






Survey: Powell River's Vital Signs Community Survey

Report: Default Report

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

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	2	4.65%
GOOD: 	12	27.91%
FAIR: 	17	39.53%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	9	20.93%
POOR: 	3	6.98%
Total Responded to this question:	43	95.56%
Total who skipped this question:	2	4.44%
Total:	45	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:	30	100%
Total Responded to this question:	30	66.67%
Total who skipped this question:	15	33.33%
Total:	45	100%



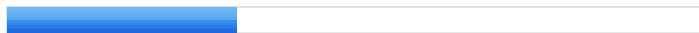


2. [Optional] What are the top things we should do to address the gap between rich and poor in Powell River?

Response	Response Text
1	Higher taxes on homes that cost more than 300K. Lower for houses under 150K No tax breaks for our corporate citizen, such as Catalyst, Plutonic
2	I don't know, we have never needed the services.
3	Mayor Allsgard has been completely ineffectual in attracting new industry and new jobs to Powel River. Healthy industry = wealth, he doesn't get it!
4	many people are under-educated or under - utilized; or have good ideas they can't move forward
5	provide more universal supports for all families (child care, parental leave, etc), instead of targeted supports requiring people to demonstrate need
6	More low income housing.
7	Recognize the problem
8	make sure the food bank is open on a regular schedule Ask the hospital Aux, to be a little more friendly to those bringing items
9	Rental housing people can afford .Complex tickets low income families can afford.
10	increase wages. put more effort into supporting the Sliammon community.
11	provide safe housing for everyone and provide help--drug counselling etc as part of the inclusion in public housing.
12	Mixed housing projects for income earners of all ranges.
13	Address taxation (municipal) Protect public spaces and waterfront Strengthen the local economy
14	affordable housing
15	actually help people not just pretend
16	transportation and access to educational opportunities
17	Tax the rich.
18	increase access to affordable housing develop sustainable and stable economic and employment opportunities for youth to enter the workforce
19	AFFORDABLE HOUSING, VIABLE TRANSPORTATION - city and region, affordable child care, more free programs/activities for children and youth in each regio
20	Support the inclusion of more external industry and infrastructure. Review policies on local business as a priority at the expense of wages.
21	There needs to be a concerted effort to attract business manufacturing sustainable and eco friendly products, ie solar panels.
22	that is a difficult question, perhaps some adjustment to working hours, to allow more people into the work force
23	Stable funding for programs supporting families with young children.
24	Better access to the web and life skills / life coaching
25	share surplus foods/supplies/etc - tax credits for those that share if possible to encourage others lower costs for purchased items for qual persons
26	Develop sustainable healthy jobs. Improve housing opportunities for low or no income people. improve healthful food sources for food impoverished.
27	Create more jobs.
28	Create a positive forward looking environment to job creation. Shake off the negative, attitude towards change that is leaving Powell River behind
29	Increase wages and access to training for people with barriers
30	More assistance to low income families. More programs to build skills and abilities. Pay special attention to families with young children

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	0	0%
GOOD:	9	20%
FAIR:	24	53.33%
BELOW AVERAGE:	8	17.78%
POOR:	4	8.89%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	2	4.44%
GOOD: 	17	37.78%
FAIR: 	15	33.33%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	6	13.33%
POOR: 	5	11.11%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	100%






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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	36	100%
Total Responded to this question:	36	80%
Total who skipped this question:	9	20%
Total:	45	100%






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

Response	Response Text
1	Develop tourism, make Marine Ave more appealing. More small industries. Insure that unused properties (including Catalyst) don't sit empty for long.
2	When the mill goes down and it will, Mayor and Council can be thanked for their gross incompetence and in action! This community has unlimited potenti
3	Having a city focused on more of the marine life such as a restaurant where the old barge terminal used to be. Also having more transient dock space.
4	support young families to stay in/return to/ immigrate to the community; "green economy"
5	Support initiatives strengthen the wellbeing of the community, instead of prioritizing markets. Think long term - economically and otherwise.
6	Bring back a sports fishery by bringing back herring and salmon, better tourist attractions and facilities, bike paths etc.
7	jobs and affordable housing
8	infrastructure to ship out light industry stuff Improve the ferry service especially the connections
9	jobs that pay more than min wage.
10	Expand and strengthen alternatives to the currently dominant modes of the "global" economic focus. E.g. local food, currency or exchange modes, etc.
11	We must get ferry fares under control. Further increases will kill our community.
12	stop believing P>R. is a one industry town. Secondary industries should be encouraged and promoted---ship building, vinyards, wood products, jam plant
13	New environmentally friendly industry that attracts and retains youth through employment opportunities.
14	Transportation between the north of town to down town which includes the weekend as well.
15	Diversify the economy. Increase local self-sufficiency to reduce dependence on import/export and ferry travel and to keep cost of living low.
16	competitive pricing to encourage people to shop locally
17	actually hire people who grew up here and live here
18	Keep it local: especially contracts for municipal improvements and construction projects. KEEP THE MONEY IN THE POWELL RIVER AREA WHEREVER POSSIBLE!
19	Revitalize small business. Get rid of Wallmat.
20	increase educational and training opportunities for current employees and youth develop and market Powell River as sustainable economic development
21	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, City/Reg contracts to small biz's, Tax/other incentives for GREEN Biz's + farms, viable FERRIES, encourage CO-OPs, Ferry in PR
22	Higher paying jobs.
23	We need a smelly paper mill like a hole in the head. Attract business geared to new oilless technology. Otherwise we become the next BC ghost town.
24	encourage green industry with tax incentives
25	Free ferries! or very reuced ferry fares.
26	more support for arts and culture beautification of the town public art (murals, sculptures, mini parks) public art gallery
27	1. We need a ROAD from Vancouver to be taken seriously by the BC business community. 2. More frequent affordable ferries - to Comox
28	Support small businesses High speed internet in all areas Keep pressuring BC Ferries for reasonable rates
29	desperately require 1-200 full time year round well paying jobs (high tech? or other) continue infrastructure improvements (hwy 101, Paradise valley
30	Diversified sustainable jobs. develop an economy based on strengths--agriculture, beautiful setting, selfsufficiency.
31	Build a road that bypasses the ferries, or drastically reduce ferry fares.
32	A highway connecting us to Sechelt area. This would provide a positve step to a new independent (From Ferry increases and strikes) Powell River
33	Hire more local companies for larger jobs instead of importing. Case in point SPCA building considering american company to build shelter
34	Lobbying to have a road built to the Lower Mainland so we are not dependent of Ferries or Barges.
35	More diverse economy


