Public information pamphlets. Encourage local markets to provide local food. Easy access to local food product venues
170	Stage mock events, engage public.
171	I believe some of the anti-social behaviour could be remedied by better mental health interventions and supports. ie for FAS
172	Don't know
173	There should be more teaching on what to do and where to go in case of an emergency.
174	Get drug addicts into rehab centres.
175	Keep the bears and cougars out of the community.
176	Regular drills for earth quakes. Help low income people with costs for earth quake supplies. Work on alcohol
177	increased education of the people and more trained emergency personel
178	While there is an emergency response system in place, many of the public aren't aware of what to do. Newspaper & local radio could help educate.
179	It is being done. NOT a priority needing further attention. It's amazing here.

36.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	116	28.57%
GOOD: 	232	57.14%
FAIR: 	50	12.32%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	7	1.72%
POOR: 	1	0.25%
Total Responded to this question:	406	99.27%
Total who skipped this question:	3	0.73%
Total:	409	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	315	100%
Total Responded to this question:	315	77.02%
Total who skipped this question:	94	22.98%
Total:	409	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Geography
2	Ocean, clean fresh air, many outdoor activities...
3	natural amenities Music Academy VIU
4	Variety of cultural experiences outdoor activities (camping/fishing/hiking/kyaking) Acceptance/tolerance of community members
5	the people
6	The climate and surroundings.
7	the people.
8	Natural Beauty Safety affordable home ownership great recreational everything great services and infrastructure isolation = creativity great peop
9	The mill.
10	Strong network of social support agencies and a well managed school system along with a strong arts and culture environment.
11	Friendly community people, lots to do, clean air, being by the ocean, lots of nature, affordable arts and entertainment, no commuting for me!
12	family and friends
13	natural beauty; good people
14	friendly people, beautiful places to visit
15	friendliness of all the people
16	The sense of community
17	outdoor recreation, small town feeling
18	Climate, variety of activities, affordable housing, a variety of interesting people, great medical services for the size of the community, etc.
19	Recreational facilities; arts and culture; beautiful scenery; climate; access to both salt and fresh water activities...sailing, boating, etc.
20	People care, they wave, they volunteer, and most are respectful. Businesses work hard, charity and giving are foremost for the majority of people.
21	The Creator. Great climate, beautiful surroundings, natural resources.
22	Our beautiful environment and physical surroundings And the general friendliness of the people
23	Generally PR residents are carinf
24	Climate, friendly citizens. Academy of Music. Complex.
25	Our arts and culture organizations. The City's cooperation and support of Catalyst paper Canada's economic action plan PR food security program
26	the people, isolated location, weather
27	availability of affordable housing, clean enviroment, good medical and education services, arts and culture availability
28	The beauty and natural surroundings that are sacred and precious, that we need to hold in our hearts as stewards of the earth.
29	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.
30	Natural beauty and recreation. Recreation complex. Development of internet to access services and education.
31	our beautiful scenery
32	community spirit (compassion, generosity, caring, self-initiating, strong advocacy, creativity etc) people - friends - natural beauty - peace -
33	The town is still very friendly. Always has been. +the ocean, lakes, sports etc.
34	Safety, friendliness, neighbourliness, good healthcare
35	Location, view, people, etc.
36	good housing and good neighbours in a proud neighbourhood
37	Isolation and away from the big city
38	Arts and culture/service organizations
39	Mother Nature.

