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A Profile of the Wellbeing of Victoria Capital Region Residents

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What is Wellbeing?

There are many definitions of wellbeing. *The Canadian Index of Wellbeing* has adopted the following as its working definition:

The presence of the highest possible quality of life in its full breadth of expression focused on but not necessarily exclusive to: good living standards, robust health, a sustainable environment, vital communities, an educated populace, balanced time use, high levels of democratic participation, and access to and participation in leisure and culture.

Introduction

The Victoria Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey was launched on May 5, 2014 when invitations to participate were mailed to 15,841 randomly selected Capital District Region households. This represented approximately 10% of all households in the region, divided proportionally across all municipal areas. One person in each household, aged 18 years or older, was invited to complete the questionnaire.

The survey was closed on June 13, 2014. Of the 2,253 questionnaires that were submitted, the vast majority were completed online (90.6%; n = 2,040) with the remaining ones (9.4%; n = 213) completed using a paper version that participants requested. Fourteen of the submitted questionnaires were deemed unusable due principally to significant proportions of the questionnaire not having been completed. Therefore, the final, total number of usable questionnaires was 2,239, which represents a response rate of 14.1%.

This report consists largely of summary, descriptive statistics. It provides frequency distributions and measures of central tendency for all questions across the eight domains comprising the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) conceptual framework: *Community Vitality*, *Democratic Engagement*, *Education*, *Environment*, *Healthy Populations*, *Leisure and Culture*, *Living Standards*, and *Time Use*. A demographic profile of residents is presented first and measures of overall wellbeing are reported to conclude the main body of the report. The report ends with the unedited comments of survey participants. Taken together, the results presented here provide a snapshot of the overall wellbeing of Capital Region residents.

Weighting of data

In order to ensure the results from the survey are representative of Capital Region residents, the data were weighted by sex and age grouping, as well as by geographic location, to match the 2011 Census profile (N = 277,604) for those residents 18 years of age and older. By weighting the data, the overall results presented in this report accurately reflect the responses of residents without over- or under-representing any groups based on sex, age, or where they live in the region.

The following tables provide a description of survey participants. Each table first presents the unweighted results for age, sex, and geographic location, and then presents the results for these three factors once survey weights were applied. Survey weights were based on the results taken from 2011 Canadian census data thereby adjusting the distributions of residents who responded to the survey to match the distributions of all residents in the region.

To weight the data, participants were assigned to one of the following 14 geographic locations based on postal code information[1]:

[1] Gulf Islands includes Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Island. No households in Juan de Fuca were sampled.

- Esquimalt
- Oak Bay
- Saanich
- Victoria
- View Royal
- Central Saanich
- North Saanich
- Sidney
- Colwood
- Highlands
- Langford
- Metchosin
- Sooke
- Gulf Islands

Participants were then grouped into four larger districts: Core, Peninsula, West Shore, and Gulf Islands. Weighted and unweighted data are presented in the following tables: *sex* (see Table 1), *age group* (see Table 2), *geographic area* (see Table 3), and *core geographic area* (see Table 4). As noted above, using weighted data ensures that the results from the survey are representative of the residents of the Capital Region.

Table 1
Distribution of Respondents *by Sex*[a]

	Unweighted		Weighted Sample	
Sex	**n**	**Pct.**	**n**	**Pct.**
Female	1,285	58.9	138,126	52.1
Male	895	41.1	126,973	47.9

[a] 58 respondents did not provide information about their sex. One person identified as transgender.

Table 2
Distribution of Respondents *by Age Group*[a]

	Unweighted		Weighted Sample	
Age Group	**n**	**Pct.**	**n**	**Pct.**
18 to 34 years	65	3.0	55,770	21.0
35 to 44 years	181	8.4	40,624	15.3
45 to 54 years	298	13.8	52,022	19.6
55 to 64 years	616	28.5	52,913	20.0
65 to 74 years	617	28.5	31,305	11.8
75 years and older	387	17.9	32,465	12.2

[a] 75 respondents did not provide information about their age.

Table 3
Distribution of Respondents by Geographic Area[a]

Geographic Area	Unweighted		Weighted Sample	
	n	Pct.	n	Pct.
Esquimalt	238	10.6	13,895	5.2
Oak Bay	149	6.7	13,820	5.2
Saanich	458	20.4	79,998	30.2
Victoria	655	29.3	71,372	26.9
View Royal	41	1.8	4,889	1.8
Central Saanich	78	3.5	10,530	4.0
North Saanich	82	3.7	8,730	3.3
Sidney	71	3.2	8,370	3.2
Colwood	84	3.8	10,875	4.1
Highlands	3	0.1	405	0.2
Langford	134	6.0	22,965	8.7
Metchosin	52	2.3	3,575	1.3
Sooke	67	3.0	8,810	3.3
Gulf Islands	126	5.6	6,875	2.6

[a] Geographic information was missing for one respondent.

Tables 1 to 3 compare the sample to the actual distribution of the total population separately for sex, age, and geographic location. The final weighting of the sample incorporated all three factors concurrently to generate the weighted sample, which reflects the overall population distribution (see Table 4).

Table 4
Distribution of Respondents by Core Geographic Area[a]

Geographic Area	Unweighted		Weighted Sample	
	n	Pct.	n	Pct.
Core (Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Saanich. Victoria, View Royal)	1,541	68.9	183,964	69.4
Peninsula (Central Saanich, North Saanich, Sidney)	231	10.3	27,630	10.4
West Shore (Colwood, Highlands, Langford, Metochosin, Sooke)	340	15.2	46,630	17.6
Gulf Islands	126	5.6	6,875	2.6

[a] Geographic information was missing for one respondent.

