

Survey Software: Ask, Analyze, Improve

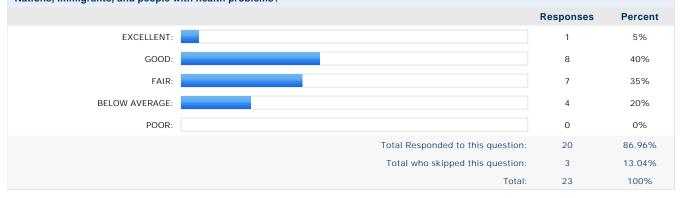
Survey Creation, Deployment, & Analysis Tools for Businesses

Survey: Powell River's Vital Signs Community Survey

Report: Default Report

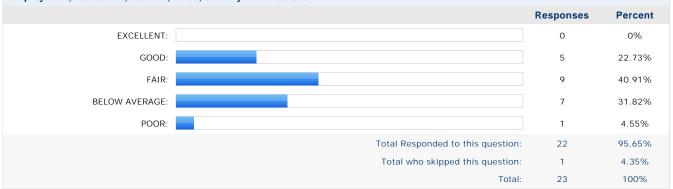
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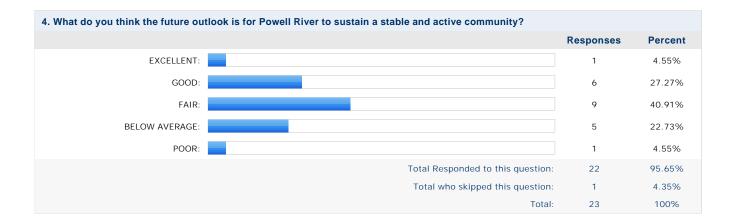
1. How do you rate the help and services in Powell River to assist people affected by low income, including children, seniors, First Nations, immigrants, and people with health problems?



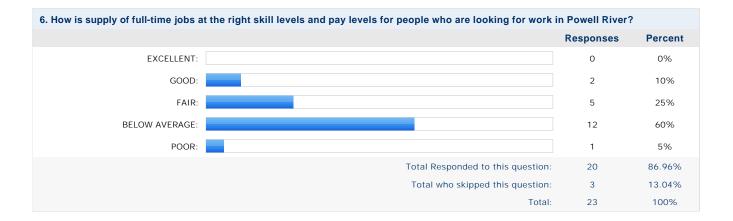
| 2. [Optional] What are the top things we should do to address the gap between rich and poor in Powell River? | | | | | |
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| 2. [Optional] | What are the top things we should do to address the gap between rich and poor in Powell River? | | | | |
| Response | Response Text | | | | |
| 1 | rent geared to income housing | | | | |
| 2 | lower taxes and remove school taxes from property taxes of seniors | | | | |
| 3 | Loaded question. Wealth increases with age in our society. Taxing increases in the value of personal re | sidences would be | e a start. | | |
| 4 | Level of services has to be afforded and local property taxes are very high relative to incomes | | | | |
| 5 | More health care specialists and faster health care service delivery. | | | | |
| 6 | The "poor" is not a permanant condition for most. This condition is highly transitory when there ar no unhabit. | iderlying self impo | osed chioce or | | |
| 7 | Better public transit avalability. | | | | |
| 8 | Tax the rich their equal share, increase corporate tax | | | | |

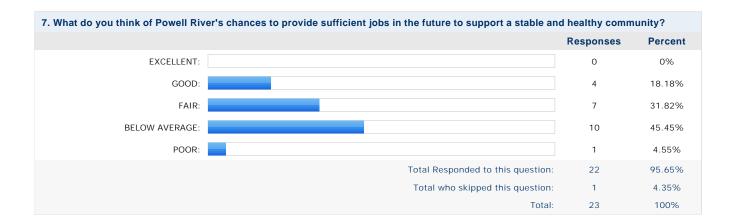
3. How would you rate the current health of our local economy, taking into account things such as large and small businesses, industry, employment, real estate, tourism, taxes, and any other factors?