40	The overall good access to services and very safe environment combined with clean air and beautiful surroundings
41	Isolation from big city, excellent medical care, relatively inexpensive housing, strong emphasis on local food production
42	Myself going and getting an education
43	the slow pace, politeness, courtesy
44	-the beautiful nature all around us -the sense of community spirit the amazing arts, theatre and music scene
45	its size - not too big, not too small
46	size of the community is good. Good cross-section of people. PR seems to be accepting of differences/diversity compared to other places
47	Location and cost of living
48	The friendliness and positive attitude of the people The many music events offered by the Academy The location: ocean, lakes, mountains, forests
49	The environment. Interesting people.
50	first class golf course, friendly people, arts and culture opportunities, festivals
51	the scenery, easy access to lakes etc
52	The few active residents
53	Fine Art Association; Academy of Music; friendly people; efforts by Mayor, council and city staff to move P R forward despite the "no changes" side.
54	MOSTLY ORDINARY PEOPLE
55	The people, the environment
56	fresh air and places to play (hike, swim, fish)
57	Safety; beauty; housing costs; friendly people; less stress; things to do; a feeling of community. isolation from world. not too many big box stores.
58	My own quality of life is excellent. But people with few skills and no access to jobs are truly suffering.
59	weather, views, gd job
60	Friendly people. Slow pace. Not congested. Sane house prices. It's beauty (ie ocean, lakes, forests). Arts and cultural activities. Festivals.
61	The natural beauty of the area.
62	the fact that we are so isolated we do not have the crime levels of more accessible cities
63	Education and employment resulting in relatively low crime rates which result in a feeling of security
64	the natural beauty and friendly residents
65	The ferries. Too hard to get in and out so people get along because of the stable population
66	Location, the pace of life the upkeep of existing infrastructure. Funding to the arts and recreation. The Mayors pride in the city
67	lakes oceans feeling safe in a small community everybody knows everybody friends and family
68	Nature and surrounding opportunities to be in and enjoy nature.
69	A major employer that pays well, the service organizations, schools, and churches.
70	Academy of Music
71	Outdoor activities, beauty of the area...slow pace.
72	Outdoors and nature. Small town that is not overly busy or stressful.
73	beautiful surroundings and the local community...
74	Our natural environment.
75	Slow and easy pace, less traffic, clean air, affordable real estate, lots of opportunity for small business if locals are encouraged to support them.
76	good people, beautiful place
77	The sense of desperation people feel about the City being in cahoots with the mill and not listening to citizens. Demoralizing. Extremely.
78	Great people, many of whom have come recently to live in Powell River and a great location for music, kayaking and hiking
79	Natural beauty Volunteerism Our remote location Smiling faces everywhere Not much traffic Lots of art and culture
80	being self employed as working for the average industry here is unpredictable and do not pay well
81	the natural beauty, golf course, good hospital
82	Our surroundings.
83	clean air and clean water good schools
84	the people as individuals churches schools
85	Very little. Not near as good as it was 30 years ago. Home taxes too high. harbor fees too high for retirees.
86	Music

87	Our setting and surrounding areas are spectacular. We have a rich cultural community. We have sports in abundance. Govt. is accessible.
88	I love living here even with some of the faults mentioned. The friendly people and beautiful surroundings make up for a lot.
89	Natural environment, parks
90	The access to the mountains and lakes. Trails for hiking and biking and the information to learn about all off it.
91	fresh air-hiking, biking, walking trails arts and music excellent treatment of our special needs adults and we are working on discrimination issues
92	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
93	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.
94	the mill cutting down emmissions
95	environment oppourtunities ocean and mountains social attitudes
96	The woods.
97	Small population, Kathaumixw, access to trails
98	natural setting, friendly people, many actively involved in making PR a more vibrant place
99	Seaside location & natural amenities. Academy of Music. Hospital. Rec centre. Arts community. Historic townsite. Walking trails. Restaurants. Max Thea
100	low housing cost = more leisure time incredible diversity of community initiatives
101	friendly people, tight knit community
102	the people and of course our fantastic location among nature
103	climate
104	Good air quality, good water quality, less crime than major centres, good climate and relative remoteness promotes great quality of life.
105	the outdoors
106	Easy access to nature, friendly, inclusive community
107	The people
108	relatively low cost of living (aside from taxes): excellent access to outdoor recreation
109	Easy going nature of people.
110	Sense of a small community, fair priced real estate, and a good community for those with young children
111	Increasingly diverse community as well as a sense of being an important part of the community.
112	BEAUTY all around Music programs from cradle to grave
113	-health of natural surroundings -relative affordability -feeling of potential
114	Friends, friendliness of community, music, safety, lakes and mountains
115	The lack of access and development has kept town relatively unspoiled. That's vulnerable to greed and self-interest. Community spirit is paramount.
116	The environment that surrounds us creates that quality provided we treat it respectfully.
117	volunteers ! there are dozens and dozens of organizations in sports, arts, culture,churches,etc who depend totally on volunteers
118	definitely the seaside setting
119	Being a retired senior, the wages made during the good times in Powell River in the past.
120	being a small town, mostly good citizens and a beautiful environment, great and well maintained parks
121	businesses offering everything we need. Residents that work out of town bringing in money.
122	beautiful place to live, look how many people are coming here from all over
123	Quiet, low crime, unique, not over run by big box stores, appreciate small businesses, buying food directly from the grower, & know where it comes fro
124	-people willing to work togethee - those who embrace ideas of others as well as thier own
125	Splendor of nature. A good circlce of friends and a church family.
126	There is something for everyone
127	Local groups like Transition Town, Food Security, and Water Watch. The hiking trails.
128	Lack of major 'Idiot Fringe' and major crime influx
129	compassion, cooperation
130	Freindship
131	natural surroundings
132	Low level of population, low traffic
133	Safe environment, good weatrher
134	clean air