Reading the report

As noted, the results presented in the tables comprising the rest of this report are weighted to reflect estimates for the population of Victoria Capital Region. In some tables, the total number of responses does not equal the total population due to missing responses. Non-response typically only represents a handful of people, so the totals are not substantially below the population total for the region. In other cases, greater numbers of people might simply have chosen not to answer certain questions for a variety of reasons (e.g., felt the question was not relevant to them, did not recall the requested information). For example, many people often decline to answer a question concerning income; in this survey, approximately 5% of the respondents chose not to report their incomes. For a few of the questions, response categories of "does not apply" or "don't know" were offered to respondents, and these answers are not reported in the tables. Finally, total percentages in some tables may not always add up to precisely 100% due to rounding.

Table numbers linked to titles correspond with survey question numbers (e.g., Table J2 for age of respondent refers to question J2 on the questionnaire). For tables listing several items that respondents have reported participation or have rated on scales such as level of agreement or perceptions (e.g., Table A11 concerning perceptions of sense of community as a place to live), the items have been organised from highest to lowest overall mean scores; in other words, they do not adhere to the order they appear in the questionnaire. By reorganising the items in this way, a ranking of the items is provided. Finally, not all response categories are reported in the table for some open-ended demographic questions, particularly when the number of responses is very low. In these instances, explanatory text follows the table.

The CIW and Vital Signs matrix

A matrix has been developed to match question numbers from the Community Wellbeing Survey and the eight CIW domains to the 13 areas of interest in Victoria's Vital Signs™ (see Table 5). This matrix represents a starting point; in other words, some indicators can be used to inform our understanding of more than one area of interest in Vital Signs™.

List of abbreviations and terms

n	Number of respondents
Pct.	Percentage of respondents
Mean	Arithmetic average
Std. Dev.	Standard deviation (average amount the scores deviate from the mean)
Min.	Minimum score reported
Max.	Maximum score reported

Table 5
Questions from the Community Wellbeing Survey Corresponding to Vital Signs' Areas of Interest

Areas of Vital Signs	**Domains of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing**								Overall wellbeing	Demo-graphics
	Community Vitality	Democratic Engagement	Education	Environment	Healthy Populations	Leisure and Culture	Living Standards	Time Use		
Safety	A7									
Belonging and Engagement	A1 to A6, A8 to A11	C1 to C3	F3.7	D1.9				H1, H2, H3, H8	I2, I3, I1.4, I1.11, I1.13, I1.14	J14
Learning			F1, F2, F3			E9.2			I1.6	J4
Environment				D1, D2					I1.12	
Health and Wellness					B1 to B7	E1.3, E1.4, E10.4		H4 to H7	I1.1, I1.2	
Arts and Culture	A2.4					E1 to E10			I1.3, I1.9, I1.10	
Sports and Recreation	A2.3									
Standard of Living							G8		I1.15	J7
Housing							G8.2			J16. J17
Work							G1 to G4, G6, G7		I1.7, I1.16	J5, J6
Getting Started								H6		J8, J9
Transportation				D1.5, D2.7, D2.8			G5			
Economy									I1.15	
Demographics										J1 to J20

Notes: Specific questions within each section of the Community Wellbeing Survey are listed under their respective CIW domains in the row corresponding to the Vital Signs area with indicators equivalent or similar to the CIW's indicators.

In instances where a question that presents several items in a list, an individual item that is relevant to another Vital Signs area are indicated by specifying the question and the item number (e.g., question D2 in the Environment section of the survey links directly to the Vital Signs area "Environment", but the seventh item in the question could be used as an indicator for the area "Getting Around" so is shown in that row as D2.7).

References to specific items within scales (e.g., E1.3) refer to their order in the *questionnaire*. Their order in the *tables* within this report may change based on the respondents rankings.

Demographic Profile

Table J1
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Sex

Gender	n	Pct.
Female	138,126	52.1
Male	126,973	47.9

Table J2
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Age[a]

Age	n	Pct.
34 years and under	55,770	21.0
35 to 44 years	40,624	15.3
45 to 54 years	52,022	19.6
55 to 64 years	52,913	20.0
65 to 74 years	31,305	11.8
75 years and older	32,465	12.2

[a] Residents had to be at least 18 years of age to participate in the survey.

Table J3
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Marital Status

Marital Status	n	Pct.
Married	156,671	59.3
Single, never married	38,353	14.5
Living common-law	24,155	9.1
Separated	6,928	2.6
Divorced	22,752	8.6
Widowed	15,146	5.7

Table J4
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Highest Level of Education Completed

Education	n	Pct.
Elementary school	6,627	2.5
High school	45,775	17.3
Post-secondary certificate, trade or apprenticeship	45,268	17.1
College diploma	44,269	16.8
University degree (e.g., B.A., B.Sc.)	78,584	29.8
Graduate degree (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D.)	43,477	16.5

Table J5
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Main Activity

Main Activity	n	Pct.
Working full-time	101,641	38.5
Working part-time	20,981	7.9
Non-standard employment [a]	33,282	12.6
Unemployed/looking for work	7,939	3.0
Retired	79,773	30.2
Going to school	6,069	2.3
Household work/caring for children	8,738	3.3
On leave from work (e.g., illness, parental leave)	5,703	2.2

[a] Includes self-employed, contract, seasonal, temporary, and multiple jobs.

Table J6
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Work Schedule

Work Schedule	n	Pct.
Regular daytime, Monday to Friday	106,820	66.2
Non-standard shift schedule[a]	23,054	14.3
Irregular shift schedule[b]	31,465	19.5

[a] Includes evenings, nights, and or rotating shifts throughout the week.
[b] Includes irregular shifts, on call, compressed work weeks.

Table J7
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Annual Household Income from All Sources

Annual Household Income	n	Pct.
Under $10,000	3,480	1.4
$10,000 to $19,999	18,759	7.4
$20,000 to $29,999	17,914	7.1
$30,000 to $39,999	19,988	7.9
$40,000 to $59,999	54,037	21.4
$60,000 to $79,999	38,059	15.1
$80,000 to $99,999	27,448	10.9
$100,000 to $119,999	32,287	12.8
$120,000 to $149,999	20,234	8.0
$150,000 and over	20,021	7.9

Table J8a
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Born in Canada

Born in Canada	n	Pct.
Yes	220,946	83.7
No	42,918	16.3

Table J8b
Country of Birth of Respondents Other than Canada

Country of Birth	n	Pct.
United Kingdom	17,984	44.1
USA	5,754	14.1
Germany	2,459	6.0
China	1,863	4.6
Netherlands	1,371	3.4

Notes: Among those respondents who were born outside of Canada, 72.2% were born in one of the five countries listed in the table above. All other countries not represented in the table had less than a 3.0% response rate. Countries not listed in the table include: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, Guyana, France, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Samoa, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Trinidad, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Yugoslavia.