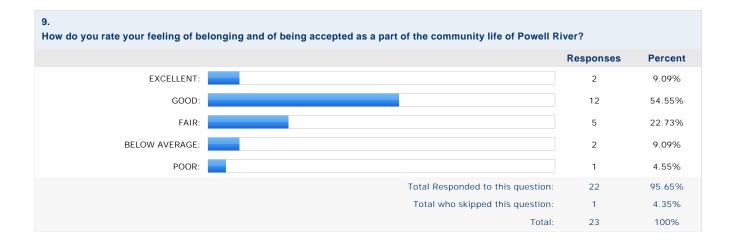


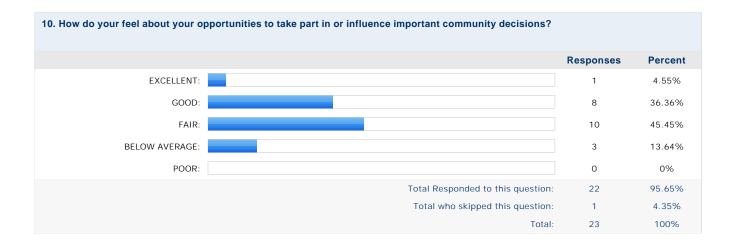
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| 5. [Optional] | What things would be most important to work on to strengthen Powell River's economy? | | |
| Response | Response Text | | |
| 1 | More emphasis on sustainability and eco-based activities instead of timber mining | | |
| 2 | Texada is dying - ferry rates are killing it | | |
| 3 | recreational activities (nature/family camping, etc/ sports facilities)/ first nations cultural tours / retirement | nt communities | |
| 4 | Diversification, propmote the new water front as a destination for boaters | | |
| 5 | Create a business evironment to attract new businesses City council must make it easier for new busine ferry costs. | esses to start Figl | nt to reduce |
| 6 | cut city spending on non-essentials | | |
| 7 | Tourism promotion, encourage more retirement in the area and extend broadband service at MODERATE | cost. | |
| 8 | The outlook depends on decisions are local politicans make. Enhance our competitive advantage. Protective sake | t our environmer | it for goodne |
| 9 | Texada economy is in deep trouble. The community needs to re-establish itself with a varied economic b | ase. | |
| 10 | A broad range of services and opportunities. Recognition of outlying areas' needs. | | |
| 11 | people to care for their community and businesses to stop spiking prices. | | |
| 12 | Incentives to stimulate new industries such as wine grape vineyards, water bottling, coffee roasting, ie: grants | cheap land lease | es, tax break |
| 13 | Focus away from logging and fishing as main industries. Focus on life style opportunities | | |
| 14 | Better Ferrey service is important. more emphasis on recreational tourism. | | |
| 15 | Projects that would encourage more tourism. Lobby prov. gov. to lower ferry fares; ferries shid be same | as highways-pai | d thru taxes. |





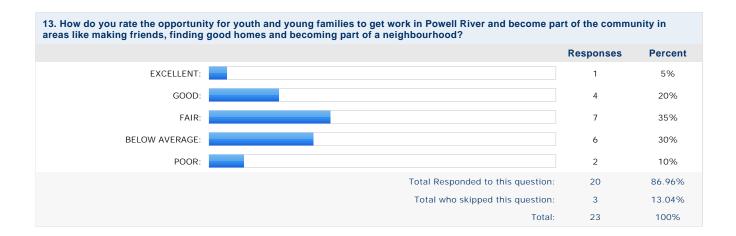
| 8. [Optional |] What are the most important things our community can do about work and employment in Powe | eli Kiver? | |
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| 8. [Optional] | What are the most important things our community can do about work and employment in Powell Riversian community can be supported by the community can be about work and employment in Powell Riversian can be compared by the community can be compared by the compared by | ver? | |
| Response | Response Text | | |
| 1 | BC ferry rates are too high to support businesses in area. Efforts to support economic growth need to for projects | ocus on small sca | le not mega |
| 2 | People are leaving Texada and there are no jobs | | |
| 3 | reduce ferry rates / should have a residents' fare as the ferries are part of our highway | | |
| 4 | attract green industries that require electric power and/or natural gas. Perhaps greenhouse food production | ction. | |
| 5 | attract new businesses and stop the "NIMBY" attitude for new industries that express an interest in bui here. | lding new industr | ial businesses |
| 6 | Assist small business to establish based on improved internet access. | | |
| 7 | Produce a plan to protect our environment and create jobs that enhance PR's environment for retirees a "smart" jobs. | ınd tourism, while | creating |
| 8 | Provide infrastructure. Encourage entrepreneurship. | | |
| 9 | City hall needs to be more progressive and aggressive in IDing what businesses can work here and attr | acting them. | |
| 10 | Provide a TRUE means of connecting jobs with people in the fields they are already trained in. | | |
| 11 | Learn what the word "service" means (in the retail industry) Service in most stores is non-existant!! Get WalMarts | t some quality in | the town , not |
| 12 | see: answer to quest. #5 | | |