135	Happy content and peaceful countenance of locals - community pride and peacefulness is AWESOME.
136	affordability of housing, natural lifestyle and low crime
137	Out doors, ocean sports, trails almost make up for high rent and no jobs. Such a beautiful place with no vision for the future. Quit selling out!!
138	Our surroundings. Mountains, Oceans, Lakes, etc. So many trails to hike, bike, quad, etc.
139	mother nature
140	Beautiful nature, access to health care, low crime rate, grocery stores, buses, decent schools, clean water to drink and swim in... we are blessed
141	The naTURAL ENVIRONMENT
142	envornment and safety
143	The scenic surroundings, pace of life.
144	The existing outdoors environment, weather.
145	Powell River is isolated, making it safer and a service hub
146	The ability to be out doors for free.
147	Weather, environment, isolation
148	CLimate and clean air
149	location, weather
150	The people who built this town, and those who cared enough to work for the GOOD of the community. The businesses who were able to survive City Hall!!!
151	great drinking water, low priced real estate, great trailways and hiking
152	The welcome and sense of belonging. The geography.
153	Recreation
154	Natural environment Friendly people
155	Safety, and the small town atmosphere and general friendliness
156	Variety of activities (sporting, leisure, cultural).
157	A non-homogeneous group of wonderful folks, an eclectic group of traditionalists and radicaal thinkers. And the sunsets.
158	cost of housing size of community
159	Poor wages, no jobs,bad service,expensive transportation system.
160	Individuals who volunteer their time to make things happen. Curling club, Kathaumiwx, Earth Day, Sea Fair, Blackberry Fest, Big Bike race,
161	The natural surroundings. Friendly people. Sense of community and family.
162	A great sense of community, a home, a sense of belonging.
163	All the little people, from small business owners to the seniors who still volunteer.
164	environment, safety, general well-being, accessibility
165	Community spirit already here, i.e. volunteerism. Our spectacular environment. Arts and music.
166	Communal respect and a value of resources
167	the people and the environment
168	Community spirit. People being supportive of so many different activities/events
169	The natural beauty of the place. the people's disposition in living in such a great place.
170	feeling of community - friendliness, security, safety
171	For me - good job, close to the out doors, weather is reasonable.
172	stable employment, opportunities to participate in a variety of musical activities, affordable housing, THE VIEW
173	The people
174	Community services, amazingly strong desire in many people to make things happen no matter how much effort it takes.
175	Small community, isolated from larger city. Great safe place to raise your children. lots of local free beaches parking swimming.
176	Our relative isolation, the beauty of our surroundings & temperate climate; our economic history & proximity to an historic First Nations community.
177	Fresh air good water and access to natural beauty.
178	Access to the back roads & trails
179	nature
180	One's own attitude!
181	Abundant, clean lakes, forests and numerous recreational opportunities. LOW TRAFFIC!!!
182	healthy environment, laid back lifestyle, access to inexpensive and first rate recreation and culture, friendly people