Table J9
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Years Lived in Canada (if not born in Canada)

Years lived in Canada	n	Pct.
5 years or fewer	1,360	3.9
6 to 10 years	1,852	5.3
11 to 15 years	1,085	3.1
16 to 20 years	1,718	4.9
21 to 30 years	2,410	6.9
31 to 50 years	15,930	45.4
51 years or more	10,703	30.5

Note: Not all respondents born outside of Canada reported years lived in Canada. For those respondents who were born outside of Canada and who reported years lived in Canada (n = 35,341), the average length of time they have lived in Canada is 41 years (M = 41.32, SD = 17.57).

Table J10
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Cultural, Ethnic, or National Background

Cultural, ethnic, or national background	n	Pct.
Canadian	88,351	42.6
UK / Anglo	60,898	29.4
Western European	13,647	6.6
Mixed European	8,455	4.1
South Asian	7,220	3.5

Notes: Percentages of less than 2.0% are not reported in the table.
Backgrounds not reported in the chart included First Nations/Metis, French Canadian, Canadian+ UK/Anglo, Canadian+ European, American, East Asian, Southeast Asian, West Indian, South/Central American, and multicultural.

Table J11a
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
First Language

First language	n	Pct.
English	242,781	91.7
French	3,873	1.5
Other	18,068	6.8

Table J11b
First Language of Respondents Other than English or French

First Language	n	Pct.
German	5,620	31.7
Chinese[a]	2,760	15.6
Dutch	1,375	7.8
Punjabi/Hindi	1,317	7.4
Russian	829	4.7
Korean	768	4.3
Tagalog	694	3.9
Hungarian	443	2.5
Italian	407	2.3
Ukrainian	404	2.3

[a] includes Cantonese and Mandarin.

Notes: Among residents whose first language was not English or French, 82.5% reported that their first language was one of the ten listed in the table above.
Languages not reported in the table due to response rates of less than 2.0% are: Croatian, Czech, Danish, Estonian, Finnish, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Japanese, Khmer, Kinyarwanda, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Aboriginal languages, Swahili, Vietnamese, Welsh.

Table J12
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
First Nations, Metis, or Inuit

First Nations status	n	Pct.
No	254,255	97.8
Yes	5,737	2.2

Table J13
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Disability Status

Living with disability	n	Pct.
No	213,141	81.1
Yes	49,766	18.9

Table J14
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Years Resident of Capital Region

	n	Mean	Std. Dev.
Years resident of Capital Region	260,496	19.57	15.65

Table J15
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Years Lived in Current Location

	n	Mean	Std. Dev.
Years living in current location	257,501	12.00	10.84

Table J16
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Own or Rent Place in Which Living

Own or rent	n	Pct.
Own	199,745	76.8
Rent	60,390	23.2

Table J17
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Percentage of monthly income spent on housing

Pct. of income spent on housing	n	Pct.
Less than 30	137,856	53.6
30 to 50	92,109	35.8
More than 50	27,357	10.6

Table J18
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Sexual Orientation

Sexual orientation	n	Pct.
Heterosexual or straight	244,155	92.6
Gay or Lesbian	6,831	2.6
Bisexual	6,392	2.4
I would prefer not to say	5,380	2.0
Other	1,025	0.4

Table J19
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
In a Relationship

In a relationship	n	Pct.
Yes	195,203	74.3
No	67,655	25.7

Table J20
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Living with Partner

Living with partner	n	Pct.
Yes	178,068	91.5
No	16,511	8.5

Table J21
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Sex of Partner

Sex of partner	n	Pct.
Female	95,762	49.4
Male	97,358	50.2
Transgender	787	0.4

Table J22a
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Household Type

Household type	**n**	**Pct.**
Couple living with children at home	64,414	24.7
Couple with children elsewhere (e.g., "empty nester")	60,750	23.3
Couple with no children	47,685	18.3
Adult with children living at home	11,452	4.4
Adult living alone with no children at home (i.e., "empty nester")	10,270	3.9
Adult living alone	47,880	18.3
Adult sharing accommodation	12,899	4.9
Other[a]	5,631	2.2

[a] Among respondents who indicated "other", 74.2% live in multigenerational households, which include living arrangements such as: adult children living at home, grandchildren living with grandparents, or elderly parents living with adult children.

Table J22b
Profile of Respondents to Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey:
Age of Youngest Child for Participants Living with Children

Age of youngest child	**n**	**Pct.**
Less than 6 years old	23,199	15.7
6 to 11 years old	18,111	12.3
12 to 19 years old	22,151	15.0
20 to 24 years old	14,896	10.1
25 to 29 years old	14,156	9.6
30 years or older	54,925	37.3

Community Vitality

Table A1
Respondents who Volunteered During the Past 12 Months

Volunteered	n	Pct.
Volunteered in past 12 months	139,450	53.9

Table A2
Respondents who were a Member of or Participant in an Organisation During the Past 12 Months

Organisation type	n	Pct.
Sports or recreational organisation (e.g., hockey league, health club, golf club)	103,155	40.4
Union or professional association	96,302	37.8
Cultural, educational or hobby organisation (e.g., theatre group, book club, bridge club)	73,736	28.8
School group, neighbourhood, civic, or community association (e.g., PTA, alumni, block parents, neighbourhood watch)	59,470	23.3
Public interest group (e.g., focused on the environment, animal welfare, food security, homelessness)	51,996	20.5
Religious affiliated group (e.g., church youth group, choir)	36,806	14.4
Political party or group	31,069	12.2
Service club or fraternal organisation (e.g., Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, the Legion)	18,946	7.5
Other organised group or activity	60,369	23.9