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: 	1	2.38%
FAIR: 	20	47.62%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	13	30.95%
POOR: 	8	19.05%
Total Responded to this question:	42	93.33%
Total who skipped this question:	3	6.67%
Total:	45	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	1	2.33%
GOOD: 	13	30.23%
FAIR: 	13	30.23%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	13	30.23%
POOR: 	3	6.98%
Total Responded to this question:	43	95.56%
Total who skipped this question:	2	4.44%
Total:	45	100%

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






	Responses	Percent
Responses: 	32	100%
Total Responded to this question:	32	71.11%
Total who skipped this question:	13	28.89%
Total:	45	100%

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






Response	Response Text
1	Diversify. Encourage small, clean industry. Build tourism. Support adult literacy programs and ESL.
2	Encourage tourism.
3	Elect a Council that will take seriously the job of attracting new industry before it is too late. MOVE!
4	Create more jobs in and around the marina and lower westview area. We could build a little grocery store down in the old dutch restaurant.
5	support green inovation
6	Support employers to provide decent benefits and a living wage for even part-time workers - keeping family needs and long-term wellbeing in mind
7	Encourage local trades like furniture making, local farming, tourism attractions.
8	see above it needs the light industry to keep the kids here Apprentice programmes (this is an American programme!)
9	Support and collaborate with local institutions to attract past residents back - young entrepreneurs with fresh ideas and in tune with the times.
10	Employers must invest in training to upskill their staff. We need more manufacturing businesses to locate to the community and to Texada.
11	develop secondary industries and stop relying on the mill
12	Economic development and succession planning for existing businesses. Build on our strengths, such as growing the 'creative class'.
13	thinking out of the box - example - having various entities contribute to a common need
14	Support local business. Increase educational offerings. Change expectations about our standard of living!! We expect to live too richly.
15	look at the person who is applying as a person
16	Training avavailable locally to fill local job opportunities.
17	Promote and give incentives to small businesses.
18	have employment that provides a sustainable and living wage
19	Infrastructure- buses, housing, child care so poor can work; Encourage health, soc service, tourism + labour (factory, manufacture, farm, textiles)
20	Review the emphasis on local business, which can prevent employment opportunities for more people, and limit wage options.
21	Get rid of the mill and give the same tax breaks that catalyst is getting to attract new technology. Battery, solar, wind powered devices.
22	to continue to build a sense of community, through special events and a continuing beautification of the area
23	encourage entrapanuers for new small-businesses promote shopping locally focus commerce down-town/Marine Ave
24	Press for a road link to Vancouver and new factories in the local community. PR needs to change its 'mindset' of keeping apart from the rest of BC
25	Buy local
26	offer excellent infrastructure/community recreation/health services/etc.
27	New vision of selfsustaining industries and services based on true assessment of global and local limits. Bold leadership to make the vision real.
28	Encourage tourism, especially in the shoulder and winter season.
29	Create a port. With a transportation link to the Mainland that can bypass Vancouver.
30	Increase wages to give people a cost of living increase commenserat to gas, ferry and food increases
31	Ensure newcomers are treated equally when applying for jobs! Should not all be who you know in PR!!
32	More skill training. Promote going for university degrees. Don't look for one magic solution.

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: 	12	26.67%
GOOD: 	20	44.44%
FAIR: 	6	13.33%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	4	8.89%
POOR: 	3	6.67%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	4	8.89%
GOOD: 	16	35.56%
FAIR: 	12	26.67%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	8	17.78%
POOR: 	5	11.11%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	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:	22	100%
Total Responded to this question:	22	48.89%
Total who skipped this question:	23	51.11%
Total:	45	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	Support ESL and ESL social events. All community social and recreational groups need to put continued effort into reaching newcomers.
2	A recent study put Powell River as one of the worst places in Canada to live-Allsgard is responsible. Public consultation is insufficient.
3	-PR is a cliquy town - those outside the municipality can't influence many decisions - support small community centres; Stillwater, Craig Rd. etc.
4	continue nurturing the relationship between powell river and sliammon; create opportunities for intergenerational engagement
5	Complain out loud not to your neighbours! Suggest ideas Support, support, not expect someone else to do the job
6	Acommittee to bring small business together that would encourage more consumer participation. Make people feel good about being a customer.
7	Get involved. Listen to all sides of the story.
8	having council recognize that special interest groups are made up of individuals, and listen to them individually not dismiss them out of hand
9	Open House, Forums, Information sessions, Update sessions
10	Welcome newcomers into social circles sooner. It takes about 7 years to really belong in PR. Lifers don't know they're a barrier to inclusion.
11	opportunities to speak out and have a say in changes that are happening in our community;.
12	include everyone not just certain groups
13	Vote on local issues; participate in community meetings and otherwise become familiar with local problem solving.
14	There are plenty of interest groups to participate in the community. Leadership needs to look at the whole community needs not just the self interest
15	Events 4 Newcomers AND longer residents to get together, Govts and Boards invite all groups to share info/participate-First Nation, old/young,etc etc
16	Become active in community oriented groups. Attend civic and political events and meetings.
17	A new modern era is depserately needed... those not born here will be outsiders.... that is myopic and dangerous for the health of a community!
18	Volunteer, join clubs and organizations, utilize organizations like CRC, youth centre and Family Place Write letters and attend council meetings
19	Make voices heard to government whenever possible, both formally and informally. Develop and support candidates who will represent our point of view.
20	Volunteer or participate in community events.
21	Saltry Bay to Lund including Texada, have to work together to plan and develop the North Sunshine coast.
22	More openness by politicians. Better effort to inform community and get their participation. Stop meeting behind closed doors.