183	How safe and beautiful it is as well as the opportunities to join many different groups. (choirs, dance groups, rotary etc.)
184	Natural beauty of the area (lakes, ocean, forests) Quiet well serviced community
185	the availability to get away into the outdoors easily
186	Small town, friendly people, closeness of neighbours(knowing them), availability of teachers and local doctors.
187	the ocean, the people, wildlife, climate
188	natural beauty, affordable housing and access to cultural events
189	sense of community
190	no through traffic more green space then in cities
191	the people
192	Friendliness of people and all the volunteers that are involved in so many worth while venues.
193	Mild winters.
194	Seaside location Boating opportunities Hiking trails Friendliness of the residents Affordable home Convenience of services No relatives here
195	It's lazy and hence easy but too laid back. Not everyone is retired nor do we want to be.
196	proximity to nature
197	Caring people, good educational opportunity, the arts and culture scene, and our back country access to all the nature Powell River has to offer.
198	the remoteness, the beauty, the general quality of people (we have 1 of everyone here)
199	Safe environment, outdoor and cultural activities, clean and abundant water, clean air.
200	Good climate Easy-going atmosphere Trails & other outdoor recreation opportunities
201	Availability of greenspace, community organizations, friendliness of people, isolation.
202	the good clean air and environment we get to live in
203	Good place to raise kids, people are friendly and kind.
204	Community events and engagement. People are friendly and social. We get out and meet our neighbours
205	The beautiful surroundings and access to recreational opportunities. Lack of traffic and noise. Quiet, friendly community.
206	The population is small therefore we do not have as much crime etc as a larger city; however Powell River needs to grow to offer life to younger peopl
207	Access to top rate medical facilities.
208	environment access to recreational activities
209	nature, job
210	community.
211	The ocean
212	Easy access to the wilderness
213	Relatively low crime rate. Good climate.
214	The people. Watching out for each other.
215	Neighborhood pride - more could be done. Good climate Lots of orgsnizations to join/participate.
216	The back country
217	The lack of hustle and bustle and traffic Love the daily view of the ocean. Friendly people and great neighbors.
218	affordable housing
219	The slower pace here - everyone isn't rushing around.
220	GOOD PEOPLE
221	outdoor activities low cost of living (no parking fees, low travel time/cost to work) availability of activites for families and children
222	Make neighbourhood businesses truly considerate of their neigbours...restrict lighting of business, pick up the litter of products they sell
223	location
224	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.
225	Outdoors, community spirit
226	The forests and the ocean and the friendly people.
227	Slower pace. Beautiful area. Nature. Safety.
228	trees, water, space, relative absence of pollution
229	People
230	Nature. Community. Arts & Culture.
231	Close access to lakes, trails, mountains and ocean of course!

