

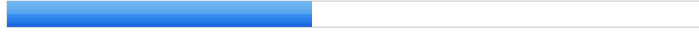




**Survey: Powell River's Vital Signs Community Survey**

**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: 	3	3.8%
GOOD: 	32	40.51%
FAIR: 	35	44.3%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	9	11.39%
POOR: 	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:		79 96.34%
Total who skipped this question:		3 3.66%
Total:		82 100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	51	100%
Total Responded to this question:	51	62.2%
Total who skipped this question:	31	37.8%
Total:	82	100%

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



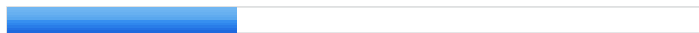


Response	Response Text
1	Raise income (all sources including Income Assistance) or lower expenses, i.e. build social housing. Social housing must be rent geared to income.
2	Make it beneficial for larger chain stores to come into the community, and give incentives for them to do so, therefore more jobs.
3	better communication to determine who needs help and why they need help
4	more employment opportunities education
5	recognize the need...low cost housing, income fairness for folks just beginning in the job market, or for newcomers to the area
6	More affordable housing Bus passes for low income single income 610/mos Senior not being able to afford drugs
7	Job training, job creation
8	Pursue economic development opportunities. Without industry, no jobs, no wages, no tax base. Poverty is a direct result of this.
9	Try to co ordinate services , publish and communicate them well. Think of the client rather than the agency. Make PR an attractive looking community
10	Housing is a critical issue. Most low income parents live in challenging housing situations or in slums. Transportation .
11	a better food bank that distributes real food not random canned, packaged and non food items. Rent subsidies. Jobs Smaller buses, + route
12	training and employment opportunities upgrades to housing stock for Sliammon and ec development opportunities encourage sustainable devpt.
13	Support all efforts by workers to get higher wages.
14	Vote for progressive minded people for all elected offices and provide support to those elected.
15	Job creation in sustainable industries. .i.e. tourism, green initiatives. NOT more heavy industry. NOT more big developers. SMALL is beautiful.
16	affordable housing
17	stop relying on government handouts make people earn their keep make the mill pay it's taxes encourage the mill to go away cut ferry runs in half
18	up min wage
19	Promote higher education in the schools. Try to attract companies to relocate to Powell River. We need good paying jobs.
20	coming from a big city i see things in this area as being much better here
21	Encourage the Prov. gov. to make homestead land available at low or no cost for those willing to commit to sustainable agriculture and lifestyle.
22	Break the cycle of dependency for families & youth;continue to find effective ways to engage those in need to be active in helping themselves & others
23	create well paying, long term jobs ( tourism) . Lower interest rates on loans and mortgages , and higher interest rates on GIC's, RRSP's, etc..
24	food issues and shelter- help motivate to keep housing and self clean and drug free
25	expanded post-secondary training opportunities within the community.
26	promote more educational support
27	key things such as food , shelter and transportation should be affordable
28	Affordable housing, and better wages and more training opportunities to enhance skills.
29	Intervene at the childhood level and provide integrated services
30	Encourage volunteerism, and when folks volunteer, take them up on it.
31	Stop allowing corporations to have reduced taxes while the community members pay more.
32	higher minimum wage
33	Focus on the very young children Kindergarten / Grade One. Solving these problems will make a huge difference to later and more difficult problems
34	Reduce ferry transportation costs to lower prices of everything we bring in to the community. We need to shop locally.
35	More employment opportunities
36	I think this is a really huge question and if we could figure it out, well we could sell the solution to the whole world. More help for seniors!
37	subsidized housing. More housing for teenagers who are couch surfing.

- 38 encourage developers to build low to medium cost housing instead of big high end or expensive senior type (patio) homes
- 39 Vote differently in the next provincial and federal elections Concentrate on feeding the children; breakfast programs in all the schools would help.
- 40 Better paying jobs..
- 41 tax the 'rich' and if the low or moderate need to be taxed make it at a lower rate
- 42 Jobs Affordable housing Cost of getting in and out of PR
- 43 more support for learning disabilities and early learning
- 44 it is very hard for a person 55 years or older to find employment in Powell River...this needs to be addressed
- 45 get rid of the current government and begin to practice peaceful parenting.
- 46 More affordable housing for people with low income or disabilities
- 47 more green jobs in micro energy projects. green building, waste and water management. organic farms more support for small business innovators,
- 48 offer free recreation and transportation services to people with low income. cap rent.
- 49 The gap will always be there. Look at the ways the rich are making money. The poor need social services/tools/jobs to rise up to the middle.
- 50 We need more affordable housing and bus service north and south of town.
- 51 Low income seniors should be able to earn at least \$5,000 to defray high rent, heat, hydro costs and future medical costs.

**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:	23	28.05%
FAIR:	41	50%
BELOW AVERAGE:	16	19.51%
POOR:	2	2.44%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	5	6.17%
GOOD: 	37	45.68%
FAIR: 	27	33.33%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	11	13.58%
POOR: 	1	1.23%
Total Responded to this question:	81	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.22%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	63	100%
Total Responded to this question:	63	76.83%
Total who skipped this question:	19	23.17%
Total:	82	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	Pay people enough that they can spend money. Then encourage buying locally.
2	Place tourism at the top of the list. The major draw that Powell River has. It is essential to bring in outside money. Beautifying the community.
3	Better and cheaper ferry system, lower business taxes.
4	access road between P.R & Squamish market gardening
5	more flexible scheduling in the mill, the stores and other businesses, so that low income people might be able to hold down two jobs for income securi
6	encourage businesses to esatblsh that are able to offer employment to younger families.
7	BC ferry costs Affordable housing
8	Lower municipal property taxes
9	Diversify, create a real town centre between the ferry terminal and Willingdon Beach, shuttles to WBeach, Complex
10	High end housing options for seniors wishing to downsize . Support for food production, Attractive spaces
11	Attacting new businesses, keeping the natural attaction intact.
12	Afforable access to Lower Mainland and Island
13	support small businesses, grow our own food,start green projects and employ locals, city could collect compost & sell it dont look to big business
14	Bringing in new businesses and new industry. Creating incentives for new businesses and industries to look at Powell River, as viable.
15	easy access for small sustainable business to set up in PR ie friendly and welcoming environment for new business
16	Our economy is very tied to the 'outside'. We need resource industries that are healthy and sustainable, providing good jobs for locals.
17	Work for a transitional economy that promotes local food production, green transport, green building and control of our water and energy.
18	Increase tourism Increase sustainabilty with more agriculture Establish green businesses
19	transparency of local government
20	see question 2
21	suppart the local people
22	The ferry schedule to the island. It needs to allow people to commute back and forth for work on a daily basis, a flat yearly fee for fares.
23	this is something i always worry about in this town yet it seems to stay alive and even thrive so maybe i should have said good
24	Support, encourage the Transition Town approach of self-reliance. Build a caring community with a high standard of social & political ethics
25	Foster public private partnerships such as proposed development at Willingdon (condos/library/park): promote small green industry.
26	Tourism, eco-friendly destination. More athletic competitions such as the cycle race. Add a major triathlon event. Hiking and ATV expeditions.
27	more apprenticeships for people starting new careers young and not so young small industries to employ several people at a time
28	Promote tourism/ eco-tourism. Beautification projects throughout the community.
29	Change the leadership in both the town council and regional districts. We need capable people who are also visionary
30	more tourism opportunities
31	promote the things that Powell River has going for it ie. arts and leisure
32	Community members are resourceful and we live in a resource rich area.
33	Diversity of businesses with financing for locals to purchase existing businesses and start new ones
34	employment
35	Diversity, not all eggs in one basket
36	Ferries, ferries, ferries - primarily the cost
37	Tourism - focus on and market strengths like biking and hiking trails, Sunshine Coast Trail, music - and the events that happen around them - better
38	encourage more people to shop locally, promote tourism more, easier access to loans for people wanting to start their own businesses, cheaper ferry ra

39 improve transportation to/from Powell River

40 Help people to help themselves

41 Organic food production. Tourism. Less 'exclusive' housing development. Rich people don't shop in Powell River, they fly or sail out.