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
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GOOD: <input type="text"/>	11	28.21%
FAIR: <input type="text"/>	17	43.59%
BELOW AVERAGE: <input type="text"/>	7	17.95%
POOR: <input type="text"/>	4	10.26%
Total Responded to this question:		39 86.67%
Total who skipped this question:		6 13.33%
Total:		45 100%

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: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
GOOD: <input type="text"/>	15	34.88%
FAIR: <input type="text"/>	12	27.91%
BELOW AVERAGE: <input type="text"/>	11	25.58%
POOR: <input type="text"/>	5	11.63%
Total Responded to this question:		43 95.56%
Total who skipped this question:		2 4.44%
Total:		45 100%

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


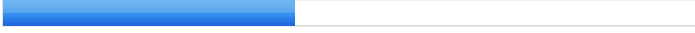



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Responses:	20	100%
Total Responded to this question:	20	44.44%
Total who skipped this question:	25	55.56%
Total:	45	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	need a community organization that focuses on welcoming newcomers, and helping them find the groups and institutions that meet their need and interest
2	Make newcomers feel welcome. Ie Newcomer's Social.
3	There is no jobs for new families lest you open another restuarant! We are on the sea...use it to create new industry! PLEASE!
4	Lots of good work is in train for immigrants; we need more support for young families; workplace child care; studio/workshop space; collective promos
5	Talking, saying good morning, holding doors, asking if you can help, all the things that a caring community should do but often doesn't
6	House job kind neighbors.
7	While there aren't that many jobs, housing is affordable for most, especially compared with the city.
8	having more jobs available
9	community organization lists seasonal community activities calendar
10	not sure - it's about changing attitudes and letting go of greed (i.e. housing prices)
11	make it more open --help them in all areas
12	provide safe affordable housing and providing a living wage with opportunities to grow and prosper
13	Housing, child care, transportation, more jobs - see Economy and Work sections. Activities for these groups, Mentors/youth and senior programs, etc
14	There has to be good paying jobs in a field with a future. Keep the Sports complex in excellent condition and promote various clubs and functions.
15	It's not really possible as outsiders are always going to be seen as such.... until the small town mindset changes!
16	Affordable housing
17	Improve and add services for new and young families to find jobs, housing, organizations that suit and support them.
18	Make newcomers feel welcome, encourage them to participate in community events.
19	Young families cannot afford to move or stay in Powell River. Jobs are based on minimum wage and rents are increasing Ferry fares are killing us
20	Increase constructive community social activities. Promote more places where young people and newcomers can mingle.

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: 	16	37.21%
GOOD: 	18	41.86%
FAIR: 	5	11.63%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	3	6.98%
POOR: 	1	2.33%
Total Responded to this question:	43	95.56%
Total who skipped this question:	2	4.44%
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16. What is your view about job opportunities within Powell River for work in the area of arts and culture?

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	0	0%
GOOD:	4	9.3%
FAIR:	23	53.49%
BELOW AVERAGE:	10	23.26%
POOR:	6	13.95%
Total Responded to this question:	43	95.56%
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Total:	45	100%

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






	Responses	Percent
Responses:	22	100%
Total Responded to this question:	22	48.89%
Total who skipped this question:	23	51.11%
Total:	45	100%

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




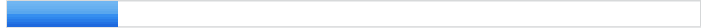

Response	Response Text
1	We should promote our arts and cultural events and opportunities more.
2	Can't speak about job creation issues in the arts area, but leveraging the great work of the Academy and others is certainly an option.
3	subsidized work space and promotions; training to maximize good ideas; parent-child arts activity look to the future
4	Small theater that does not cost too much 70 seats a new library complex with gallery and museum next to the Rec. Centre a second road to same
5	More live theatre required drama school required More night/day courses offered in arts
6	Support arts for the general public, realizing that though arts have never been totally self-supporting, they are essential to a vital culture.
7	There are many cultural and artistic activities in the area. But artists still have a hard time making a living with their craft.
8	artists and galleries should be given more recognition, outside of this area, which would then be a draw for tourism
9	access to raw resources - as an example - the cedar tree have arts and culture interest courses/weekends/workshops
10	It's pretty great - but largely volunteer - more people visiting to attend might mean more paying jobs in this area.
11	more places to get experience
12	Public Art.
13	Sustainable funds for arts and culture. Many organizations manage year to year on funding and grants.spend valuable time applying for funds over again
14	Gov support for events + jobs; reduced rents, tax breaks for those volunteering/creating events that bring people to PR
15	Funding, promotion, more events. Revitalize the downtown (marine) core. It is an eyesore. This town could be a jewel of the pacific and an arts centre
16	create a Public Art Gallery beautification of the town public art (murals, sculptures, mini parks) art academy
17	More funding and more promo of the wonderful musical and fine arts community here.... it's PRs greatest treasure... but, PR needs to accept outsiders!
18	Build a Public Gallery to showcase local artists and host touring shows and workshops Build a new library
19	Develop arts and tourist related businesses to broaden what,s available and increase jobs in the arts.
20	More cultural events are needed.
21	Create an overseeing body willing to fund and encourage artists who continue to volunteer their time and work for free Arts honorariums a must
22	We need more variety of music and cultural activities. We have some world class performances, but the mix is limited and not always relevant to youth.