232	fresh air, pure water, isolation
233	my attitude
234	Quiet surroundings, beautiful scenery, friendly people and excellent lifestyle. It is paradise.
235	getting to know people and participating in volunteer activities
236	the people
237	outdoor recreation
238	Our beautiful natural surroundings which we need to cherish and maintain. Need to work on poor road conditions to our lakes and hiking trails.
239	high taxes
240	Being here a long time getting established when money bought something
241	the many parks and green spaces
242	The people, I grew up here, kindness, generosity of neighbors, a feeling of safety.
243	- the beauty, preservice of forest - nature and wildlife
244	All the lovely walking trails!
245	access to lakes, trails and ocean climate
246	The Location.
247	Beautiful surroundings, nature.
248	Its the most beautiful place in the world.
249	Isolation and income levels - Quality of life will diminish in future as young families leave and don't come back.
250	- High value outdoor recreation - All the amenities for comfortable living is available - Low traffic and everything is 5min away.
251	Ocean, forests and mountains. Opportunities for physical activity are endless
252	community groups and volunteers
253	the people are friendly the housing although all over the map is affordable
254	Clean air, friendly people, churches, community organizations and natural beauty.
255	Peaceful, not crowded, knowing your neighbour, accessibility to hospital, schools, supermarkets, banks, recreation, parks, and the church.
256	My Church, my friends, the surroundings of the community. This is a beautiful place to live, with access to fresh/salt water, hiking, canoeing etc.
257	lower cost of living than the cities
258	Natural beauty Hiking trails Dedicated dog park hours Good library Fair amount of classical music
259	safe and beautiful
260	Availability of outdoor activities , location, sense of community
261	the people
262	small town atmosphere and closeness to wilderness recreation
263	Location, climate
264	The caring people.
265	Sunshine Coast Trail. Access to lakes and hiking trails. The new north harbour. West Jet coming into Comox. The choral groups. Recreation centre.
266	still has "island mentality
267	Access to outdoor recreational opportunities
268	Natural environment that surrounds Powell River.
269	- local food and business endeavours - creative new energy from new residents coupled with history of long time residents -pride such as the PR King
270	The area in which we live, good climate, lots of sports and culture.
271	Great air quality....great jobs....wonderful neighbours/friends....unbeatable view!!
272	affordability
273	Friendly people
274	The friendly people and access to nature.
275	Access to outdoor activities and areas. Pace of life. Very little time spent commuting to work/school etc adds to time with family/recreation.
276	The people who live here are generous with their time, knowledge, and general support for one another.
277	safe area to raise children
278	Lots of places to walk around, less noise, but no job no money less quality of good food
279	location

280 The efforts of the people of PR themselves, and the efforts of the previous owners of the mill..ie PR company and MB
281 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.
282 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.
283 Clean air, affordable housing, ocean, lakes, hiking, etc.
284 the trees & ocean
285 inclusion, acceptance, diversity of perspectives, natural beauty, many inspired groups
286 Fresh air and lots of open spaces and walking paths
287 People
288 good access to outdoors easy to get around
289 The outdoors and nature
290 Our mild climate and the friendly people of Powell River.
291 The geography, the facilities and opportunities for activities, but most importantly, the friendly, open, and welcoming people of Powell River.
292 The people. Per capita there are amazing resources. Draw back is probably work opportunities and the need to loose young people for it.
293 Low crime rate due to our geographic location, the need for access by ferry has kept a lot of rif-raff out of the area
294 Shutting down the Kraft Mill. Building the Sea Walk.
295 Natural beauty
296 abundance of nature, far from a city, tolerant, glorious weather
297 The resilience of the people.
298 Powell River is a small friendly community powered by committed volunteers in all areas of activities.
299 small community, friendly people, lots of volunteerism, beautiful natural setting (hope it stays that way--but think its taken for granted)
300 We are essentially an "island" and 2 ferries away from Vancouver so, it gives us a fairly safe community. It is peaceful here and I love it.
301 Isolation. The mill (Jobs!!)
302 being retired and not having to look for work
303 Fun
304 The people and location and affordable housing
305 Growing up here.
306 Friendly people. Can-do attitude. Volunteer networking (groups that band together to extend their resources).
307 The beauty. Clean air. People are friendly and helpful.
308 safe community, close knitted community, available decent paying work, lots of hiking, complex,
309 Access to great outdoors, good medical services, fine churches, emphasis on the Arts and influence of the Academy of Music.
310 The natural environment surrounding Powell River.
311 the scenic surroundings. outdoor activities. arts and culture. small town, not much traffic. friendly people
312 Good neighbours
313 the weather and location
314 For me it is access to the outdoors, hiking, music, affordable housing, good physicians and health care, size of city.
315 The people - friendly, easy going, unpretentious, positive, peaceful, caring, accepting - GREAT.