42 Another senior's home is needed as the number of older persons is increasing.

43 For tourism - ferry fees

44 incentives for hiring local contractors and employees, diversify - recognizing the arts and the natural environment as key areas of value

45 Find a way to reduce the ferry fares to make Powell River a more desirable community to live in.

46 Reduction in ferry fares and increase opportunities for tourism.

47 FERRY TIMETABLE AND COST!

48 Ask the young people as they have ideas. Stop listening to aged men who lack imagination and research skills. Example - Waste water treatment plant!

49 support for small businesses, particularly sustainable locally owned operators support agriculture and food production support tourism

50 better paying jobs

51 Jobs Ferry cost

52 expand tourism and make the community more attractive

53 diversify, support visual arts through out region, not just City of Powell River, beautify the city's waterfront, more green space, public art gallery

54 continue to support locally owned business and small agricultural farms.

55 Being an isolated community such as we are (ferries), it's difficult for industry to move here.

56 a local exchange where people can exchange goods and services.

57 food production. legal medical cannabis production. tourism will be less viable very soon due to fuel shortages

58 1. Tourism 2. Local food production; meat/dairy products 3. natural resource production: forest products, seafood etc. 4. Environmental protection

59 Reasonable ferry costs or a new road link with Squamish. Lack of access to Powell River will never allow the town to grow.






60 We need to protect our mature and old growth forests, fishery sensitive watersheds, the Sunshine Coast Trail, Stillwater Bluffs and ocean front access

61 More tourism and lower ferry fares or return to BC government owned as part of our highways.

62 More local businesses as opposed to large chain stores. No let David Formosa have too much control over things like zoning and development.

63 Do not rely on "tourism". It is a false 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	1.27%
FAIR: 	36	45.57%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	30	37.97%
POOR: 	12	15.19%
Total Responded to this question:	79	96.34%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.66%
Total:	82	100%



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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	1	1.23%
GOOD:	10	12.35%
FAIR:	43	53.09%
BELOW AVERAGE:	23	28.4%
POOR:	4	4.94%
Total Responded to this question:	81	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.22%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	49	100%
Total Responded to this question:	49	59.76%
Total who skipped this question:	33	40.24%
Total:	82	100%






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

Response	Response Text
1	Determine and support living wage.
2	Offer free courses in order to upgrade skills. Offer bonuses for businesses to hire local people.
3	create new industries- less red tape to create new industries, there are a few people/industries in town with too much power who veto new industries
4	encourage new endeavours cooperation between local governments dont hark on the past access
5	Encourage people to support local businesses, those who shop out of town send local jobs away.
6	there is too much of a gap between those with jobs and those with low income jobs
7	Employers pay decent wage Employers follow employment standards
8	improve waterfront for tourism, lower ferry rates
9	Capitalize on the "isolation", natural surroundings, create an destination appeal, "education destination", private school?
10	Provide good service options for the seniors who are coming to live here and create the new economy . Focus on Tourism
11	More options for employment, which would mean more employers.
12	Hire local people, create jobs, look after out own waste water treatment so it can be used
13	Incentivize new industry. Retain current businesses. Create economic partnerships with other nearby communities.
14	an active & intelligent economic development dept to outreach to sustainable business , waterfront farmers/crafts market with docks for visitor boats
15	1. Support workers trying to obtain or maintain decent wages. 2. Demand good quality work from local firms. 3. Long term jobs from resource industries
16	Always hire local workers and promote small, green businesses.
17	Increase tourism Increase green sustainable enterprises
18	Nothing can be done, global wars over resources (cheap oil) will lead to decline of populations worldwide & forced change in civilization. Grow food.
19	good paying jobs so young people can live here, right now they have to move out to get paying jobs that they can live on.
20	See previous answers.
21	Seek a better transportation deal from the ferry system. Get rid of the current Liberal government in Victoria.
22	Promote the community & lifestyle options - e.g. e-business opportunities, green initiatives, the arts, support for seniors.
23	Tourism
24	attract small industries and businesses and give them a chance to get established before taxing them out of existence
25	Invest in local small-business.
26	Encourage new businesses to locate here, not make it difficult. Reduce ferry fares. Promote the community as a place for remote internet business
27	work closely with big industries, the mill is the most important source
28	Encourage govt. to provide more training opportunities for unskilled residents. Support small business.
29	Encourage new high tech jobs and provide more training and education to service those jobs
30	I am self-employed (low-level computer programming), I have volunteered to teach programming at the Youth Centre, but it has come to naught....
31	Continue to diversify the economy, and develop tourism infrastructure
32	offer more university entrance level courses to people so they don't always have to leave PR , higher minimum wage rates,
33	In town good apprenticeship training. Value added industries. Stop exporting raw materials.
34	Good tax conditions for companies to settle in PR
35	see previous. recognize arts, recreation, and eco tourism as key to the economy. hire locally. q. foods & new school were built using outside trades.
36	Develop tourism industry, fight high cost of ferries.
37	Vote differently in the next provincial and federal elections Pay more but insist on no more contracting out, give the jobs to PR companies.
38	we need work that will attract young people and young families into the community - home based businesses, arts, and cultural, educational.






39	Actually do something instead of more studies, Attract small industry; a problem with transportation costs Build on retirement houseing,health care
40	encourage small business
41	more summer employment for students entice new alternate business stop concentrating on making PR a retirement centre- augment with other industry
42	become educated in a field that powell river will continue to require in the coming years. focus on health care, agriculture, education.
43	support innovative community building long-term jobs creating goods or offering services
44	four day work week to spread the limited hours available. allow production and sale of medical marijuana.
45	Local training at professional level (this keeps the trainee from going elsewhere and possibly never coming back.) Health care workers etc.
46	Pray that the mill doesn't close. Or bring in more businesses.
47	Expand the hospital services , the V I University, Academy of Music, PRACL and encourage tourism through protecting our mature forests and streams.
48	Develop sustainable industries.
49	Realistic assessment of resource based vs. "green happy" jobs. Both are needed.

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: 	26	31.71%
GOOD: 	43	52.44%
FAIR: 	11	13.41%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	1	1.22%
POOR: 	1	1.22%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	7	8.54%
GOOD: 	36	43.9%
FAIR: 	30	36.59%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	5	6.1%
POOR: 	4	4.88%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	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:	50	100%
Total Responded to this question:	50	60.98%
Total who skipped this question:	32	39.02%
Total:	82	100%





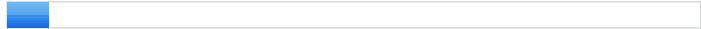
11. [Optional] What are the most important things for people in the community to do about belonging and leadership in Powell River?