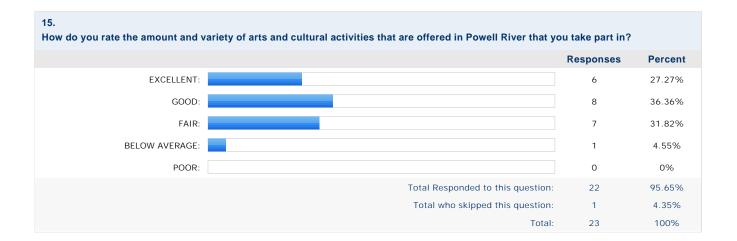


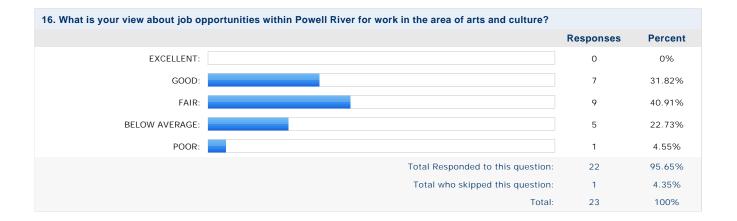
| 11. [Optional] What are the most important things for people in the community to do about belonging and leadership in Powell River? | | | | |
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| 11. [Optiona | I] What are the most important things for people in the community to do about belonging and leaders | nip in Powell Rive | er? | |
| Response | Response Text | | | |
| 1 | This relates only to Texada | | | |
| 2 | get out and vote | | | |
| 3 | Get involved. | | | |
| 4 | get more youg people involved. it seems that it is the senior (aged) are carrying more of the load than is | s neccessary. | | |
| 5 | The regional directors have their own agendas and have little understanding of the need of the community tomorrow | nity and how we s | hould plan for | |
| 6 | Join something you're interested in and get involved. More interest groups (ie kayak club) would help. | | | |
| 7 | more needs to be done to encourage the young adults to take ownership of developing Powell River. | | | |
| 8 | compromize and negotiate with people of diff. views; vote in differnet leaders; hire co. for a community v | vision/plan of PR 8 | put in place. | |

12. How do you rate the opportunity of immigrants to Powell River to get work and become part of the community in areas like making friends, finding good homes and becoming part of a neighbourhood? Responses Percent EXCELLENT: 1 5% GOOD: 30% 6 FAIR: 60% 12 BELOW AVERAGE: 5% POOR: 0 0% Total Responded to this question: 86.96% 20 Total who skipped this question: 3 13.04% 23 100%



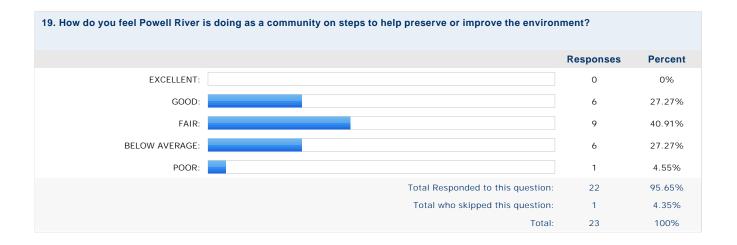
| 14. [Optional] What are the most important things the community can do about people just getting started in the community? | | | | |
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| 14. [Optional |] What are the most important things the community can do about people just getting started in the co | ommunity? | | |
| Response | Response Text | | | |
| 1 | This applies only to Texada | | | |
| 2 | PR is a very friendly community. I feel that newcomers are treated with respect, interest and are helped neighbours, | to fit into the are | a by locals, | |
| 3 | Employment | | | |
| 4 | Give them information on all things Powell River has to offer and ways they can get involved. | | | |
| 5 | cut the cost of renting or owning a home. | | | |
| 6 | PR has most things on hand. Good services, friendly people. | | | |
| 7 | Promo kit for all new residents listing groups, clubs, events, resources, etc. | | | |
| 8 | Value them for choosing Powell River. help them to contribute their skills and talents. | | | |