Table A3
Respondents Who Provided Unpaid Help to Others in the Past 12 Months

Type of Unpaid Help	n	Pct.
Health-related or personal care, such as emotional support, counselling, providing advice, visiting the elderly, unpaid babysitting	128,094	49.2
Work at their home such as cooking, cleaning, gardening, maintenance, painting, shovelling snow, or car repairs	113,888	44.3
Doing any shopping, driving someone to the store, or to any other appointments	109,546	42.3
Paperwork tasks such as writing letters, doing taxes, filling out forms, banking, paying bills, or finding information	99,001	38.4
Unpaid teaching, coaching, tutoring, or assisting with reading	55,752	21.9

Table A4
Numbers of Social Contacts Reported by Respondents:
Relatives

Relatives	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Number of relatives	263,585	0	80	5.12	5.49

Table A5
Numbers of Social Contacts Reported by Respondents:
Close Friends

Close friends	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Number of close friends	264,495	0	100	5.68	7.39

Table A6
Numbers of Social Contacts Reported by Respondents:
Neighbours

Neighbours	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Number of neighbours	264,400	0	75	3.90	4.66

Table A7
Perceptions of Safety and Belonging:
How Safe Walking in Neighbourhood at Night

Safety and Belonging	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very unsafe	2	3	4	5	6	Very safe	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Feel safe walking alone in your neighbourhood after dark	263,405	1.6 (4,127)	2.6 (6,940)	4.6 (12,188)	8.8 (23,175)	11.6 (30,497)	25.8 (67,846)	45.0 (118,631)	5.84	1.46

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher feelings of safety.

Table A8
Perceptions of Safety and Belonging:
Uncomfortable/Out of Place Because of Ethnicity, Culture, Race, Skin Colour

Safety and Belonging	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Never	2	3	4	5	6	All of the time	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Feel uncomfortable or out of place in your neighbourhood because of your ethnicity, culture, race, or skin colour	263,845	90.0 (237,444)	6.5 (17,180)	0.8 (2,112)	0.9 (2,400)	1.2 (3,197)	0.2 (420)	0.4 (1,093)	1.19	0.73

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher frequency of feelings of discomfort.

Table A9
Perceptions of Safety and Belonging:
How Often Feel Discriminated Against

Feel discriminated against because of…	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Never	2	3	4	5	6	All of the time	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Sexual orientation	261,813	93.8 (245,650)	2.2 (5,828)	2.5 (6,498)	0.4 (952)	0.7 (1,945)	0.3 (755)	0.1 (185)	1.13	0.59
Ethnicity, race, or skin colour	262,398	91.3 (239,448)	4.3 (11,163)	0.9 (2,254)	1.3 (3,394)	1.7 (4,342)	0.4 (1,011)	0.3 (787)	1.20	0.79
Gender	261,443	78.2 (204,392)	9.0 (23,433)	3.7 (9,752)	3.2 (8,249)	4.3 (11,310)	1.2 (3,177)	0.4 (1,131)	1.52	1.19
Age	262,318	71.3 (186,989)	9.6 (25,107)	7.6 (20,004)	5.1 (13,328)	4.6 (12,057)	1.2 (3,196)	0.6 (1638)	1.68	1.29

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher frequency of feelings of discomfort.

Table A10
Perceptions of Safety and Belonging:
Sense of Belonging in Local Community

Safety and Belonging	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very weak	2	3	4	5	6	Very strong	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Your sense of belonging to your local community	260,889	3.1 (8,035)	4.8 (12,507)	8.7 (22,788)	24.0 (62,579)	24.4 (63,597)	21.5 (56,118)	13.5 (35,265)	4.80	1.50

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect a stronger sense of belonging.

Table A11 – Respondents' Perceptions of Sense of Community *as a Place to Live*
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Community as a place to live	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
I would recommend this community to others as a place to live.	261,985	0.8 (2,049)	0.8 (2,224)	1.8 (4,781)	8.9 (23,389)	33.6 (87,939)	32.8 (85,895)	21.3 (55,709)	5.57	1.10
I am proud of this community.	263,180	0.6 (1,614)	1.0 (2,731)	2.0 (5,348)	18.0 (47,312)	38.0 (100,087)	26.2 (68,838)	14.2 (37,250)	5.27	1.14
I feel at ease with the people in this community	257,153	0.4 (920)	0.9 (2,315)	3.4 (8,763)	12.5 (32,056)	42.1 (108,248)	30.7 (78,976)	10.1 (25,876)	5.27	1.02
This community provides opportunities for me to do a lot of different things	261,305	0.5 (1,282)	0.8 (2,128)	5.4 (14,027)	14.5 (37,855)	38.0 (99,289)	28.5 (74,380)	12.4 (32,345)	5.24	1.11
There are places in this community that inspire me.	262,671	0.5 (1,325)	1.4 (3,693)	3.5 (9,297)	19.8 (51,902)	36.2 (95,174)	25.5 (67,054)	13.0 (34,226)	5.19	1.14
I have good friends in this community	264,723	0.8 (2,033)	1.5 (3,937)	4.8 (12,727)	19.6 (51,945)	36.7 (97,024)	24.4 (64,701)	12.2 (32,357)	5.12	1.17
If I had an emergency, even people I do not know would be willing to help me	263,996	1.0 (2,732)	1.2 (3,147)	5.4 (14,356)	16.3 (42,914)	49.0 (129,328)	20.0 (52,766)	7.1 (18,753)	4.99	1.07
Many people in this community are available to give help if somebody needs it	263,221	0.7 (1,953)	1.0 (2,764)	3.8 (9,995)	20.8 (54,786)	46.9 (123,562)	21.0 (55,324)	5.6 (14,839)	4.98	1.00
People are sociable here	262,716	0.7 (1,858)	1.1 (2,810)	7.8 (20,367)	16.8 (44,136)	48.7 (127,974)	20.1 (52,697)	4.9 (12,875)	4.92	1.04
If I need help, this community has many excellent services to meet my needs	262,899	1.1 (2,970)	1.7 (4,465)	7.0 (18,417)	21.4 (56,272)	39.4 (103,585)	23.4 (61,431)	6.0 (15,759)	4.90	1.14
I regularly stop and talk to people in my neighbourhood	248,949	3.6 (9,053)	3.5 (8,639)	10.0 (24,835)	16.6 (41,216)	33.4 (83,262)	21.7 (54,079)	11.2 (27,865)	4.83	1.45
I feel comfortable allowing my children to play outside unsupervised in my neighbourhood	253,771	2.9 (7,322)	2.4 (5,999)	11.9 (30,283)	17.5 (44,369)	36.8 (93,479)	19.5 (49,387)	9.0 (22,931)	4.78	1.35