Response	Response Text
1	Stop resisting ideas from anywhere else. Enough with the 'made in Powell River solutions'. It just becomes an excuse to not change anything.
2	Volunteer in any capacity with any cause. Make a statement with city hall on what you would like to see happen in the city and fight for it.
3	PR have an idea that you don't belong to this community unless you have bn here for 20 years or longer. You are regarded as a newcomer for too long.
4	participate encourage welcome then consider new ideas dont hark on what P R was!!! accept that change is inevitable & may be positive or negative
5	If people want to fell like they belong, they have to get involved in any way they are able.Spend more time effecting change and less time complaining
6	volunteer. Find out what people are thinking. Give joy to those who need it.
7	volunteer and join committees
8	Join groups of their interest
9	Council should really listen and not keep trying to appease the mill. Regional district is lacking in maintaining focus on natural environment .
10	Make their voices heard! Be active in their political preferences- attend meetings and events!
11	Access and knowledge
12	Council should listen to the people and not follow their own agendas.
13	get involved ,
14	Speak up. Participate. Demand accountability. Don't accept the statements of the local ruing class at face value.
15	Volunteer and get involved.
16	Network Volunteer Get involved
17	Leadership? HA! Never was, never will be, we're stuck in the mud at the end of the road, get rid of mill and mill mentality, hope die-off builds bonds
18	People need to get involved . There are lots of places to volunteer. You just pick the one that interests you the most.
19	Get involved in community events, service clubs, etc.
20	Too bad, many in Powell River do not derive their income directly from local economy. Thus they are comfortable and also apathetic to local politics.
21	Get involved in the activities that interest them. Run for office.
22	Participate
23	Elect a council receptive to the peoples voice. As a citizen, being open to others proposals and ideas. Being active in politics.
24	Belonging is easier, make efforts to participate in what is here. Leadership is more difficult; be rationale not radical
25	volunteer work
26	Involving more new comers by holding open forums etc.
27	Being involved, there are lots of opportunity to take part in decision making.
28	Belonging is excellent; however regional residents and city residents are both shut out of decisions.
29	Volunteer, take part and contribute
30	be involved, take responsibility for being informed and educated about local issues,
31	Become involved in some community volunteering
32	Volunteer. Get to know the community through its needs. Make Municipal decision making more accessible. Less in camera meetings.
33	run for council. vote. come out to meetings (although often it still feels you don't get heard).
34	Seems like Powell River city council has own agenda no matter what the people want. Too many special interest groups, preds, pracl, prsc, etc.
35	Become active in community groups. Volunteer.
36	get involved in some way
37	We love our parks but forests get cut down, oops, then left in an ugly state. Stop putting important decisions in the hands of aged, unwise men.

38	there are lots of opportunities for people to try new ideas - it is still a small enough community, and open enough to new ideas, just do it!
39	those that were born and raised here need to realize that 'outsiders' are here to stay and are a viable and important part of the community
40	Stand up be counted and participate, volunteer to help an organization
41	keep an open mind about new ideas
42	learn to take a stand on issues
43	Appreciate powell river for its natural beauty. Take pride in the good people of our community. Attend functions of your choicie and become part of it.
44	Becoming involved in community, volunteering
45	act on their true values not just "any job is a good job" elect gutsy leaders willing to work for all the people, not just the ruling clique
46	participate in bottom up grass roots community efforts like transition town, CJMP, prpaws
47	Bringing opinions to the surface, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" let the media know radio and newspaper. Leaders must listen, no bias allowed.
48	Get informed about what is happening. Maybe improve the information included in The Peak.
49	Our elected officials should listen more to the public. We need zoning and bylaws to protect agricultural and residential land use and our water.
50	Lack of inclusive information - the "Local Paper" and so-so radio are not adequate.






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: 	4	5%
GOOD: 	27	33.75%
FAIR: 	33	41.25%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	11	13.75%
POOR: 	5	6.25%
Total Responded to this question:	80	97.56%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.44%
Total:	82	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: 	3	3.66%
GOOD: 	16	19.51%
FAIR: 	40	48.78%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	14	17.07%
POOR: 	9	10.98%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	47	100%
Total Responded to this question:	47	57.32%
Total who skipped this question:	35	42.68%
Total:	82	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	Wages in PR generally won't support raising a young family. Establish and support living wage.
2	Make it affordable to live here. Above min. wage jobs are needed to afford the cost of groceries, ferries, gas etc. Beautify the city streets.
3	get them involved in a group. Church, toastmasters, other groups
4	Job opportunities are key to people being feeling a part of the community. Work associates expand new people's social network.
5	see my previous comments. Don't ignore them
6	Support Welcom Wagon as a service New comers night
7	jobs
8	I think we do lots
9	Improve affordable housing options and transportation. more choices for post secondary education.
10	Access and knowledge
11	We need job opportunities, lower rent
12	Be receptive to new comers. Do our best to ensure positive customer service inside and outside of our places of business. Be genuinely friendly.
13	the new immigrant training program at PREP is fantastic, initiatives to showcase other cultures is a good idea,
14	Be open minded. Be supportive. Take chances on new friendships. Don't put people and their ideas down because they haven't been here for 25 years.
15	Encourage older people to retire. Support businesses that have young owners.
16	Job creation
17	PRiverites don't want new people here, the average "outsider" lasts 2-5 years before leaving, turnover is huge you can't build community that way
18	move out . because of farries and gas prices it hard to live on 9\$ an hour.
19	Talk to your neighbours. Have a neighbourhood party.
20	People in Powell River are friendly and kind. Yet it is hard to get a foothold for newcomers due to high house & land prices and limited jobs.
21	Continue to make them welcome.
22	Give them a good paying job and amenities.
23	Free daycare. Free extra curricular activities either through school and outside of school.
24	finding work opportunities
25	Since we are a retirement community we have a strong group of volunteers who might mentor
26	I really don't know how new immigrants find this community. In terms of young families, having some skills is very central to being successful
27	Provide seamless support, encouragement, mentorshi, and training
28	Continue to be welcoming and inclusive of all; continue to raise the profile of issues to do with diversity.
29	welcome wagon people, inclusion, church involvement
30	Focus on the opportunities for young people - help them to help themselves. Not Seniors
31	More free access to amenities - community centres, sports complex etc.
32	more ways to share information about what's going on. the ways are out there, but you have to know they exist via word of mouth before you can tap in.
33	People need skills, we need skilled workers, need employment opportunities
34	Help in finding work or creating new opportunities.
35	advertise services but of course that means that peole need to be looking for information in the right places
36	Feed the children first, give them a decent start. Help keep kids in school, send them to trades schools, help educate everyone for better paying jobs
37	support newcomers - support their work, kids in schools, etc. if they come with new business - support that
38	treat them fairly. just because they weren't born here does not make them second class citizens






39	Jobs - support for families, houseing and health care
40	take a chance on someone or something new
41	more good-high paying employment oportunities in the region
42	no idea
43	Has to be jobs here for the young people to stay or one's wanting to move here
44	adequate schools with good teacher/pupil ratio Information readily available to those who want to move here. Racial tolerance and understanding.
45	Be neighbourly and offer help and advice. Have some information package about life, events and services for the realtors to give to new residents.
46	Offer affordable housing, more daycares, opportunities for self employment and cheaper ferry fares.
47	Recognize the value of hard work and motherhood. Stop referring to us as a "retirement" town.