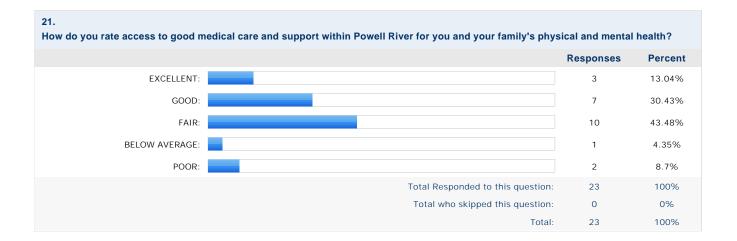


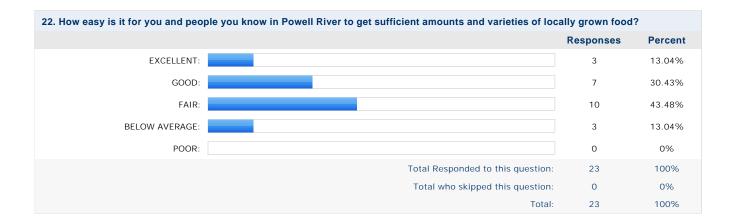
| 17. [Option: | al] What are the top things that can be done for arts and culture in Powell River? | | |
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| | Total Responded to this question: | 6 | 26.09% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 17 | 73.91% |
| | Total: | 23 | 100% |
| 17. [Optiona | I] What are the top things that can be done for arts and culture in Powell River? | | |
| Response | Response Text | | |
| 1 | This applies only to Texada | | |
| 2 | continue to increase funding for arts groups and support arts programmes in our schools | | |
| 3 | Post secondary education in the performing arts and stage craft | | |
| 4 | More grants, other incentives for people to stage arts, cultural events & festivals. | | |
| 5 | Let's get this new Library off the ground already, it's been in the idea stages for far too long and Powell | River is suffering | because of it. |
| 6 | Build an Art Gallery; need a new library; increase tourism; need lower ferry fares; Comox-PR ferry needs meetings w/ art comm. | to stop at Texad | a; hold |

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: 4 18.18% GOOD: 13 59.09% FAIR: 3 13.64% BELOW AVERAGE: 2 9.09% POOR: 0 0% Total Responded to this question: 95.65% 22 Total who skipped this question: 4.35% 23 100%



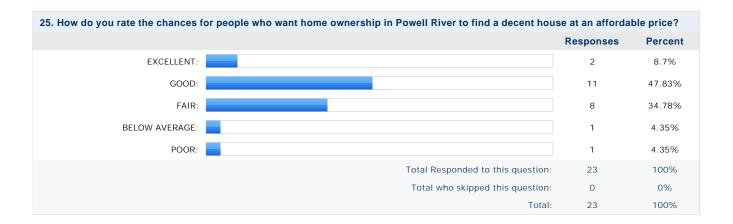
| 20. [Option | al] As a community, what should our top actions be to help the environment? | | |
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| | Responses: | 12 | 100% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 12 | 52.17% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 11 | 47.83% |
| | Total: | 23 | 100% |
| 20. [Optional | I] As a community, what should our top actions be to help the environment? | | |
| Response | Response Text | | |
| 1 | Preserve some areas from the clear cutting that is going on | | |
| 2 | This applies only to Texada | | |
| 3 | place environmental issues as no.1 in all decisions re land use, industry, fish farms, clearcuts, etc. Visito clearcut. | rs will not come t | o see a |
| 4 | An energy audit should be completed for the City and the region | | |
| 5 | cut back on the raping of trees in the community for the sake of housing, i am waiting to see the flooding future. | g of brooks schoo | I in the near |
| 6 | Try to reduced environmental damage that will reduce the attractiveness of the area as a destination for particular, retirement | tourism, ecotoui | rism in |
| 7 | Support the burning ban in back yards. Have a clean air bye-law. Have a green waste collectionon Te their back yards! | xada people burr | plastics in |
| 8 | transportation keeping more things in the down town area library for sure | | |
| 9 | blue boxes, more recycling, regional composting facility with roadside pickup of compost, more bike gree | enways | |
| 10 | Reduce logging and fishing and encourage mining industries | | |
| 11 | Major work needs to be done on this issue, taking the first step was great but time to put the other foo | t foreward. | |
| 12 | Create more PROTECTED greenspace/Parks; STOP industrial damage to lands-get co's to repair damage; Bay,TexIs.; VOTE NDP/GREEN | PREVENT MININ | G at Davie |