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:	187	100%
Total Responded to this question:	187	45.72%
Total who skipped this question:	222	54.28%
Total:	409	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	An updated public library collection
2	film festival/Texada Sandcastle weekend/Camping options
3	got rid of the wobbles running the city hall
4	Nothing I can think of.
5	Greater public involvement in local food and media endeavours.
6	Cat Scan service added to our local hospital
7	New water system and waterfront upgrade.
8	Nothing has occurred in the last two years, the major influences occurred some years earlier such as the various arts and cultural activities.
9	changes to bylaws/legislation that allow local producers to grow, butcher and sell meat to the community.
10	elected officials with a forward, think outside of the box position
11	nothing in particular
12	Volunteers are great and seem to increase all the time.
13	Emissions control at the Mill, maintaining a great hospital and health care.
14	The inclusion of more teenage youth getting involved in local issues and the inclusion of foreign students coming on exchange arrangements
15	Can,t think of anything
16	The food security project. Canada's economic action plan and it's contribution to the local utility and harbour improvements.
17	increased bus service in town
18	clean enviroment
19	I would like to say the harbour, I am looking forward to the finished product to hopefully wow tourists as they get off their boats or ferry.
20	met a great man. bought a house.
21	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.
22	A wood-burning neighbour moved which allows us to enjoy our property. Don't know if burning is reducing throughout the city, though. Should be banned.
23	NOTHING!
24	The beginnings of taking bikes into serious consideration as part of the transportation system. Keep it going!
25	CT Scanner; better transit
26	the arrival of the smaller transit buses
27	I feel actually it is getting worse as ferry fares climb and good jobs are getting scarcer. School enrollment down dramatically.
28	Quality Foods - showed what support really is - gave as well as took
29	The improvement of city roads and hopefully soon to be completed ferry dock/harbour
30	Not really, the track was a joke we have less than 100 people in track but we have a 2.6 million dollar facility ??
31	-Food Security projects and education -alternative movements in the arts (i.e. CJMP), eco-awareness, sustainability conversations
32	CRC (I work there), the start-up of the youth centre
33	Increased bus service.
34	In the future the work on the waterfront will pay huge dividends
35	THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LOCAL FOOD.
36	It seems like more people are growing their own vegetables in personal gardens so they do not have to buy them at grocery stores.
37	more bus service
38	Better shopping choices; locavore movement. new harbour will be awesome.
39	Skills Link youth programs. Community Resource Centre. Youth Resource Centre. Local food movements. Removal of decaying buildings

in Westview.

40 improving the harbourfront

41 Beginning waterfront improvement. Making decision about where to build library. Starting improvements on roads north of town.

42 Personally, getting a job that pays well and matches my skill set. For the community: substantial amounts of gov't funding for projects

43 David Parkinson and Kevin Wilson, ratepayers and chamber of commoners, the Farmers Market.

44 Newer books in the library and better use of space. Later bus schedule. More arts businesses opening.

45 Waterfront development. New retail businesses.

46 Academy of Music

47 I don't use the public bus very often, but I think that the increased runs and use are helpful to a lot of people. Turf field at Brooks is great.

48 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.

49 Better bus service!!!

50 The local food movement and much of the work that was spearheaded by David Parkinson.

51 I can't but some things risk the quality of life such as plans to build a low tech sewage plant close to homes, high taxes but overtime for city mgrs.

52 The ESL Settlement Assistance Program for newcomers Youth centre

53 understanding that if I dont need to leave here and take BC ferries Im way better off

54 Cannot think of anything.

55 Marine Avenue beautification project Waterfront project (still in progress)

56 nope

57 Building to bring more people in and create more jobs. Building the sea wall and widening the streets, but please put bike lanes in!

58 youth community centre-need a youth hostel now sharing surplus food

59 Cat Scan and PAC system. Also harbour improvements - great start - hope efforts continue using Campbell River as our model.