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:	38	46.91%
GOOD:	35	43.21%
FAIR:	5	6.17%
BELOW AVERAGE:	1	1.23%
POOR:	2	2.47%
Total Responded to this question:	81	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.22%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	2	2.5%
GOOD: 	21	26.25%
FAIR: 	38	47.5%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	14	17.5%
POOR: 	5	6.25%
Total Responded to this question:	80	97.56%
Total who skipped this question:	2	2.44%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	44	100%
Total Responded to this question:	44	53.66%
Total who skipped this question:	38	46.34%
Total:	82	100%

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

Response	Response Text
1	While there are lots of arts, any job opportunities in the arts are too low paying.
2	Cineplex, monthly live theatre performances (musicals/comedies), large province funded museum/art gallery.
3	more jobs more money to support the arts. get more new people involved in stabilized arts. PR acad of music are run by the same pl. train next generat
4	educational opportunities perhaps between the university & Music Academy, ie degree programme, publicity improvement
5	more support from the municipality. Too much emphasis on "making money" and not enough on "making a community"
6	Arts and culture jobs are tough to get and have low pay almost everywhere.
7	no comment
8	Make it easier to get here, harder to leave.
9	Better news reporting to communicate
10	Could we look into a college for music?
11	Create one large, gallery that supports local artists and is well known provincially and nationally.
12	vigorous lobbying on behalf of the arts, art shows, etc
13	Perhaps more cooperative venues like Artique and the Fine Arts group at Timberlane?
14	I think we are doing a great job for a town of this size
15	leave it alone, cream rises to the top, cliques abound, each is not welcoming to competition or strangers-could be just a natural tribal survival ploy
16	Not expect musicians to work for free
17	I think we are doing great in this area.
18	Chamber of Commerce & PRREDS should work harder to entice institutional education & cultural orgs to relocate here.
19	What about summer stock theatre?
20	Give artists more opportunity for the community and tourists to view their work. Perhaps an exhibit day for artists, once a month, in various venues.
21	help make them accessable to people on low income. Many arts programs tend to be rather pricey and out of reach to anyone without a substantial incom
22	More areas of expression for art/ culture/ music. Invest in arts and beautification projects. Murals, totems, fairs, festivals, outdoor music...
23	Bring in a few professionals, not just rely on local talent
24	continue to bring in music talents
25	When the economy is slow, sales in art is slow too. We should be increasing and encouraging "public art" where are the statues, sculptures?
26	Provide more opportunities for low-income children to participate in events and classes; more arts in schools
27	Increase tourism, which will help to create more sustainable jobs in the area of arts and culture, instead of it being a "side thing".
28	More funding, local government being more open to hearing ideas from the public, no corporate monopolies influencing decisions
29	Ferries need to be our highway. More funding. More venues.
30	fund the awesome artists that abound. hold more public events and festivals with more diverse areas of talent.
31	Think we are an arts and cultural rich community.
32	people to be involved, either as spectators or in playing a part in production
33	Artwork that lasts. Get rid of the sidewalk art that's decrepit and an embarassment. Look beyond Sliammon. First Nations are not the only culture here
34	need gov't support need community support - get out and attend!
35	The isolation is a problem when trying to attract and keep people interested in the arts there are only so many in PR to support. accesability-cost
36	more public art; a dedicated space for an art gallery which shows local as well as work from outside the community; a stronger curriculum in music/art
37	support current public art gallery with signage and funding. Expand Arts Council grants to include whole region
38	galleries continue to show artists work. continue to show and make and sell all the great work that our local artists do.

- 39 encourage hockey players to dance and play music!
- 40 more funding for artists, shows, live music. more venues. several halls have stopped renting space recently (union hall, rancho)
- 41 Understanding of the past with 1st nations leading the way. museums, books, films (docs) etc.
- 42 There should be a permanent market or stores along the seafront for artists to sell their wares to the visitors. A good hub for the arts.
- 43 Support the Academy of Music, Vancouver Island University, all music and art events and the youth center.
- 44 Sad. Over glorified by few. Many voices not heard.






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:	19	23.17%
GOOD:	51	62.2%
FAIR:	12	14.63%
BELOW AVERAGE:	0	0%
POOR:	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	100%



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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	4	4.88%
GOOD: 	37	45.12%
FAIR: 	25	30.49%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	12	14.63%
POOR: 	4	4.88%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	51	100%
Total Responded to this question:	51	62.2%
Total who skipped this question:	31	37.8%
Total:	82	100%






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

Response	Response Text
1	Making riding the bus a realistic option. This is the most care dependant community I've ever lived in.
2	Every car needs to be safetied and air cared regularly. All cars that are deemed unfit to drive by a certified mechanic need to be taken off the road
3	educate and make it easier for regional district to support recycling
4	compost program eliminate so much plastic recycle environmental sewage disposal using most up to date technology park area in all new subdivisions
5	We are ahead of many areas of the world, I think that this need not be a focus of money or time, attracting sustainable businesses to the area is key
6	clobber those who dump trash in the forest discourage anyone who wastes water, and those with the mentality of what is 'mine' I can wast more educatio
7	Ban bottled water Work with gov to control logging in water sheds Control use of pesticides Encourage solar use in city businesses
8	protection
9	Think about where we site dumps , industrial areas etc . Approach to PR is very off putting . Need trees to screen unsightly industrial areas
10	Offer education and information on enviromental issues.
11	Enforce no idle laws. Educate people. Enforce recycle (fines for not recycling)the city should collect and make compost. City shut off lights themsel
12	pickup for compostables, do an inventory of how businesses are recylying and clean ensure constuction sites are recycling demolition waste
13	Demand accountability from industry, local business and individuals.
14	Deal with our own waste and encourage the recycling of articles to be used locally.
15	Educate people Penalize those who don't recycle Charge more for garbage disposal more recyling options eg. Recycling for styrofoam
16	reduce plastic use
17	Ban logging, ban gas lawn mowers, get rid of mill, kill Plutonic, keep tankers out of Straight, nix industry/ corporate mentality, taxreward gardeners
18	car checks on exhaust
19	Preserve the trees. Keep our water and air clean.
20	i am a little surprised at the lack of resources in this area, i thought there would be more focus on this
21	Powell River needs new leadership in positions of Mayor, City council, and Regional Board and School Board. Most elected officials are 'old school'.
22	Find alternative methods to chlorination...particularly at the swimming pool.
23	Reduce waste, recycle more, less packaging by manufacturers. More eco-friendly products. Electric cars.
24	find a recycle source for styrofoam. keep up good work with home gardens
25	Eliminate dump in Wildwood. Make recycling more accessible. Encourage dumping garbage in appropriate areas. Establish a free store rather than dumping
26	closely monitor those who continue to dump their garbage in our forrest roads and trails. Find them and fine them.
27	Not be afraid to challenge industry to clean up its act, this would include logging and municipal operations.
28	bike lanes, education, environmentally friendly paper mill and waste recycling
29	Setup a composting depot, goodforgarbage reduction & can be turned into fertilizer to sell
30	More public education and awareness for adults and kids: better leadership from local government to encourage green initiatives.
31	mandatory recycling, incentives for people who are trying to make a diference, a mobile composting business for people who live in condos and apartmen
32	Each citizen needs to be responsible for proper disposal of their garbage - and there should be lots of reinforcement and also fines.
33	Promote Powell River's natural beauty and tourism. People will come. We don't need rampant developmentt, especially to try and attract wealthy ameri
34	support the Let's Talk Trash team.
35	Reduce, recycle, reuse. Reuse the current lwp rather than spend a lot of money sending it to the mill, free once a year garbage pickup at curb side