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: 	12	26.67%
GOOD: 	23	51.11%
FAIR: 	7	15.56%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	0	0%
POOR: 	3	6.67%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	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: 	1	2.22%
GOOD: 	15	33.33%
FAIR: 	18	40%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	7	15.56%
POOR: 	4	8.89%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	100%

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






	Responses	Percent
Responses:	32	100%
Total Responded to this question:	32	71.11%
Total who skipped this question:	13	28.89%
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20. [Optional] As a community, what should our top actions be to help the environment?



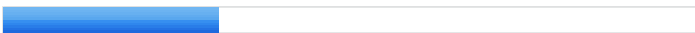


Response	Response Text
1	curbside pick up of mixed recycleables. No more sorting or plastic bags required. Make Catalyst clean up their emissions. Ban plastic shopping bags
2	We need recycle bins in Lund.
3	Get serious about Communities in Bloom - compare what winning communities are doing and it is obvious, PR is very far behind in this regard.
4	Get rid of 50-75% of all the black berry bushes in the area they are ruining our ecosystem. Some control burning of certain areas would suffice
5	we should embrace green technology & local foods; decentralize services; clean up rural sewage problems re privatized installation rules
6	Bike lanes, ride share programs, more frequent public transit north and south
7	Logging has ruined many scenic areas like the canoe route and parts of SCT. It needs to be slowed down. Locally logged wood should be processed here.
8	Pick up/collect garden greens/waste for community composting
9	Keep encouraging recycling heavy fines to those who are charged for dumping anything
10	Quit heavy logging practices
11	1) Identify our top environmental harm producers 2) plan for reductions 3) implement the plan.
12	Change bylaws to force environmental building. Increase community recycling and composting programs.
13	public recycling program. Free dumping of garden waste. Free public chipping and free pickup of the chipped bio waste. See Sechelt's landfill regime.
14	improve recycling access in the north end of town
15	Act faster! The info is there, the will is there, we need to stop deliberating and start doing.
16	recycle, reuse and reduce the amount of garbage. Take the bus when needed. Ride a bike if possible instead of driving.
17	everyone doing their share
18	Process waste locally, recycling wherever possible: stop trucking to remote landfills!
19	provide better public transit community composting educational recycling programs articles and public advertising about services available
20	More green Recycling Stations; Add Composting Stations; Govt + Biz's more green- energy, recycling, less waste, less packaging, electric vehicles,etc
21	encourage more local food production, community co-op farms, etc.
22	Get rid of the mill. It pollutes and destroys our forests to make paper. Attract eco friendly and sustainable manufacturing and research.
23	1. clean up 2 improve our environmental practices as far as logging, fishing, agriculture and lawn chemicals, tackle the problem of invasive plants
24	ban plasticbags/styrofoam packing styro recycling facilities "free store" @ Dump? stop logging in town! encourage walk-traffic downtown (mini-parks)
25	Easier access to re-cycling for those north of town.
26	Smart growth- make PR walkable by connecting protected greenspaces. Limit sprawl. Alternative transportation- bus, bike. More recycle bins
27	Need a realistic assessment of our impact and how to lessen it drastically. Develop organic sustainable agriculture.
28	Recycle, improved public transit.
29	More recycle centres. Perhaps a compost centre.
30	Create a composting sewage model and beautification project similar to the one in Comox Courtney
31	Ensure beach access in Regional districts.
32	Powell Rivr needs to be more innovative on energy use. Less reliance on vehicles. More effort to reduce creation of garbage. Need a compost program.

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: 	7	15.56%
GOOD: 	21	46.67%
FAIR: 	9	20%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	7	15.56%
POOR: 	1	2.22%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	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: 	6	13.33%
GOOD: 	20	44.44%
FAIR: 	14	31.11%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	5	11.11%
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23. [Optional] What are your top issues about health and well-being in the community?

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Responses:	27	100%
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Total who skipped this question:	18	40%
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23. [Optional] What are your top issues about health and well-being in the community?