Table A11 (continued)…

Community as a place to live	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
If I had problem, few people in this community would try to help me	263,160	5.7 (15,070)	14.6 (38,478)	35.8 (94,147)	19.8 (52,214)	18.0 (47,388)	4.6 (12,090)	1.4 (3,772)	3.49	1.30
It is difficult for me to connect with the people in this community	263,302	6.0 (15,669)	17.4 (45,740)	35.4 (93,288)	23.4 (61,700)	12.3 (32,446)	4.8 (12,682)	0.7 (1,776)	3.36	1.25
In this community, I have few opportunities to satisfy my needs	263,325	9.2 (24,167)	21.9 (57,696)	40.6 (106,901)	15.0 (39,457)	9.6 (25,284)	2.8 (7,464)	0.9 (2,355)	3.06	1.23
In this community, people are not willing to help those in need	263,608	10.3 (27,201)	24.1 (63,589)	41.5 (109,425)	12.7 (33,374)	8.8 (23,119)	1.7 (4,458)	0.9 (2,442)	2.94	1.20
In this community, there is never much to do	261,439	13.0 (33,985)	27.5 (71,860)	33.2 (86,741)	13.8 (36,104)	9.8 (25,611)	1.7 (4,511)	1.0 (2,627)	2.89	1.28

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher levels of agreement.

Healthy Populations

Table B1
Respondents Self-Assessed *Physical Health*

		Percentage of Respondents (n)					Summary Statistics	
Self-Reported *Physical* Health	**n**	**Poor**	**Fair**	**Good**	**Very good**	**Excellent**	**Mean[a]**	**Std. Dev.**
In general, would you say your *physical* health is…	264,736	2.8 (7,314)	11.7 (31,029)	34.9 (92,345)	39.0 (103,144)	11.7 (30,904)	3.45	0.94

[a] Based on a 5-point scale where higher scores reflect higher perceived levels of physical health.

Table B2
Respondents Self-Assessed *Mental Health*

		Percentage of Respondents (n)					Summary Statistics	
Self-Reported *Mental* Health	**n**	**Poor**	**Fair**	**Good**	**Very good**	**Excellent**	**Mean[a]**	**Std. Dev.**
In general, would you say your *mental* health is…	263,742	1.2 (3,079)	10.4 (27,506)	30.1 (79,489)	38.1 (100,428)	20.2 (53,240)	3.66	0.95

[a] Based on a 5-point scale where higher scores reflect higher perceived levels of mental health.

Table B3
Assessment of Health Care Services in Community:
Overall Quality

Health Care Services	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)					Summary Statistics	
		Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Overall quality of health care services in your community	264,119	3.7 (9,690)	14.1 (37,353)	36.4 (96,143)	37.5 (99,009)	8.3 (21,924)	3.33	0.94

[a] Based on a 5-point scale where higher scores reflect higher ratings of perceived quality.

Table B4
Assessment of Health Care Services in Community:
Overall Accessibility

Health Care Services	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)					Summary Statistics	
		Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Overall accessibility of the health care services in your community	263,907	8.0 (21,240)	21.1 (55,774)	33.7 (89,022)	30.5 (80,610)	6.5 (17,261)	3.06	1.05

[a] Based on a 5-point scale where higher scores reflect higher ratings of perceived accessibility.

Table B5
Respondents' Perceptions of Health Behaviours During the Past Week

Health Behaviour	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
I regularly ate healthy meals	264,405	1.3 (3,347)	2.6 (6,818)	4.0 (10,564)	7.6 (20,117)	39.2 (103,524)	28.4 (75,199	17.0 (44,835)	5.34	1.23
I was able to perform all my daily living activities (e.g., household chores)	262,615	2.5 (6,624)	2.0 (5,123)	9.0 (23,566)	5.8 (15,166)	45.1 (118,347)	23.2 (60,967)	12.5 (32,822)	5.09	1.31
I got good quality exercise	263,635	2.0 (5,380)	5.3 (14,058)	13.0 (34,388)	15.2 (40,172)	36.5 (96,330)	17.9 (47,266)	9.9 (26,041)	4.72	1.41
I had a lot of energy	263,729	1.2 (3,235)	4.8 (12,694)	14.6 (38,610)	18.2 (48,109)	38.9 (102,539)	17.1 (45,073)	5.1 (13,468)	4.60	1.27
I could not get going	261,664	14.2 (37,093)	23.6 (61,760)	36.8 (96,328)	10.9 (28,413)	12.3 (32,191)	1.9 (4,855)	0.4 (1,025)	2.91	1.28
Physical pain prevented me from doing what needed to	262,717	27.7 (72,827)	19.2 (50,496)	29.1 (76,401)	8.2 (21,599)	10.2 (26,779)	2.9 (7,745)	2.6 (6,870)	2.73	1.55

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher levels of agreement.

Table B6
Respondents who Experienced a Major *Positive*[a] Life Event in the Past 12 Months

Major *positive* life event	**n**	**Pct.**
Yes	95,294	36.1
No	168,382	63.9

[a] examples of *positive* life events include: marriage, birth, new job.