60 The purchase of a CAT scan.

61 Quality foods.

62 The energy of relative newcomers willing to put their life-force to work to transform the old PR into the new PR.

63 gardening and food security initiatives

64 1) Interesting people moving to town - artistic, intelligent, creative and motivated with new ideas and energy. 2)Access to healthy locally grown food

65 food security projects vibrancy of local library staff and their great community activities continued upkeep of Sunshine Coast Trail and other trails

66 got a full time job

67 improved parks, and gardens such as Joyce and Manson gardens, and cleanup of Parsons Pt on Cranberry Lake

68 Construction of Kiwanis extention and approval for Olive Devaud to be rebuilt.

69 - greater cooperation and unnderstaning with Sliammon

70 The planting of trees and good signage.

71 The Family Place has been very instrumental in helping young families

72 Haven't been here long enough

73 -that local agriculture is being encouraged to expand gives me reason for hope that things can move in a good direction

74 Better bus system

75 CJMP, I anticipate.

76 the Catscan and the hundreds of ways the community raised the money- great effort by volunteers

77 nothing that I can stress highly.

78 planting more trees

79 new residents to the community.

80 The focus of food and health, slowly the Farmers Market is seeing more growers and food selection.

81 - the community stepping out of it's comfort zone and creating local versions of provincial, national and global events, initiatives, etc.

82 Counseling from Victim Support. Playing music.

83 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.

84 The visit of Naomi Klein attracted such a huge crowd that it became obvious that progressive politics could really take off in Powell River.

85 Not really...sad to say.

86 Wonderful volunteers Nice to see municipal public landscaping improvements

87 ????????

88 I just moved here 1.5 years ago - it's all wonderful.

89 Stronger relationship with First Nations on paper, it needs to move beyond lip service

90 I have found the BC Bike Race coming to PR quite exciting. Canada Day, Seafair celebrating at the beach. The Blackberry Street Party stands out too.

91 SUN RADIO SOUNDS WAY BETTER THESE DAYS. THEY PASS ON A LOT OF COMMUNITY INFO.

92 Quality Foods coming to town. The BC Bike Race using our trails the last two years - we have the best bike trails!! Good to let the world know it!

93 The development of a "sustainability visioning group" for Powell River

94 No

95 Buying my own home

96 Knowing this November we can evict the mindless councillors and they know who they are. Quality Foods Hope for the future

97 just moved to town, N/A

98 Efforts to preserve green space.

99 education in the schools has diversified to cover trades as much as academics leading to more skilled students in the workforce

100 Less idling cars

101 Tim Hortons

102 Chickens in folks' back yards. Now lets make biking and walking around a little easier with some good connectors. And get the new library built.

103 no

104 Can't because things that get started take along time to finish,because lack of money,professionals,getting supplies.

105 The creation of the Roller Derby league, that alone has taken me from overweight mom to active health-conscious mom, and my family too. They need fund

106 increasing program development at the high school level: more kids getting more career opportunities

107 Waterfront project.

108 The athletic groups : ultimate frisbee, wild womens cycling, road cycling, high school running, track and field club

109 cat scan

110 Kathauimeux has changed the lives of many PR residents- opportunities to host, to particpate, to watch, to fordge new, life long friendships

111 Opening of Max Cameron Theatre. Increase in Mother Goose offerings. Orca bus.

112 Not sure, but If PR was looking to creating revenu check out the cost of sending children to Island for spring hockey. Money that could be spent here!

113 Increased bus service (& buses with bicycle racks!) Malaspina University-College now VIU Tree-Frog Bistro opened CJMP radio reborn

114 Road improvement. Less logging locally would be better.

115 a better council than the previous one

116 waterfront walk

117 ? increased opportunity and variety of fitness programs

118 I can't think of anything that has changed in the last 2 years from my perspective.

119 Accesibility of local farmers

120 fixing up the waterfront not much

121 City created an off leash park for dogs and people to socialize

122 Increased number of agricultural enterprises to enhance shop local, eat local, eat organic efforts.

123 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.

124 LordCo/Tim Hortons Not a joke Tims is open every day all day and has reasonable value /quality Lordco knows i can go elsewhere and tries to prevent

125 Preservation of Millennium Park. However, the greenspace is not secure until we know the trees will remain.

126 no

127 The future building of a new elementary school - Westview Elementary.

128 The opening of Quality Foods, Tim Hortons, and the sea walk.

129 advocacy centre and the availability of the volunteer law advocate. She deserves civic honors.