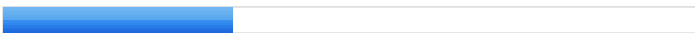


Response	Response Text
1	Travel required for health care can be painful and stressful. Local food tends to be too expensive for all but the most dedicated locovores.
2	Just need reliable ferry service for those requiring specialists on the Island. Council clearly has no weight with BC ferries. 50 year old ferry!
3	Cost of exercise classes and healthy food options make them elite; we need early education for parents and kids; fund agric. students to support farms
4	hard for newcomers to get a doctor, need more coordination among specialists on V.I. to reduce number of trips to the Island
5	Too much reliance on medications, not enough personal responsibility for obesity, junk food, alcohol.
6	Ease of getting to specialists, need for a good in home programme, patients having a regular known helper, Paid people to deliver meals on wheels
7	More home care needed for seniors more housing for seniors. Why could we not have a volunteer group to check in on older shut ins.
8	Sometimes the care is better than others, sometimes worse.
9	Waiting time for appointments too long Not enough female doctors Not enough dentists Not enough alternative medicine options
10	Get more people involved in cultivating more local land to produce food for local consumption, as described by Routes to Roots Edibles (rtredibles.ca)
11	It would be great to have more options for locally grown meat products.
12	air pollution, access to medical specialists, affordability of ferry transport, sustainability, development of 2'endary industry to boost the tax base
13	waiting time to get into the doctor office. access to medical speciality services & doctors
14	More local food pls! Doctors have too much power in this town and if you cross one you get blackballed. It's great, however, that we have a hospital!
15	more fresh food -- better prices --help for the growers
16	Logging and mining practices.
17	safe affordable food and food security affordable recreation programs mental health counselling services addiction and detox services immediate
18	Shameful lack of mental health services, + affordable housing. High rents, Low wages, few jobs, Welfare too low
19	There is no pediatric dentist!!!!!!!!!!!!
20	Pollution from the mill. Nutritional knowledge(almost non existent) Availability of local organic foods. Information about radiation levels.
21	more frequent farmers markets, central in town encourage pedestrians down-town, creating min-parks, beautifying the town, filling empty storefronts
22	Poor dental health access.... we need to attract more dentist. We need a 'walk-in' facility for medical care.
23	Lack of access for community to advanced timely medical care. Need for many more farmers and farms; need supprt for farm ownership and development.
24	The Red tape in the ability to marked fresh local fish and shellfish. (Short Tourist season is part of this problem)
25	The need to travel outside the community for health referalls with no compensation outside daily ferry times, not always convenient or affordable
26	Need 24 hour access to CAT scanner and qualified CAT scan readers.
27	Increase wellness & preventative care. Increase mental health professionals & education around mental health. Improve referrals to specialists.

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: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
GOOD: <input type="text"/>	5	11.9%
FAIR: <input type="text"/>	23	54.76%
BELOW AVERAGE: <input type="text"/>	9	21.43%
POOR: <input type="text"/>	5	11.9%
Total Responded to this question:		42 93.33%
Total who skipped this question:		3 6.67%
Total:		45 100%

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: 	3	7.14%
GOOD: 	15	35.71%
FAIR: 	14	33.33%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	8	19.05%
POOR: 	2	4.76%
Total Responded to this question:	42	93.33%
Total who skipped this question:	3	6.67%
Total:	45	100%

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


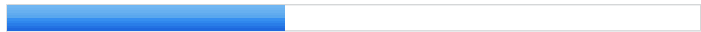
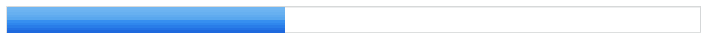


	Responses	Percent
Responses:	27	100%
Total Responded to this question:	27	60%
Total who skipped this question:	18	40%
Total:	45	100%

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





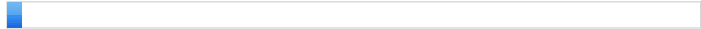
Response	Response Text
1	programs to build low cost housing. programs to subsidize housing for families and those with disabilities
2	When the mill goes down there will be plenty to rent!
3	mixed age low-income housing support for young farmers to buy/develop land support to access CMHC funds
4	co-op housing
5	Encourage young families to settle here.
6	inspected homes which are rentals and priced accordingly we are not in the lower mainland
7	LOWrentals for seniors on pensions.. We live below the povertry line . -
8	More low cost housing would be greatly appreciated by many.
9	No point in having housing priorities if people are unable to afford buying or renting due to lack of employment
10	More low income housing options. We are only building new expensive homes, and rental apartments are being converted to condos.
11	safe and attractive public housing for seniors and young people, which would contain a central veggie garden and shared recreational opportunities
12	what kind of population do we want to attract? switch from a mill town to a tourist town...do we want to switch again?
13	More creative housing alternatives - carriage houses, co-op housing, land-sharing, house-sharing, densification needed! Smaller homes built.
14	moresafe housing -- it becomes drug environments
15	access to safe affordable subsidized housing services that allow seniors to stay in their home employment that provides a living wage
16	Mixed Affordable housing - #1- low-middle income families and singles, #2- seniors Mix of apts, duplexes, single homes, room+board, assisted living
17	Building infrastructure for outlying areas to increase housing and development.
18	Decent new pre fab housing that gives people an opportunity to live in affordable, clean, low maintenance housing.
19	building low income housing, perhaps using a co-op model
20	upgrading and filling the buildings we have, instead of pushing new development.
21	Better chances for community housing for those who can only afford to rent.
22	Non profit housing like Life Cycles Seniors residences with varying levels of care
23	Build low income housing stock--lots of it. Develop lots of habitat for hunanity type projects.
24	A transportation route to Sechelt may provide a stimulus for a stable and strong resale market.
25	keep rentals for single families affordable
26	Accessible housing for people with disabilities.
27	Build good affordable rental housing. Encourage rental instead of sales until stock of units improve.