Table B7
Respondents who Experienced a Major *Negative*[a] Life Event in the Past 12 Months

Major *negative* life event	**n**	**Pct.**
Yes	109,430	41.5
No	154,186	58.5

[a] examples of *negative* life events include: death of a family member, divorce, job loss

Democratic Engagement

Table C1
Respondents Participating in Democratic Activity During the Past 12 Months

Activity	n	Pct.
I participated in local event to support charitable organisation (e.g., 5km run for breast cancer)	263,372	30.5
I wrote a letter or email to or spoke with a municipal official about a local issue	262,671	23.6
I participated in a local event in support of community (e.g., "beach cleanup," earth day)	261,140	23.2
I attended a neighbourhood meeting	263,852	22.7
I attended a local planning meeting or open house	263,373	21.9
I joined a Facebook page on a local issue	260,960	21.2
I participated in a public demonstration or protest	262,570	12.5
I attended a municipal council meeting	263,956	9.5
I wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper about a local issue	264,167	7.3

Table C2
Level of Interest in Politics at the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Levels

Interest level in politics	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)										Summary statistics	
		None	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Great deal	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Federal	264,038	8.6 (22,582)	4.2 (11,166)	6.7 (17,583)	5.7 (15,167)	11.3 (29,899)	11.7 (30,841)	15.7 (41,323)	15.6 (41,106)	7.6 (20,076)	13.0 (34,296)	6.19	2.70
Provincial	264,192	8.0 (21,015)	3.3 (8,615)	5.2 (13,787)	5.4 (14,271)	13.1 (34,683)	11.5 (30,392)	15.5 (40,863)	16.8 (44,276)	9.4 (24,799)	11.9 (31,490)	6.32	2.61
Regional (Capital Region)	264,095	9.8 (25,944)	7.6 (20,109)	5.7 (15,097)	7.6 (19,941)	14.5 (38,307)	11.3 (29,762)	13.9 (36,724)	15.4 (40,654)	6.8 (17,952)	7.4 (19,605)	5.68	2.66
Municipal	264,288	9.9 (26,044)	6.2 (16,477)	6.0 (15,745)	10.3 (27,247)	14.5 (38,282)	12.5 (32,917)	13.2 (34,794)	14.6 (38,711)	6.1 (16,065)	6.8 (18,007)	5.61	2.60

[a] Based on a 10-point scale where higher scores reflect higher levels of interest.

Table C3
Respondents who Feel Programmes and Services of the Local Government Have Made Them Better Off[a]

Perception of Local Policies	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Much worse off	2	3	Have not made any difference	5	6	Much better off	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Extent programmes and services of local government have made you better off	203,557	3.2 (6,568)	2.9 (5,860)	6.6 (13,518)	37.6 (76,464)	20.7 (42,085)	22.9 (46,657)	6.1 (12,406)	4.63	1.32

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher levels of agreement.

Environment

Table D1
Respondents' Perceptions of the Environment in Capital Region

Environmental Concern	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
There are plenty of opp. to enjoy nature in my *town/city*	263,490	0.0 (0)	0.2 (571)	1.8 (4,782)	2.0 (5,189)	25.7 (67,778)	38.0 (100,255)	32.2 (84,792)	5.96	0.93
I feel I have a personal responsibility to help protect the natural environment	263,421	0.3 (761)	0.2 (530)	1.0 (2,563)	6.6 (17,302)	33.1 (87,311)	27.3 (71,980)	31.5 (82,973)	5.80	1.03
The *water quality* in my community is very good	263,427	0.5 (1,1417)	0.4 (1,124)	2.9 (7,583)	6.5 (17,063)	32.4 (85,224)	33.3 (87,600)	24.1 (63,416)	5.66	1.08
There are plenty of opp. to enjoy nature in my *neighbourhood*	264,355	0.3 (759)	0.9 (2,348)	6.5 (17,067)	4.5 (11,893)	31.8 (84,146)	33.7 (88,986)	22.4 (59,156)	5.57	1.16
The quality of the natural environment in my *town/city* is very high	264,419	0.1 (216)	0.3 (829)	3.1 (8,259)	7.4 (19,659)	36.1 (95,335)	35.2 (93,127)	17.8 (46,993)	5.56	1.00
The *air quality* in my community is very good	262,695	0.6 (1,453)	1.0 (2,675)	4.5 (11,916)	9.6 (25,151)	34.2 (89,972)	30.8 (80,906)	19.3 (50,622)	5.45	1.15
The quality of the natural environment in my *neighbourhood* is very high	264,521	0.3 (858)	2.4 (6,429)	4.7 (12,560)	7.1 (18,750)	36.7 (96,967)	33.5 (88,705)	15.2 (40,252)	5.39	1.15
Traffic congestion in our community is a problem	263,656	2.5 (6,653)	5.7 (15,056)	18.0 (47,542)	19.3 (50,806)	26.6 (70,195)	13.6 (35,801)	14.3 (37,603)	4.60	1.54
I regularly participate in events organised by local groups to protect the natural environment (e.g., protests, fund raising)	261,890	14.6 (38,108)	7.1 (18,546)	29.8 (77,286)	31.8 (83,275)	10.7 (27,973)	3.3 (8,705)	3.1 (7,997)	3.39	1.43

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect greater agreement with aspect of environment in Capital Region.