130 vigilantism

131 The BC Bike Race coming to town. The world has discovered that we have trails and are not simply a destination for noisy destructive ATVs.

132 Nothing comes to mind

133 Two grandchildren!

134	Numerous musical and cultural events
135	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.
136	PEOPLE WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE OUR LOT
137	Perhaps the expansion of transit...not the increase in fares though; presence fo liquor store in the neighbourhood &increased traffic reduced QoL
138	new buses
139	my garden.
140	Groups promoting alternatives - Transition Town, cycle group, Edible Garden group
141	Sorry, I think that quality of life has actually decreased in the last two years - increased housing costs, huge increases in groceries and ferries.
142	Millenium Park
143	Better bus service
144	no
145	No - my own increasing disability reduces the equality of my life
146	not in the last 2 years
147	new university planned new track good recreation
148	In my location everything is gone backwards
149	Nothing
150	Street trees being planted!
151	millenium park
152	Hospital Improvements ie: CT Scan
153	Share the road signs for bikers. Powell River has a great opportunity to increase the number of bike commuters. The roads are wide and safe for bike
154	Community events like the BC Bike Race and Blues Festival. Makes Powell River less cut off from the rest of the world and shows PR can put a show too.
155	steady work, although there seems to be more for men then women
156	Transit system in the city of PR.
157	Good supply of clean water.
158	Only been in Powell River for 6 months
159	Amount of new families migrating to the community. The rejuvenation and interest in the Townsite area
160	1 new business coming to town - Tim Hortons. Need more businesses here though, choice almost all market segments is still extremely limited
161	opportunities for youth.
162	The bringing of more performances to Max Cameron Theatre.
163	North harbour reonovation.
164	community centre
165	Youth Sailing Program.
166	- quality foods has been a great addition - their community spirit is an example -excellent hiking/running trails - well maintained
167	When Catalyst shut down the stinky craft mill!!!!!! No more disgusting smell.....Hallelujah!
168	senior centre
169	We only moved here 15 months ago.
170	The Youth Resource Centre opening!
171	i haven't been here that long but for me it is bus consistency and longer hours or more frequent times for route #1
172	local government working on our behalf
173	i actually find it has been getting worse. more and more people leaving or struggling...
174	More children
175	having a CT scan here lowering curbs for disabled people and strollers
176	More opportunities for hiking, kayaking, etc.
177	Less dependance on the paper mill, a more diversified economic base.
178	More local garden products and being able to buy meat from farmers.
179	The Max Cameron Theatre provides a cultural link with a larger world and a sense of wonder.
180	not selling all our lands for a gated community with fly-in airport. much more awareness of local food & its importance
181	transition town powell river group

182	Access to the community
183	In the past year since I moved here from Winnipeg, a derelict building was town down and a new school is going up.
184	I met this awesome guy who takes me out to the natural environment surrounding Powell River.
185	more buses.
186	not a thing it is worse, let's be honest about that
187	no


39. How old are you?

	Responses	Percent
18 or under: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
19 - 30: <input type="text"/>	19	4.66%
31 - 40: <input type="text"/>	57	13.97%
41 - 50: <input type="text"/>	82	20.1%
51 - 65: <input type="text"/>	181	44.36%
65 or older: <input type="text"/>	69	16.91%
Total Responded to this question:		408 99.76%
Total who skipped this question:		1 0.24%
Total:		409 100%

40. Which sex are you?

	Responses	Percent
Male:	164	40.39%
Female:	242	59.61%
Total Responded to this question:	406	99.27%
Total who skipped this question:	3	0.73%
Total:	409	100%

41. Where do you live?

	Responses	Percent
City of Powell River: 	409	100%
Regional District - North: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Regional District - South: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Sliammon: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Texada: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Somewhere else (temporary or seasonal resident): <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	409	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	409	100%