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: 	3	6.98%
GOOD: 	17	39.53%
FAIR: 	17	39.53%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	5	11.63%
POOR: 	1	2.33%
Total Responded to this question:	43	95.56%
Total who skipped this question:	2	4.44%
Total:	45	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: 	1	2.33%
GOOD: 	10	23.26%
FAIR: 	18	41.86%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	13	30.23%
POOR: 	1	2.33%
Total Responded to this question:	43	95.56%
Total who skipped this question:	2	4.44%
Total:	45	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	28	100%
Total Responded to this question:	28	62.22%
Total who skipped this question:	17	37.78%
Total:	45	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Must have a larger public library. Public school libraries have to be better funded with professional librarians and better books.
2	There should be more computers and training available to the public and seniors.
3	The City, VIU and School Board need to come together a create a community learning campus.
4	Current efforts are super but better funding and access are needed. many (local) adults are seriously under educated/ unemployable: a widening gap
5	Cut down on media, encourage scholarship, homework and school.
6	community needs to understand the need, recognize the problem we have, before it will commit to the solutions available
7	new library, apprentice programmes, better facilities for the disadvantaged in school, we are not all University material
8	Involve drop outs to get involved with some kind of on the job training .
9	Would be nice if there was a decent university to encourage people to come to PR
10	Establish a public meeting place/cultural centre, including a new library, by 2013.
11	We need a new library. We need a cultural change that even resource based jobs are going to require an education in the future.
12	a new library with museum space and public meeting rooms where literacy students and mentors can meet
13	Support for the library. Expand programs for the gifted (not just the remedial special needs) in the school district. Develop post-secondary options
14	more help to learn -- set up after school help for children as the parents don't always have the knowledge or time to help
15	NEW LIBRARY IS LOG OVERDUE!!!!!! get it together, people!
16	library and orca bus great services in the community more linkages with people of literacy need and volunteers and employers
17	More funding for schools, after-school homework help, counselling/peer counselling - children + adults, college residence, no fall-thru cracks
18	Literacy and learning should be our highest priority. The goal should be to give every kid the opportunity to obtain post secondary education.
19	it is time to build a new library, perhaps in conjunction with an existing facility
20	upgrade public library, move to more central location (with art gallery?) contact Eva VanLoon for support and ideas (she does much work in literacy)
21	The library is an excellent facility. As an educated 'outsider' - I notice the lower levels of education thru noting the limited av. vocabulary.
22	New library with inviting children's area, meeting rooms, sufficient shelf space, computer terminals.
23	new library (computer oriented) required
24	Build a new library with lots of meeting and public space. Improve variety and accessibility of adult learning opportunities.
25	Need an improved library.
26	If a community is in a downward spiral, there is no incentive to learning. However, a positive forward thinking city can create a learning environment
27	A more inclusive and younger teaching staff with more emphasis on special needs including invisible barriers such as unacknowledged learning deficits
28	Raise consciousness about the need to have a higher level of literacy to compete in today's world. Enlarge and upgrade library.

30.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
GOOD: <input type="text"/>	8	18.18%
FAIR: <input type="text"/>	17	38.64%
BELOW AVERAGE: <input type="text"/>	13	29.55%
POOR: <input type="text"/>	6	13.64%
Total Responded to this question:		44 97.78%
Total who skipped this question:		1 2.22%
Total:		45 100%

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: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
GOOD: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
FAIR: <input type="text"/>	5	11.36%
BELOW AVERAGE: <input type="text"/>	14	31.82%
POOR: <input type="text"/>	25	56.82%
Total Responded to this question:		44 97.78%
Total who skipped this question:		1 2.22%
Total:		45 100%

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

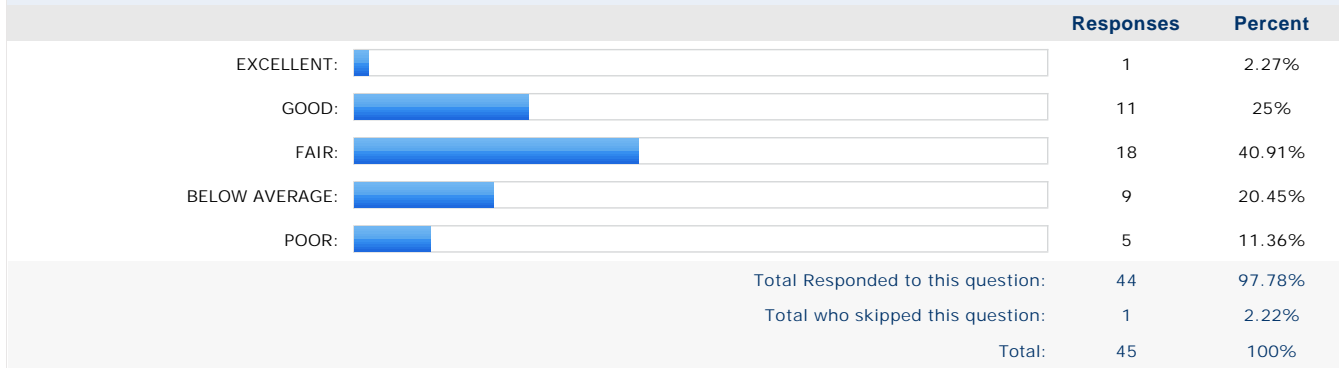
	Responses	Percent
Responses:	37	100%
Total Responded to this question:	37	82.22%
Total who skipped this question:	8	17.78%
Total:	45	100%