Table D2
Respondents Participation in Resource Conservation and Sustainable Activities During the Past 12 Months

Conservation/Sustainable Activities	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)					Summary Statistics	
		Never	Some-times	Regularly	Quite often	All of the time	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Recycle materials (e.g., plastics, tin cans, cardboard)	263,524	0.1 (2,661)	9.2 (24,232)	10.8 (28,457)	5.7 (15,036)	82.2 (216,587)	4.69	0.72
Conserve energy (e.g., buy energy efficient bulbs and appliances, turn off lights)	264,109	0.4 (1,070)	4.8 (12,594)	16.5 (43,673)	25.8 (68,219)	52.5 (138,553)	4.25	0.92
Tried to reduce household waste	261,656	1.0 (2,488)	6.5 (17,268)	16.5 (43,074)	21.9 (57,189)	54.1 (141,636)	4.22	1.00
Reuse materials (e.g., plastic bottles, plastic bags, tin cans)	264,198	1.0 (2,661)	9.2 (24,232)	16.9 (44,582)	24.5 (64,857)	48.4 (127,866)	4.10	1.05
Conserve water (e.g., not leaving the water tap running, taking shorter showers)	263,728	1.6 (4,162)	10.8 (28,597)	19.1 (50,357)	26.5 (69,964)	42.0 (110,649)	3.96	1.09
Separate waste	263,445	11.8 (31,138)	8.2 (21,595)	11.5 (30,206)	12.6 (33,245)	55.9 (147,262)	3.93	1.44
Carpool or use car share	261,970	6.5 (17,157)	25.5 (66,824)	21.9 (57,439)	32.2 (84,427)	13.8 (36,123)	3.21	1.16
Walk, bike, or take public transit more often (rather than drive your car)	262,456	17.1 (44,680)	28.9 (75,771)	11.4 (29,920)	16.7 (43,896)	25.9 (68,009)	3.05	1.47
Purchase foods produced locally	261,855	54.4 (142,560)	22.7 (59,390)	8.5 (22,234)	8.5 (22,128)	5.9 (15,543)	1.89	1.22

[a] Based on a 5-point scale where higher scores reflect higher frequency of engagement in activities.

Leisure and Culture

Table E1
Respondents Who Reported Participation in
Physical Activity During a Typical Month

	Percentage that Participates		Participation Rate (times per month)			
Physical Activity	**n**	**Pct.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Light exercise (e.g., going for a walk, bicycling)	245,160	92.7	0	100	16.79	13.33
Vigorous exercise (e.g., aerobics, jogging, weight training)	128,327	48.5	0	75	5.68	7.92
Individual sports (e.g., tennis, badminton, skiing)	72,173	27.3	0	45	1.81	4.33
Team sports (e.g., baseball, hockey, volleyball, basketball)	37,926	14.3	0	45	1.07	3.52

Table E2
Respondents Who Reported Participation in
"Getting Out" Activities During a Typical Month

	Percentage that Participates		Participation Rate (times per month)			
"Getting Out" Activity	**n**	**Pct.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Socialising with friends (e.g., getting together at someone's home, dining out)	245,213	92.7	0	60	5.75	6.08
Going out to movies	120,484	45.6	0	10	0.77	1.12
Going out to clubs, bars, taverns	100,109	37.9	0	45	1.06	2.18
Going to sports events as spectator	67,430	25.5	0	20	0.61	1.61

Table E3
Respondents Who Reported Participation in
Home-Based Activities in a Typical Week

	Percentage that Participates		Participation Rate (times per week)			
Home-Based Activity	**n**	**Pct.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Reading books, newspapers, and/or magazines for pleasure	252,928	95.6	0	120	9.95	9.34
Hobbies such as knitting, crafts, woodworking	201,717	76.3	0	100	4.24	5.46
Doing puzzles such as cross-words, Sudoku, jigsaw	136,120	51.5	0	100	4.74	13.15
Playing board or card games	98,066	37.1	0	60	1.17	2.85

Table E4
Respondents Who Reported Participation in
Cultural Activities During the Past Year

	Percentage that Participates		Participation Rate (times per year)			
Cultural Activity	**n**	**Pct.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Attending music concerts	175,768	66.5	0	145	3.60	7.13
Visiting art galleries/museums	172,130	65.1	0	80	3.40	8.30
Attending festivals	144,304	54.6	0	30	1.40	1.86
Attending live theatre	122,612	46.4	0	223	2.10	11.84
Attending ballet, dance performances	65,726	24.9	0	20	0.60	1.52

Table E5a
Respondents Who Reported Participation in
Computer-related Activities for Leisure on a Typical Day

	Percentage that Participates		Participation Rate (times per day)			
On-line Activity	**n**	**Pct.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Searching Internet for interest	240,475	90.9	0	100	5.09	9.60
Socialising with others online (e.g., Facebook, Skype, texting)	194,723	73.5	0	100	4.09	9.67
Playing computer games online (including online, handheld, or console)	122,246	46.2	0	100	3.25	13.58

Table E5b
Amount of Time Respondents Spend Engaged in Computer-related Activities for Leisure
(Minutes per day)[a]

Engaged in online activities	**n**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Total time on a typical day spent engaged in computer-related activities for leisure	250,333	3	1018	119.46	101.42

[a] Includes those reporting at least one minute of participation (93.1% of all respondents).

Table E6
Amount of Time Respondents Spend Watching Television/DVDs/Movies
(Minutes per day)[a]

Watching TV/DVDs/Movies	**n**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Total time on a typical day spent watching television, DVDs, or shows/movies on-line	244,087	5	1200	159.41	103.69

[a] Includes those reporting at least one minute of participation (90.8% of all respondents).

Table E7
Number of Days Respondents Had on Holidays in Previous Year[a]

Days on Holiday	**n**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Total days on holiday in past year	116,732	0	180	5.30	12.02

[a] Question was only answered by 44.0% of survey respondents.