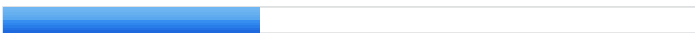


36	Recycle. A composting facility. work towards zero garbage.
37	pay attention to garbage put out for recycling need for community composting of green and household waste
38	Take the recycle and garbage contract away from Long's monopoly. We could be receiving money for our waste instead of lining Long's pockets. SHAMEFUL!
39	have a community composting system of pick-up and sell the compost back to individuals better bike lanes
40	really push recycling. change the recycling containers more often
41	Better recycling a provincial problem should be more incentives to recycle like milk cartoons have refund like pop.
42	let's have a free store where people can bring their cast-offs and other people can take them.
43	create infrastructure for alternate energy supply support local agriculture more plant more trees,create more green space
44	Reduce consumption!! Recycle!
45	for one thing, Augusta Recycle needs more recycle containers and empty them more often
46	sustainable, site specific energy sources, organic farming, car pooling and ride sharing, ecoforestry, conservation. We are the environment!
47	ban plastic bags. ban bottled water. carpool.better rural bus service. discourage consumption. shut the mill. municipal composting. ban burning
48	Keep sensitive areas for tourism, i.e. Davie Bay, Texada Island. Watershed protection Bring backyard problems to the forefront using the media
49	Make the town more Bear Aware and reduce available garbage. Make sure that sewage outflow is handled appropriately. Pick up garbage in the area.
50	Protect old growth and mature forests on Crown Lands and Private land. All rivers and streams need wider forested buffers, and wetlands preserved.
51	Look to Sechelt/Gibsons. The Recycle program here is absolute crap. Quote me.

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: 	12	14.63%
GOOD: 	44	53.66%
FAIR: 	20	24.39%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	4	4.88%
POOR: 	2	2.44%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	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: 	11	13.41%
GOOD: 	36	43.9%
FAIR: 	30	36.59%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	4	4.88%
POOR: 	1	1.22%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	48	100%
Total Responded to this question:	48	58.54%
Total who skipped this question:	34	41.46%
Total:	82	100%






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

Response	Response Text
1	Low wages, lack of social housing.
2	Super stores are needed for variety and cost reduction. Locally grown food needs to be much lower in price. Dispensing fees are too high.
3	legalize raw milk and local meat sold. ban junk from schools- serve only healthy food to kids.
4	acsessability
5	We need to do something about the shortage of beds in long-term care fac in PR. We also need more assisted living and retirement facilities in PR.
6	Hospital admin and timelines are poor compared to other areas, I do not understand why. More paper is shuffled here than other hospitals I visit.
7	we have excellent medical care and are very lucky since we are so isolated. encourage back yard gardens and CHICKENS! get the kids involved recyclin
8	Maintaining the medical facilities and staff
9	Access to Dr. Access to dentist for low income(dental program for low income) Affordable housing for low to middle income
10	poor diets
11	Maintain support systems to keep seniors here . They provide health care jobs. Local food production, parks attractive settings all help.
12	Difficult to find a doctor. Need to leave town for medical appointments.
13	no naturothapth
14	access to organic produce and meat clean drinking water PR water tastes horrible do something about this
15	Decent, affordable housing is very important but not very available.
16	Local bylaws that promote local food production.
17	We need more locally grown food
18	Terrible! Hospital a very bad first aid station, top professionals don't come here unless they have challenged children, petty politics ace medicine
19	are medical care is in need of lots of work
20	Mental health is a big concern. I see this as a society thing not just community.
21	As a resource industry town, PR has improved over time to clean up polution, waste. The job is not finished yet. Newcomers want a clean environment.
22	Wait lists for home care & assisted living for seniors. Travel issues outside the community for treatment.
23	More doctors and health care Professionals.
24	Promoting locally grown/ sustainable products. (50 mile diet)
25	It's a closed shop. If you have issues with a health professional, ranks are closed against you
26	Ability to draw more doctors and nurses to our community. Provide incentive to come and stay in our community
27	I don't have any at this point.
28	Getting each resident a GP, easier and faster access to medical specialists, more support for local farms, cooperative farm
29	availability of local, fresh organic produce; promotion of physical activity
30	Car emissions? Encourage more cycling ... !!!
31	Help farming and do not kill their initiative with beaurocratic regulations. make local food more accessible
32	Housing for disabled. Why doesn't someone reactivate the old Westview Inn? It has rooms. It has dining halls. Surely the current eyesore can be us
33	More doctors and seniors living facilities
34	If you're new it's tough to get a doctor - they're all full
35	local food is big here, but there still isn't a lot of surplus to purchase. this is on the rise, as are cooperative ways to create abundance. yay!
36	Same as the whole country, quicker access and diagnosis and treatment
37	Mediocre doctors, mediocre technicians, mediocre, mediocre. No one even tries to do their best anymore but how do you cure general malaise?
38	we need to produce more food locally encourage people in town to have gardens more exercise needed for people - get out of their

	cars!
39	Access to specialists and the travel involved to see them, even with a medical pass it is time off work, meals, accomadation, gas, time.
40	sometimes difficult for newcomers to find an MD
41	close the gaps where people who don't meet the requirements are not helped by helping them
42	Prevention.
43	make locally grown medical cannabis available.
44	Relying more on locally produced organic meat and produce Encouraging youth on the benefits of farming etc. You are what you eat.
45	We need more specialist doctors here ! We shouldn't have to travel to Campbell River for an operation.
46	Protect and enforce the land use regulations and Agricultural Land Reserves. Restrict industrial activity in watersheds and rural residential areas.
47	Mental: health care is poor. Top heavy admin in mental health areas. Poor access to critical care. Very poor coordination/education re: local food.
48	It is difficult for new families in town to find a family physician. Local food is excellent but also expensive.



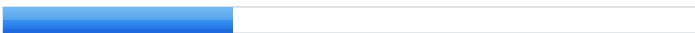


24.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	2	2.56%
GOOD: 	24	30.77%
FAIR: 	34	43.59%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	10	12.82%
POOR: 	8	10.26%
Total Responded to this question:	78	95.12%
Total who skipped this question:	4	4.88%
Total:	82	100%



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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	7	8.64%
GOOD: 	38	46.91%
FAIR: 	27	33.33%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	8	9.88%
POOR: 	1	1.23%
Total Responded to this question:	81	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.22%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	44	100%
Total Responded to this question:	44	53.66%
Total who skipped this question:	38	46.34%
Total:	82	100%






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

Response	Response Text
1	Housing that is rent geared to income - social housing.
2	Build low cost rental housing units that must be maintained properly (following set rules) by the renter at all times or they are evicted immediately.
3	more elderly care homes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
4	See previous page
5	This is a private sector issue in my opinion, not a governmental or community group priority. The market needs to find a supply/demand balance
6	low cost housing which is clean, well maintained and affordable perhaps a different tax base for such facilities
7	low income house for families and seniors
8	decent low income housing
9	We have more housing than we need. We need more people
10	Homelessness and seniors needing high end water front condos to downsize into . Over emphasis on ranchers is getting boring.
11	Co-operative housing and more low income housing. Homesharing program with seniors.
12	We need subsidized rent more low income housing
13	Expanding City District to include South and North of Town
14	affordable houses possibly co op housing,
15	Encourage the construction of decent, rental housing.
16	Encourage people to sell their own homes and disregard real estate agents who artificially increase the value of property and houses.
17	More low income housing available
18	Lower property taxes for well kept homes, raise for slum landlords (downsize gov't)good sewage disposal (NOT at the mill!) encourage small & no growth
19	low income housing
20	Tough to change bad habits. The real estate business imposes a tyranny of capitalist greed on a basic necessity. Need a change of senior government.
21	Develop some higher end waterfront condos; use taxes collected to provide low income housing for youth who may be couch surfing.
22	More housing and services for seniors.
23	Ensure affordable housing is available for those who need it. Discourage artificially inflated house prices.
24	If this community is to thrive, there should be housing for all income levels, both struggling young families and luxury places for rich retirees
25	Keep property taxes at an affordable rate
26	Programs that provide affordable housing. Help with rent to own programs, shame slum landlords.
27	Something for everyone ...
28	Get a Habitat for Humanity program here. We are all volunteers in this community.
29	More senior facilities as our community is getting more and more retired people
30	Everyone wants affordable housing but not everyone will be able to afford owning their own home in the future. You can't just give free home ownershi
31	Good housing for seniors who wish to downsize and want to live in a facility that can accomodate them as they age and need different levels of care.
32	less large high cost homes
33	Affordable housing for young families and for seniors. Decent bus routes to and from housing developments so people can get to work, school and shops
34	more seniors' housing housing co-ops smaller homes - we do not need these huge homes being built
35	Jobs outside fast food Affordable possible co-op housing Possible assistance to get started
36	more low rental partially funded housing
37	there are a lot of people living in poor housing, this should be addressed. More housing for dissavantaged the poor
38	Affordability