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	Need a safe, well lit walking/biking path between Westview and Townsite and going up into Wildwood. Subsidized bus passes for low income people.
2	Offer extended handibus service
3	Planning & Parks Department is ineffectual creating a walkable community trail system. No development agreements on this because no new housing.
4	have more affordable plane tickets to and from powell river.
5	subsidize bus travel(bus cost more than car) rope tow for bikes up hills ride exchange board subsidize ferry guarantee spots on Langdale ferry
6	rideshare program, community carshare, more frequent public transit to outskirts, ferry subsidy for residents
7	Mass transit should be free, more buses, reduce ferry fares, good luck!
8	Seriously consider the road out, improve the airport, ask for resident cards for the ferries not a preloaded card, not affordable for many
9	Get rid of high priced management .Fire David Hahn These ferries are our roadw
10	But my fingers are crossed.
11	It is very important to have access to places beyond Powell River at a reasonable price whether by ferry or bus. It is too expensive.
12	Support/stimulate public and cooperative transportation modes. Advocate recognition of ferries as part of provincial highway system.
13	Fight to reduce ferry fares. Regular bus service in the out of town areas (ie. to Lund and south of town).
14	subsidized ferry fares for residents of communities which rely on them---they are our highway and we already pay highway taxes to the province
15	home berthing
16	travel subsidies for the poor
17	Car share, truck share, lobby ferries, expand transit, bike paths (including in the RD!), 'no-vehicle' corridors, bike share, outlets for electric car
18	lower the ferry rates
19	make the ferries affordable -- local cards for residents
20	Treat the Ferries as part of the highway system and subsidize costs accordingly to keep fares affordable! We don't want ot wind up like Ocean Falls!
21	provide better transit services with smaller buses The ferry is our highway and we send \$ to BC and Fed and what is our return. set up car pool
22	Morer bus service, bicycle trails/lanes/routes, Fund person to create Ride-share program - in + beyond PR
23	Petition for reduced ferry fees for residents on routes directly related to Powell River (and all isolated communities).
24	The ferry to earls cove should dock in Powell river. Lower ferry fares for residents.
25	keep ferry fares to a minimum, this would help to improve the quality of life for residents
26	Free ferries for residents including businesses located in the community. Ferries are our highway! Safe bicycle paths along Highway 101.
27	subsidise ferries for residents public-use bicycles (pay w credit card, ie: Toronto) Bike lanes
28	At a critical stage: the ferry is too infrequent and way too expensive for the average family.
29	Increase rural buses Build a bike route system Promote a single carpool program for PR and beyond
30	realistic ferry costs/part of highway not a profit centre
31	Establish that ferries are our highways and must be free. Establish cooperative and ridesharing ways of getting around. Increase public transport.
32	Build a road to Squamish.
33	Number 1 Alternative to BC Ferries is a transportaiton route accross To Sechelt.
34	Create services willing to address this need
35	As per my previous comment, it is time to focus on an alternative to BC Ferries. A road would change everything.
36	Get ferry fares reduced and increase public transit, especially north and south of town.
37	Build a overland road to Squamish. Increase public transportation options for people to get to and from their jobs.

33.

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



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: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
GOOD: <input type="text"/>	8	19.51%
FAIR: <input type="text"/>	21	51.22%
BELOW AVERAGE: <input type="text"/>	7	17.07%
POOR: <input type="text"/>	5	12.2%
Total Responded to this question:		41 91.11%
Total who skipped this question:		4 8.89%
Total:		45 100%

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






	Responses	Percent
Responses:	26	100%
Total Responded to this question:	26	57.78%
Total who skipped this question:	19	42.22%
Total:	45	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	Develop and Emergency Response plan and practice as a community. Devote some money to warehousing some non-perishable supplies.
2	No pandemic plan in place and communicated to public. Municipal buildings have not had seismic upgrades. ESS needs to be visible and educate people.
3	We should be aloud to have poultry on our porperties in areas that aren't just wildwood
4	close the education gap, prevention vs punitive response, focus on children's rights/ UN resolution
5	Get the drug dealers booted out! Discourage drinking.
6	upgrade structures needed to support the community in an emergency; fire halls, areas to house/feed people, availability of local electrical power
7	am unaware of what we have so no opinion
8	We should be able to contact Police in Powell River and not be routed to the Island for one thing! Police should be patrolling more
9	We need to support the Community Resource Centre, which supports marganitized people in our community. We need a campaign for emergency preparedness.
10	we as individuals are told to look after ourselves, but nothing is ever relayed about a comprehensive community plan. Do we have an alert system etc?
11	information of what services can be accessed
12	Further develop local economy for food energy and goods.
13	more of everyone keeping their eyes open
14	Keep lower mainland dope dalers from recruiting in our community (somehow!) Revise the Young Offenders Act!
15	immediate access to addiction and detox services weekly community court and restorative justice process for youth and mental health issues
16	RCMP should actively pursue known places/people who use/sell to minors/adults; Anti-racism at school, work; Hire minorities, youth, poor. Emerg drills
17	Drugs and supervision should be given to addicts.
18	more local growers and producers, for food security
19	encourage local farming, and local shopping decrease dependency on walmart, safeway, etc
20	Equip Gathering points (fire halls, community centres) with emergency gear Train volunteers in First Aid and emergency response
21	become self sufficient for up to a month in case of major incident (power, food, fuel, utilize gov services/employees more efficiently for emergencies
22	Improve civil preparedness and education. Develop community organizations and places for youth to work and play. Make us all responsible for ASB.
23	Community involvement in security, ie Block Watch
24	Education,
25	More drug awareness training at a younger age and a major provincial and federal initiative towards decriminalization of drugs & services for rehab
26	Treat drug problems as non-criminal in order to reduce harm Do more public education and drills on how to handle a major disaster (like in Japan).