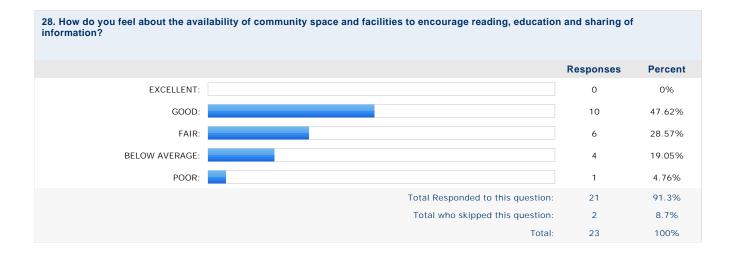
| 23. [Optional] What are your top issues about health and well-being in the community? | | | | |
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| | Total Responded to this question: | 10 | 43.48% | |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 13 | 56.52% | |
| | Total: | 23 | 100% | |
| 23. [Optiona | I] What are your top issues about health and well-being in the community? | | | |
| Response | Response Text | | | |
| 1 | There is no fitness program, fitness centre or gym available on Texada. | | | |
| 2 | We need long term, multi-level care for the aging population | | | |
| 3 | Attracting and retaining specialists and enough doctors. The nurse staffing levels in the hospital need cheame up with that | nanging. One RN i | n ER, who | |
| 4 | Keeping medical professionals resident in the area. | | | |
| 5 | The PR hospital by all account has failed. So new management needed there | | | |
| 6 | Texada medical is poor with no coverage on weekends and holidays when most visitors arrive. | | | |
| 7 | I am concerned about PR's ability to attract top=notch practicioners. | | | |
| 8 | Not enough medical specialists. Referrals take too long. The hospital is not good enough, too many mist | akes! | | |
| 9 | always room for improvement here. | | | |
| 10 | not enough mental health counsellors; or MD specialists; Hospital needs more funding; finish SeaWall in will use it | PR & fund one on | TexIs. many | |

24. How do you rate the chances that people who need decent and safe rental housing in Powell River can find a place at prices they can afford? Responses Percent EXCELLENT: 1 4.55% GOOD: 27.27% 6 50% FAIR: 11 BELOW AVERAGE: 2 9.09% POOR: 2 9.09% Total Responded to this question: 22 95.65% Total who skipped this question: 4.35% 23 100%

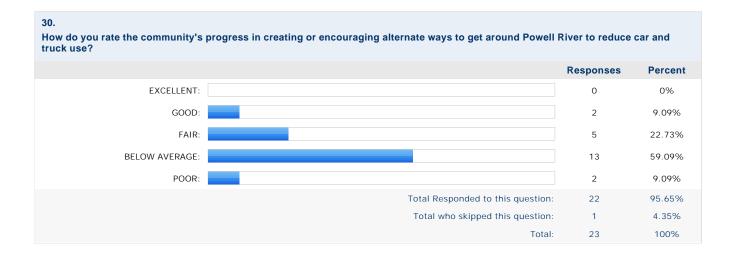


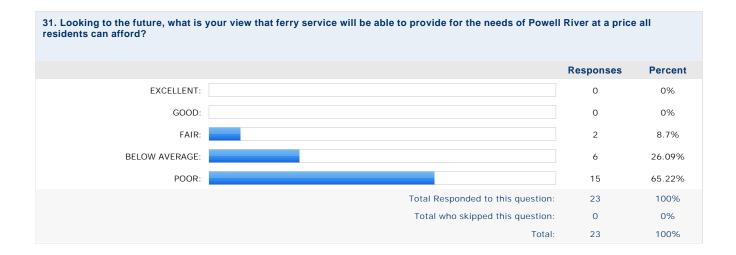
| 26. [Optional | I] What should our top housing priorities be for the community? | | |
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| 26. [Optiona |] What should our top housing priorities be for the community? | | |
| Response | Response Text | | |
| 1 | This applies to Texada | | |
| 2 | rent geared to income | | |
| 3 | These efforts would be better spent attracting businesses with higher paying jobs. That benefits the whom for better jobs | ole community. Ti | raining people |
| 4 | Finding buyers for the VERY large number of properties on the market. | | |
| 5 | Lower property taxes | | |
| 6 | affordable housing for seniors too | | |
| 7 | More condos, townhouses. | | |
| 8 | better jobs so families can make payments on said houses. | | |