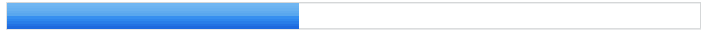



- 39 Affordable, decent places for low income and/or people with disabilities.
- 40 affordable rental housing and local ownership
- 41 rent caps. build smaller energy efficient houses
- 42 More affordable housing, restrict urban sprawl, more Extended Care facilities and retirement homes.
- 43 Assisted living for elderly, nursing home places and reasonable quality low income housing.
- 44 Identify areas that may be improved by "co-op" activities.

27.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	5	6.33%
GOOD: 	49	62.03%
FAIR: 	19	24.05%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	5	6.33%
POOR: 	1	1.27%
Total Responded to this question:	79	96.34%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.66%
Total:	82	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: 	4	5.06%
GOOD: 	33	41.77%
FAIR: 	31	39.24%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	9	11.39%
POOR: 	2	2.53%
Total Responded to this question:	79	96.34%
Total who skipped this question:	3	3.66%
Total:	82	100%

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	42	100%
Total Responded to this question:	42	51.22%
Total who skipped this question:	40	48.78%
Total:	82	100%






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

Response	Response Text
1	Wages that support young people saving for future training or are adequate for families to send children to university/technical schools.
2	get parents to support their kids in school
3	a new library in the place that is within walking distance for many residents &/or has adequate parking
4	settle the new library location and BUILD IT! there is too much in-fighting and politics are getting in the way of a good solution
5	Having the services for when people need them
6	Tutor support offered through alternative programs
7	good school teachers
8	We must embrace technology and create a system that is cutting edge to attract families to PR for a top notch education experience: music, arts, rec.
9	Focusing on the Early Years and reaching the young affected by poverty issues and dis functional family life.
10	We need a larger library. Smaller classrooms more help for children with difficulties
11	education should be learner oriented ie hands on , school classrooms smaller, programs that lead to employment,
12	The Peak needs to be more engaged. It is lazy about reporting and so we don't learn a lot about what's going on unless we go to everything.
13	We need a bigger, better library. It is LONG overdue
14	Get new library (cut from fire and police!) library is one of PR's best attributes, VIU is a pretend U., quit catering to lowest common denominators.
15	learning is great but after you get education you have student loans to pay for . there is know good paying jobs to pay of student loans off
16	Set higher standards in the schools.
17	The new library initiative deserves support. Encourage support for local media such as radio, newspapers, websites.
18	Build a new library NOW.
19	Access to libraries, teachers, books and or computers, at a low cost if any.
20	helping people, adults as well as children who fell through the "cracks" during their school years discover the joy of reading
21	Building a state of the art library accessible to all within the community.
22	continued support of library
23	I'm aware of some programs that exist, I don't know if all the needs are being met.
24	Continue to provide lots of options, especially for people who want to learn. Treat educators as professionals
25	continued promotion of literacy for people of all ages; ongoing support for programs that are currently in place
26	Accessibility for everyone ... regardless of socio-economic status
27	Education is the key to success in most things. Offer more.
28	Smaller neighbourhood schools with good libraries in them.
29	NEW LIBRARY
30	let's expand our library and make it a real hub for literacy and learning in addition to more alternative spaces.
31	making sure kids are actually making the grade, in other words, they need to be able to actually do the work before moving on to the next grade
32	We desperately need a new and bigger library. We have been waiting for too long.
33	Getting out of the moldy old library will help everyone's health. Ipads for everyone so we can read anywhere. Adults should set good examples and READ
34	bigger better library!
35	More options on learning, time structure and who can get assistance to get ahead.
36	more support for children with learning disabilities which is maintained despite budget cuts; more variety of teaching styles to suit different kids
37	again stop relying on the required or acceptable and help everyone who need help regardless of fitting into the system or not
38	Having programs available for individuals who need support.

- 39 an expanded library
- 40 We need a new library with more space and updated technology.
- 41 The old library is too old, small and inadequate for the number of people using it.
- 42 Looking forward to the new library. It would be great join up with the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

30.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	3	3.7%
GOOD: 	22	27.16%
FAIR: 	31	38.27%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	17	20.99%
POOR: 	8	9.88%
Total Responded to this question:	81	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.22%
Total:	82	100%



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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	0	0%
GOOD:	2	2.44%
FAIR:	15	18.29%
BELOW AVERAGE:	31	37.8%
POOR:	34	41.46%
Total Responded to this question:		82
Total who skipped this question:		0
Total:		82

**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:	57	100%
Total Responded to this question:	57	69.51%
Total who skipped this question:	25	30.49%
Total:	82	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	In PP, make bus use realistic. Vote NDP to restore ferries to public asset and reduce fares.
2	Provincial half price ferry cards for coastal residents. Build bridges. Same gas prices as on the Island. Build bike and walking paths.
3	transportation system is failing to make money- seriously need to revamp spending money on a just a few peopl no bike paths, no paved walking on Marin
4	long term plan for road access
5	The BC ferries act should be revisited to encourage a broader view of the cost, not on a route by route basis as other government services are.
6	stronger understanding of the ferry problems and more and stronger lobbying to the government for more stable ferry service. The ferries ARE ROADS
7	we need to have a ferry corporation that understands the uniqueness of coastal communities, and have fair rates.
8	Work with gov to control ferry costs Ferry highway pass for locals
9	lower ferry rates.
10	Explore alternative modes: could PR be an "Electric Vehicle Pilot Program"? A real bike path/walking path to Saltery Bay.
11	Maintain support for medical travel in and out of Powell River
12	People living outside of town have limited transportaion choices. No bike lanes- unsafe to ride beside highway.
13	affordability and accessibility
14	Subsidize ferry for all residents more bus routes with more small busses. Rural bus schedual is good for very few certainly not for people who work
15	Fight to keep Ferry fares down so that doing business and living in Powell River remains to be economical.
16	keep ferry prices affordable, provide bus service to Vancouver, encourage local shopping and retail service here
17	Affordable ferries and air transport. Development in the City and the Region which recognizes the importance of transportation.
18	Encourage the idea of a community owned tug and barge to bring food and essentials to Powell River thereby sidestepping the ferries and supermarkets.
19	We need the Governemnt to REDUCE ferry fares for our residents. This is our HIGHWAY and we should not have to go broke just to go to the island
20	Don't move to PR if leaving regularly matters to you, quit helping everyone shop out of town, take care of each other, don't count on gov't
21	lower ferry costs
22	Flat yearly fee for residence on the ferry. Drinking and driving at night I think is still an issue due to distance and taxi fares.
23	Revamp ferry system to give local residents a price break. Increase transportation subsidy from gov. Improve bike lanes. Improve rural bus & hitch.
24	Replace island ferry; make resident fares more affordable (the sea is our highway).
25	Better, and more reliable, service at a reasonable cost.
26	provide bikes paths and lanes so all the cyclists are SAFE, all over the region especially regional areas! smaller more frequent buses
27	Reliable and increased bus service from Lund to Saltery Bay. Free public transportation for Powell River residents.
28	Reduce ferry fares. They are a barrier to bringing new people into the community
29	Ensure communications with BC Ferries are maintained. Lets look at ways to improve services on the ferries. We need to have more courteous staff
30	Pressure govt. to keep ferry cost down. Develop more bike trails to encourage people to ride instead of drive. Have smaller buses running more often.
31	Provide reasonably priced ferry service as part of our highway system
32	buuild bridges
33	Hard to get out of the car if you live north or south of the city
34	Set up better biking facilities for biking around town; better access to bus routes for people living outside the city; lobby gov't re ferry costs
35	Affordability and enviromentally sound alternatives
36	ferry fares need to be affordable and the schedules need to improve. BC govt. needs to recognize ferry as our highway