36.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	10	22.73%
GOOD: 	25	56.82%
FAIR: 	6	13.64%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	0	0%
POOR: 	3	6.82%
Total Responded to this question:	44	97.78%
Total who skipped this question:	1	2.22%
Total:	45	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	38	100%
Total Responded to this question:	38	84.44%
Total who skipped this question:	7	15.56%
Total:	45	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Low crime. easily accessible natural beauty. Reasonable rental prices. Lots of free and low cost activities. Friendly people. No 'class' stratificatio
2	Friendly residents.
3	Council doesn't understand it is its job to create wealth for residents - improve quality of life through new industry. Stop talking and ACT!!!!
4	The new marina in westview
5	For me, Clean air, water, access to affordable land, & culture and my liberal arts education
6	slow pace, welcoming community, lower cost of living, natural environment and climate, ability to grow and raise food
7	Beautiful environment and great community spirit. Lots of people volunteer for music, recreation and sports.
8	Weather, forests, lakes, ocean, trails, complex, Academy, schools
9	Fresh clean air, low pace life style. low crime rate
10	climate good neighbours country living slow development
11	A good job with good pay.
12	Concerned people, with my well being in mind.
13	No crowds; no traffic; easy access to beautiful beaches and lakes
14	People are friendly, the town is clean, there is an abundance of things to do.
15	arts, culture and friendliness of the people. beauty of the location
16	nature
17	Arts and Culture, affordable outdoor recreation, low housing costs, sense of community, geographic isolation providing safety for kids, hospital.
18	affordable housing, sea walk, sunshine coast trail, events at Willingdon Beach events, golf course, putting course tennis etc.
19	more things for reasonable rates for entertainment
20	Great setting and open-hearted people.
21	the community members, environment and wildlife and food resources
22	Spirit, hard work and programs developed by volunteers, social agencies, and open-minded businesses and leadership. They need more support.
23	Affordable housing. Strong sense of community.
24	Geographic location and small population.
25	the natural beauty and the temperate climate, makes for a more contented population friendly, caring people
26	The people who live here who contribute their time and expertise to all facets of community life.
27	Arts and Music natural environment, out-door activities, climate supportive and welcoming community affordability of housing
28	The focus on arts, culture, and locally grown foods although it is a shame we do not have a fish market or a weeklong market....
29	Better links to Vancouver and The Island... there simply is no way around this!!
30	Our environment- abundance of outdoor opportunities and clean air, soil, and water
31	natural surroundings/green space/ocean access/decent people(a few exceptions)
32	Oyr beautiful setting and the wonderful people who live here.
33	Fresh air, laid-back lifestyle, local produce.
34	The Mill
35	It's natural beauty and the environmental changes across Canada that limit pesticides and other toxins & mill emissions
36	The natural beauty we are surrounded by.
37	Small town feeling.
38	Beautiful coastal community with some every dedicated people trying to deal with life's issues in creative ways.

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:	30	100%
Total Responded to this question:	30	66.67%
Total who skipped this question:	15	33.33%
Total:	45	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	I love the growth of storytelling. Both the public events and the local group meetings. I love the Skookum Food group and the workshops they provide.
2	Revitalization of the Crossroads Mall, new box stores, and noticeably improved customer service lately.
3	NOTHING and that is the very message Allgard needs to take to heart - he has done absolutely nothing!
4	Yes, The new ferry south of town
5	Commoners! Young families choosing PR! Great food security actions
6	powell river food security project
7	Sunshine Coast trail improvements.
8	joined more organizations, met many more people who had same interests
9	Affordable housing makes it possible for me to establish a rich life I would otherwise not be able to afford.
10	Opening of Quality Foods. Relocation of Magpie's Cafe to Rodmay Hotel.
11	The increased movement towards local food production and small scale gardening. The economy improving.
12	ongoing improvement of the harbour and at least talks of a new library
13	bus service to nort of town late on friday nite
14	Increase in festivals and events showcasing local food, talent, goods, etc...
15	The sea wall
16	not really --more needed
17	The new FIRE HALL on Craig Road (Northside) was at least STARTED!
18	developing food security programs and themes
19	New young adults and families coming to live in PR, Sustainability groups & people, TiaAmin Health, Diversity Initiative, Career Link, CRC
20	in general, the public events from Blackberry Festival to the parades, to the choral groups, the 50 mile eat local challenge
21	local meats now able to be sold and purchased
22	Can't think of anything positive, but it certainly isn't the waste of money for the harbour or deserting Marine Avenue to make a horrendous Joyce
23	The Skylight Arts studio... for kids this is a key intro tho art... the arts are a core part of PR culture and its best kept secret.
24	Increased local food production and access to it
25	Box stores with higher standards of customer service.
26	The quality of Staples and Valley lumbers customer service.
27	Greater awareness of environmental issues, willingness to create funding avenues for self employed services
28	It is not complete yet but I think the work done on the new harbour is great.
29	Friends and growing own food and the Food Security Project's courses.
30	Symphony Orchestra of the Pacific (SOAP).

39. How old are you?

	Responses	Percent
18 or under:	1	2.27%
19 - 30:	3	6.82%
31 - 40:	2	4.55%
41 - 50:	9	20.45%
51 - 65:	26	59.09%
65 or older:	3	6.82%
Total Responded to this question:		44 97.78%
Total who skipped this question:		1 2.22%
Total:		45 100%

40. Which sex are you?

	Responses	Percent
Male: 	11	24.44%
Female: 	34	75.56%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	100%

41. Where do you live?

	Responses	Percent
City of Powell River: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Regional District - North: <input type="text"/>	45	100%
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:		45 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		45 100%