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: 1 4.76% GOOD: 52.38% 11 33.33% FAIR: 7 BELOW AVERAGE: 2 9.52% POOR: 0 0% Total Responded to this question: 91.3% 21 Total who skipped this question: 2 8.7% 23 100%



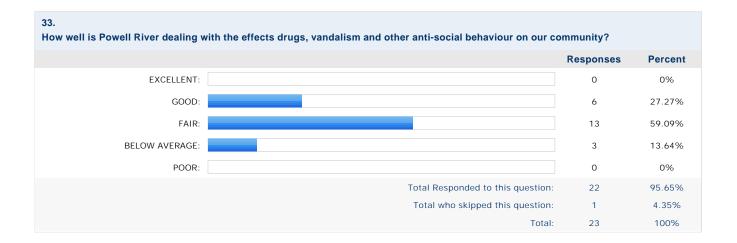
| 29. [Optional] What goals and actions are most important when it comes to literacy and learning in Powell River? | | | | |
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| | Total Responded to this question: | 9 | 39.13% | |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 14 | 60.87% | |
| | Total: | 23 | 100% | |
| 29. [Optional | I] What goals and actions are most important when it comes to literacy and learning in Powell River? | | | |
| Response | Response Text | | | |
| 1 | New library with decent facilities | | | |
| 2 | On Texada the library is run well by volunteers, but the school population is decreasing rapidly. There as people. | re no opportunitie | es for young | |
| 3 | need a new library building / new museum space | | | |
| 4 | Adult education | | | |
| 5 | Improve faster broadband service at a reasonable cost. Reduce the number of residents who can only u hopeless on dialup. | ise dialup. Online | learning is | |
| 6 | The school on Texada should have a resident principal and the kids should be educated locally and not be | being ferried over | to PR | |
| 7 | Need more course variety at VIU. Night school programs for Texada, people can't afford the ferry for course | ırses in PR | | |
| 8 | I'll say it again, Library Plan needs to move foreward. Go llok at Courtenays library and you will see how | embarrasing PR's | s is | |
| 9 | BUILD A NEW LIBRARY!! NOW!!! | | | |

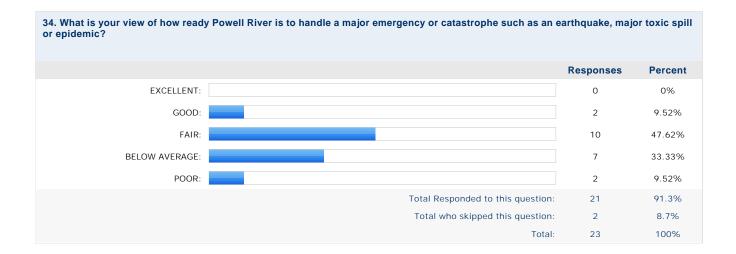




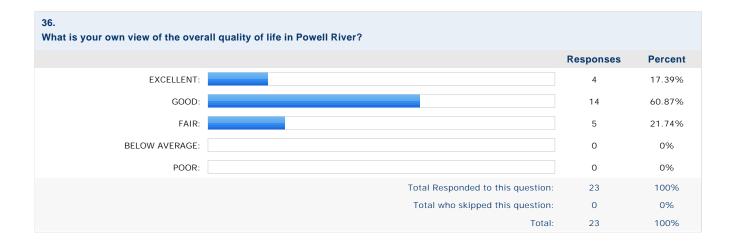
32. [Optional] What are the most important things we should do about transportation to places people need to go in and beyond Powell River?

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| 32. [Optional | I] What are the most important things we should do about transportation to places people need to go | in and beyond Po | well River? |
| Response | Response Text | | |
| 1 | On Texada there is no alternative to the car. High ferry fares are killing the island. | | |
| 2 | make ferries part of the highway system and make fares affordable | | |
| 3 | Integrate transportation for the Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Texada. Ferries, bus and shuttle services | | |
| 4 | BC Ferries needs to be the same as inland ferries which are part of the highway system and free the risin time | ng cost of BC ferr | ies will kill PR |
| 5 | build bridges to texada island and vancouver island | | |
| 6 | Stop increases to ferry fares above the rate of inflation. | | |
| 7 | Ferry rates-down. PR to subsidize the Malaspina Coach Lines -need to get to Texada from Van in one da local residents | y. KD Air fares ar | e too high for |
| 8 | provincail gov't needs to be made aware & recognize small communities on islands cannot sustain their increasing fares. | economies with r | apidly |
| 9 | Get government to assume direct control of the ferry corporation. | | |
| 10 | CHEAP FERRY FARES! Subsidize if necessary. Texada residents can't afford the ferry to do anything in PR education included. | , arts, culture, sp | orts, |
| 11 | Why is there not a Green Wave for Joyce Avenue? it's silly not to have it being that we only have 3 lights save gas. | s, it will reduce er | nmisions and |
| 12 | Lobby Prov.Gov. to return ferries to NON_PROFIT gov. control; lower ferry fares; stop fare increases; ne route at Texada | ed Comox-PR ferr | y to stop on |