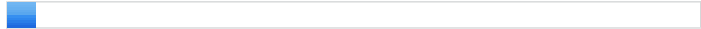
- 37 Try to get the same deal as the Kootenay lake ferry. We are part of the Provincial highway system
- 38 Lobby harder for lower ferry fares. Small shuttle buses to ferry terminals.
- 39 Make main roads bike friendly. Example: Padgett Road is a good route to get in to town from the south, but is VERY DANGEROUS for someone on a bike
- 40 BIKE LANES, car sharing cooperatives, more and free buses. these solutions are all in use elsewhere, we are WAY behind on this.
- 41 Widen roads for bikes, meet with governmnet re high ferry costs or look at road options
- 42 The ferry should be docked in Powell River. Affordable fares. Young people have moved away due to the cost and inconvenience of the ferry times.
- 43 reduce ferry costs by returning the ferry system to the dept of highways
- 44 More private businesses to provide to and from services. More buses north and south of town. Ferries berthed in Westview overnight.
- 45 designated bike routes and paths both in town and north and south along highway and through valley subsidize the ferry as part of the highway system
- 46 more transit in the regional areas. only see transit for physically or mentally handicapped in these areas
- 47 Ferry cost reduced Bridge on the Gigson end then only 1 ferry and and a lot more flexible with time would open up Powell River A road out
- 48 we need to keep ferry prices affordable to encourage tourism and allow residents out of area access
- 49 BC Ferries has to be made public once again. The ferries are part of our HWY system and should not be for profit
- 50 try to keep ferry prices reasonable. People must also realize that we are a isolated community and in a way, we are at the mercy of the ferry costs.
- 51 instead of hitch hiking have a local licensing system. drivers and riders are licensed. riders purchase tickets. Drivers exchange tickets for cash
- 52 more bus service. more ferry service. free ferries. bike lanes, traffic calmed streets
- 53 Reduce ferry costs!
- 54 The ferry service should receive government support and be considered as part of the highway, therefore almost free. Expand and lower cost of flights
- 55 Keep ferry fares affordable. ore bike paths.
- 56 Road surfaces need to be safe for driving, walking & cycling. Ferry service must be maintained, perhaps subsidized.
- 57 Get those bike lanes in and subsidize BC Ferries.

33.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT:	1	1.3%
GOOD:	28	36.36%
FAIR:	38	49.35%
BELOW AVERAGE:	8	10.39%
POOR:	2	2.6%
Total Responded to this question:		77 93.9%
Total who skipped this question:		5 6.1%
Total:		82 100%

**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: 	2	2.6%
GOOD: 	15	19.48%
FAIR: 	40	51.95%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	17	22.08%
POOR: 	3	3.9%
Total Responded to this question:	77	93.9%
Total who skipped this question:	5	6.1%
Total:	82	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:	36	100%
Total Responded to this question:	36	43.9%
Total who skipped this question:	46	56.1%
Total:	82	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	harder punishment for grow-ops and drug dealers and school drugs. Cops not in McDnlds or writing parkng tickets for 1h violatns, but busting drugdrls
2	education practice sessions in residential areas
3	are the bridges safe? what is the plan for earthquakes? are the volunteers ready and willing, and knowledgeable? where are the likely problems?
4	No response
5	stiffer sentencing for abusers of children
6	Again, it's about jobs, economic stability.
7	Just had one bout of vandalism at Dinner Rock . More visible effective police presence.
8	Emergency preparedness workshops. Importance placed on food security.
9	Community plan in place
10	Havent a clue
11	Young people are the largest offenders in question 33. They need other outlets to spend their time on in a community that is geared towards retirees.
12	INFORM THE public regarding question 34, I feel safe in this town,
13	City needs a better emergency coordinator and a better plan - major dramatic practices are not helping the people learn any skills.
14	We need Regional District plan as well as the Municipal one
15	PR is about as safe & secure as anywhere on the planet, stay isolated, wherever there are people (we encourage the poor & weak here) there are issues
16	Be more aggressive in enforcing laws applicable to drug pushers and users.
17	Ensure communication corridors are maintained.
18	Promote local food. Becoming less reliant on outside sources for foods and goods.
19	continue with practice drills and involve the public to join in so that they too become familiar with safety measures.
20	Poverty is the root of anti-social behaviour.
21	Seamless support for children and youth; more emergency training -- involve more community members
22	education; encouraging community preparedness by neighbourhood
23	More public involvement, ie. COPS, looking out for one another
24	more public phones for those of us who do not have cell phones.
25	gathering places made public, education to wider audiences.
26	Boys and Girls Club to teach kids responsibility to community. Good mentoring to pass along good habits. Like Gordon Campbell'S DUI is not helpful
27	make more people aware of how to survive a disaster
28	maybe have 'drills' that the entire community can be involved with { earthquake, tsunami, major forest fire}
29	education, eliminate poverty, job security
30	where to begin...
31	I'm not sure what is in place now. We need some specific information meetings in community spaces
32	legalize drugs to get them out of the hands of criminals. provincial police force instead of RCMP
33	Good police patrols.
34	Remove propane tanks from harbour. Develop food security by encouraging agriculture and farming. Protect fish habitat in wetlands, streams and lakes.
35	There are a lot of drug dealers in this town.
36	We are, individually, used to being self-reliant. Need to look towards more community-based support.

36.