| 35. [Optional] What are the top things that should be done in Powell River in the area of safety and security? | | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent |
| | Responses: | 5 | 100% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 5 | 21.74% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 18 | 78.26% |
| | Total: | 23 | 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 | I am not aware of any plans on Texada | | |
| 2 | Are there any emergency shelters? I've not seen any signage or information about meeting places, disaster information centres. | | |
| 3 | Expand emerg. mgmt program. more ESS volunteers & training, practice evacuations. Evaluate roads, bridges, public bldgs for seismic integrity& upgrade | | |
| 4 | The major emergency front is a constant work in progress and agencies are bonding Kudos. | | |
| 5 | need independent reviews of RCMP policies/mandates, behaviours/conduct/complaints. People no longe protect us. | r trust those who | are meant to |

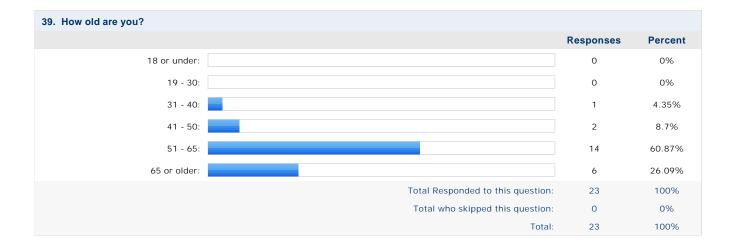


| 37. What ha | 37. What has contributed most to the quality of life in Powell River? | | | | |
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| 37. What has | 37. What has contributed most to the quality of life in Powell River? | | | | |
| Response | Response Text | | | | |
| 1 | small town atmosphere | | | | |
| 2 | Texada has many committed people willing to help others. | | | | |
| 3 | natural environment/ friendly people/arts and cultural activities | | | | |
| 4 | Climate, locally grown food. | | | | |
| 5 | Location, weather, natural beauty | | | | |
| 6 | big business telling us whats good for us, and getting away with it | | | | |
| 7 | The reduction of air pollution from Powell River paper mill. | | | | |
| 8 | Environment, clean air, space and people. | | | | |
| 9 | Relatively small city. | | | | |
| 10 | Natural surroundings. | | | | |
| 11 | the recreation opportunties | | | | |
| 12 | People who care about it make it great. | | | | |
| 13 | Seaside/mountain setting, housing affordability. | | | | |
| 14 | The outdoors and friends. | | | | |

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?

| was that? | | | |
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| | Total: | 23 | 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 | fixing up wharf/saving old arena from development/Millenium Park/Kathaumixw/SOAP/ | | |
| 2 | Westview warf upgrade!! | | |
| 3 | Improvements in choice among retail stores. Better stores and services in Powell River means less ferry travel needed to make important purchases. | | |
| 4 | The old township has regenerated. Hopefully the Westview ferry dock development will be a good feature. Nothing much to report on Texada. | | |
| 5 | Quality Foods | | |
| 6 | Arts festivals, local talent and local artists | | |
| 7 | Logging the Heron nesting site, and then moving the oval to a location req vehicle to access well done P | PR. | |

Sorry, can't think of anything. It is deteriorating. Looking forward to new seawall walk by ferry landing being finished.



| 40. Which sex are you? | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | | Responses | Percent |
| Male: | | 19 | 82.61% |
| Female: | | 4 | 17.39% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 23 | 100% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 0 | 0% |
| | Total: | 23 | 100% |

| 41. Where do you live? | | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent |
| City of Powell River: | | 0 | 0% |
| Regional District - North: | | 0 | 0% |
| Regional District - South: | | 0 | 0% |
| Sliammon: | | 0 | 0% |
| Texada: | | 23 | 100% |
| Somewhere else (temporary or seasonal resident): | | 0 | 0% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 23 | 100% |
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