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

	Responses	Percent
EXCELLENT: 	19	23.46%
GOOD: 	56	69.14%
FAIR: 	5	6.17%
BELOW AVERAGE: 	0	0%
POOR: 	1	1.23%
Total Responded to this question:	81	98.78%
Total who skipped this question:	1	1.22%
Total:	82	100%



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

		Responses	Percent
Responses:		69	100%
Total Responded to this question:		69	84.15%
Total who skipped this question:		13	15.85%
Total:		82	100%
37. What has contributed most to the quality of life in Powell River?			
Response	Response Text		
1	My husband and I both have jobs that pay fairly well. We can afford local food, go to arts events, drive two cars. Lose a job, we're hooped.		
2	As a benefit? It would be the location and the scenery, the geography.		
3	hiking trails. low car emissions low traffic		
4	friendships , geographical position, arts & culture		
5	Safety, low crime, etc.		
6	Small town feel yet most major goods and/or services are available.		
7	the ORIGINAL philosophy of the ORIGINAL mill owners the multi-cultural backgrounds the fine arts that WERE in schools and community		
8	People and sense of community		
9	environment and location		
10	Fresh air in most areas of town Good water Local food		
11	Clean air and water-the beauty of our environment, good people		
12	Natural environment, affordable housing, easy access to sports, recreation opportunities for children, good schools, safety, health services, arts		
13	A feeling of community. the level of volunteerism		
14	Scenery, Music and culture, Education system , Farmers Markets		
15	Rural setting, beautiful outdoor opportunities, friendly people, no rush hour.		
16	Rural living		
17	Lovely area, nice people		
18	The scenery, the slower pace of life, affordable real estate, safety, family.		
19	clean air, beautiful location, friendly community, good job opportunities for myself and partner, access to the arts , great arts and culture here,		
20	I was able to afford property, establish a garden and make connections for the food I don't grow. My kids, new arrivals don't have that opportunity.		
21	Gradual reduction of paper products at Catalyst; particularly when pulp mill closed.		
22	The many cultural events and the great access to the wilderness.		
23	natural beauty		
24	forest & natural environment (what's left of each) library, isolation for safety/security, rain, forests, SW exposure, ocean, did I mention forests?		
25	Friends and family		
26	We live in paradise. Air quality is great, climate is good, access to the great outdoors, great facilities for children, lots of great doctors.		
27	the people and natural surroundings which are shared well, accessible and there aren't too many rules		
28	The west coast is a natural paradise. Canada is a just and free country. BC has a relatively small population.		
29	The people.		
30	NATURAL ENVIREMENT		
31	the willingness to learn new and innovative ideas, we are lightyears ahead of others in some areas. even this survey!		
32	Slower paced life-style. Sense of community.		
33	Natural beauty		
34	The friendliness of the people, the welcoming attitude of the neighbours, the easy of life and the amazing environment		
35	A good full time job, a house, good health. A friendly supportive community.		
36	Location and career		
37	space, lack of congestion, clean air and water.		
38	Nature so close at hand, and free!		
39	The good folks you meet here		
40	the outdoors; nature; access to hiking/biking/water, etc; beautiful surroundings; nice community		

41 Lack of large city status

42 the beautiful natural suuroundings that we have here !!!

43 the people who live here make Powell River such a special place to live.

44 The people and their willingness to act to improve the quality of life for each other.

45 keeping land-grabbing developers at bay. Farmers feed the land. Protect and promote agriculture, clean water and clean air.

46 location and friendly people

47 Great hiking trails. Good hospital facilities. Good recreational facilities. Cultural events. Friendly people

48 the forests and space that, despite heavy logging, still abound. the rich arts community.

49 Beautiful scenery, peaceful way of life

50 Great caring friendly people. Lots of outdoor activities. Recreation complex.

51 small town, arts and culture oportunitites, volunteerism opportunities

52 Hiking on forest trails, breathing in ocean air, fvisiting with riends and cafes, gardening, learning, young people with new ideas, Open Air Market

53 the setting, the sense of caring in the community, and the cultural activities

54 Nice beaches, no rush hour

55 less pollution, fewer vehicles on the roads the pace is so much slower than the city - less stress

56 The peoples willingness to help other in need, in general people have better access to some programs

57 activities for my children, climate, natural beauty, availability of most services in an easily accessible small area

58 wonderful weather what good infrastructure we already have

59 agriculture, the beauty, hard working people.

60 nature

61 community and grass roots efforts to affect change

62 We are living on a island, with limited access(forget the Squamish road idea!!) Good blend of rural life and city amenities. Friends of a feather...

63 The wonderful spirit of the community. We have been made very welcome here.

64 Nature, walking trails, access to beaches, forests, lakes and streams with clean water and wild animals. Affordable housing, VIU, Academy of Music.

65 Isolation

66 Beautiful location

67 Affordable houses, good sense of community, beautiful natural setting with enough geographical isolation to keep the town unique.

68 Low crime (violent), low cost of living, tolerance of/to most everyone.

69 Safe place for families. Slower pace of life. Community spirit.

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

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	40	100%
Total Responded to this question:	40	48.78%
Total who skipped this question:	42	51.22%
Total:	82	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	Getting a full time job that pays fairly well.
2	upgrading/refacing the Westview ferry harbour area. Much much more is needed in order to drive the tourism industry and make PR sustainable.
3	lower plastic bags in stores - taking our own bags
4	keeping the old arena site agreement to build a new intermedite care facility cat scan
5	No one thing sticks out, I am not sure the quality of life has improved. More community events happen now than before, that is a good thing.
6	schools are beginning to encourage students to more participation in the community, the environment, the ecology
7	Accessibility to good healthy local food
8	recycling
9	More local food production . Attempts to clean up some of the dreadful neglected spaces in our town . We should all be working together on this.
10	I am new but I like Powell river Living and the local paper,
11	The pulp mill has improved the air quality a lot in townsite since the new controls were implemented -but that's more that 2 years ago.
12	Increase in price of gas and food so that people realize we must have locally produced food and green transport.
13	Kathaumiux 2010
14	silly question
15	McD's, Tim's, Staples, Wal-Mart & Putonic don't improve quality of life, I can't think of anything that's improved, decay/capitalitalism rule for now.
16	Transition Town has grown in interest and impact. Plutonic Power P.R. brainwashing has left town.
17	Food Security Programme.
18	Expansion of retail outlets such as Q-foods, and the renovations of the main mall. Improved waterfront.
19	Farmers market and increase in local organic food availability. Kale Force, Transition Town Powell River.
20	No
21	concious efforts to maintain a safe and secured town by the RCMP
22	Having more local foods to access.
23	Number of new GPs and Youth Center
24	Can't think of anything
25	the municipal garden caretakers are doing a really good job of beautifying our little town ...
26	the revival of a community radio station that has begun to be a source of creative sharing.
27	moved outside of town to an acreage.
28	CAT scan.
29	possibly the CAT scan machine and being included in the bowel cancer survey
30	Powell River Transition Town and all the work that's been done for sustainable living, ensuring food supply, working with new young gardeners. HOPEFUL
31	the growth of "alternative" activities becoming more mainstream - such as local food production, local radio
32	found a full-time job after losing full-time job in Health Care privatization. Only worked casual and part-time since 2004.
33	more trails to walk and more small farms selling their produce.
34	Powell River became a pilot community for farm sales
35	CJMP
36	The pulp mill slowing down, less smell Population remaining somewhat steady, not too crowded
37	Our neighbours and the storekeepers. The level of friendship and service is amazing. Everyone goes out of their way to be helpful and kind.
38	The Sunshine Coast Trail

39	The recruitment of the new full time psychiatrist, getting the CT scanner, and the new hut on the Sunshine Coast Trail.
40	New ferry at Saltery bay

39. How old are you?

	Responses	Percent
18 or under: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
19 - 30: <input type="text"/>	2	2.44%
31 - 40: <input type="text"/>	11	13.41%
41 - 50: <input type="text"/>	10	12.2%
51 - 65: <input type="text"/>	44	53.66%
65 or older: <input type="text"/>	15	18.29%
Total Responded to this question:		82 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		82 100%

40. Which sex are you?

	Responses	Percent
Male: 	19	23.17%
Female: 	63	76.83%
Total Responded to this question:	82	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	82	100%

41. Where do you live?

	Responses	Percent
City of Powell River: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Regional District - North: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Regional District - South: <input type="text"/>	82	100%
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:		82 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		82 100%