Table E8
Respondents Use of Recreation and Cultural Facilities During the Past Year

Recreation and cultural facility	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)					Summary Statistics	
		Never	Some-times	Regu-larly	Quite often	All of the time	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Local park	262,929	6.6 (17,436)	30.1 (79,057)	28.5 (74,849)	21.2 (55,669)	13.7 (35,918)	3.05	1.15
Public library	262,330	28.5 (74,874)	35.4 (92,948)	12.0 (31,541)	10.7 (28,055)	13.3 (34,912)	2.45	1.35
Multi-purpose recreation centre	260,279	38.8 (100,977)	32.8 (85,348)	12.0 (31,284)	10.4 (27,008)	6.0 (15,661)	2.12	1.20
Swimming pool	261,616	53.6 (140,188)	26.8 (70,205)	7.3 (19,129)	8.1 (21,317)	4.1 (10,777)	1.82	1.13
Preforming arts facility (e.g., Royal Theatre, Farquhar Auditorium)	262,489	45.5 (119,442)	39.8 (104,562)	7.3 (19,280)	5.9 (15,603)	1.4 (3,602)	1.78	0.92
A historic site (e.g., Fort Rodd Hill, Emily Carr House)	261,893	44.0 (115,332)	49.3 (129,100)	2.8 (7,364)	3.1 (8,114)	0.8 (1,983)	1.67	0.74
Visual arts facility (e.g., Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Open Space Gallery)	262,323	54.5 (143,012)	37.1 (97,194)	3.6 (9,457)	2.5 (6,640)	2.3 (6,021)	1.61	0.86
Sports field (e.g., soccer, baseball)	257,696	68.8 (177,379)	17.0 (43,828)	6.2 (16,028)	5.0 (12,984)	2.9 (7,476)	1.56	1.01
Other outdoor sports facilities (golf, tennis)	262,144	66.0 (172,942)	21.5 (56,381)	5.4 (14,196)	4.3 (11,257)	2.8 (7,368)	1.56	0.97
Arena	260,968	69.5 (181,434)	22.2 (57,915)	2.5 (6,484)	2.2 (5,788)	3.6 (9,346)	1.48	0.93
Splash pads or wading pools	261,172	85.8 (223,990)	8.4 (21,981)	2.7 (7,031)	2.2 (5,806)	0.9 (2,364)	1.24	0.69
Outdoor skating rink	260,443	94.1 (245,063)	3.7 (9,548)	0.6 (1,649)	1.5 (3,931)	0.1 (250)	1.10	0.45

[a] Based on a 5-point scale where higher scores reflect higher frequency of facility use.

Table E9
Respondents Perceived Accessibility of Recreation and Cultural Facilities

Perceived Access to Facilities	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
There is a local park nearby that is easy for me to get to from my home	257,293	0.8 (2,040)	0.6 (1,572)	1.6 (4,106)	3.5 (8,915)	29.7 (76,351)	24.1 (62,103)	39.7 (102,206)	5.92	1.13
The recreation and culture facilities are easy for me to get to	259,488	0.8 (2,191)	1.1 (2,816)	3.5 (8,970)	8.7 (22,557)	42.5 (110,309)	24.4 (63,347)	19.0 (49,299)	5.40	1.14
There are places nearby where I can take classes for my own interest	252,529	0.7 (1,848)	0.7 (1,674)	4.8 (12,024)	12.2 (30,870)	38.6 (97,380)	27.3 (68,817)	15.8 (39,916)	5.32	1.14
The recreation and cultural facilities are very welcoming to me	248,107	0.4 (1,004)	0.6 (1,447)	2.1 (5,329)	27.5 (68,128)	43.3 (107,458)	16.0 (39,715)	10.1 (25,026)	5.01	1.02
Recreation and culture programs are offered at times that are convenient to me	247,485	1.0 (2,576)	1.9 (4,822)	9.3 (23,047)	24.9 (61,676)	36.9 (91,266)	16.6 (41,016)	9.3 (23,081)	4.82	1.21
Childcare is available at the recreation facilities if I need to use it	120,679	1.9 (2,279)	2.4 (2,945)	6.9 (8,379)	56.3 (67,927)	24.0 (28,999)	3.4 (4,156)	5.0 (5,994)	4.28	1.04
The cost of public recreation and culture programs prevents me from participating	253,991	7.4 (18,799)	12.3 (31,308)	33.0 (83,837)	19.5 (49,464)	16.3 (41,391)	6.0 (15,293)	5.5 (13,899)	3.65	1.50

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher perceived accessibility.

Table E10a – Respondents' Perceptions of Leisure Experience

Perceptions of Leisure Experience	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
My leisure helps me to stay healthy	263,302	0.2 (605)	0.3 (661)	2.7 (7,233)	8.4 (22,216)	41.7 (109,781)	29.0 (76,330)	17.7 (46,476)	5.49	1.01
My leisure contributes to my emotional wellbeing	262,556	0.2 (445)	0.1 (301)	1.9 (4,945)	8.1 (21,390)	43.4 (113,918)	31.2 (81,876)	15.1 (39,682)	5.48	0.94
My leisure helps relieve stress	262,607	0.1 (293)	0.1 (279)	2.1 (5,513)	9.8 (25,627)	47.0 (123,348)	28.6 (75,106)	12.4 (32,441)	5.39	0.92
My leisure helps me to relax	262,466	0.1 (294)	0.1 (383)	1.7 (4,523)	7.9 (20,669)	53.0 (139,233)	28.6 (75,123)	8.5 (22,240)	5.33	0.83
I participate in leisure that develops my physical fitness	262,682	1.1 (2,854)	2.5 (6,558)	8.2 (21,603)	14.3 (37,659)	42.3 (111,137)	20.5 (53,833)	11.1 (29,038)	5.00	1.23
My leisure provides me with opportunities for social interaction with others	263,506	0.8 (1,984)	0.2 (639)	5.0 (13,159)	17.8 (46,916)	52.4 (138,189)	18.7 (49,232)	5.1 (13,387)	4.97	0.95
I participate in leisure that restores me physically	262,825	0.9 (2,470)	2.4 (6,345)	6.9 (18,118)	19.3 (50,752)	40.2 (105,698)	21.9 (57,541)	8.3 (21,900)	4.94	1.18
My leisure provides opportunities to try new things	263,256	0.3 (777)	0.2 (622)	5.7 (14,957)	22.8 (60,007)	52.8 (138,995)	13.7 (36,079)	4.5 (11,819)	4.87	0.91
My leisure helps me to learn about myself	262,111	0.7 (1,912)	0.7 (1,769)	5.5 (14,349)	27.9 (73,215)	45.3 (118,637)	15.5 (40,526)	4.5 (11,704)	4.81	0.99
My leisure has helped me to develop close relationships with others	262,237	1.1 (2,963)	2.9 (7,591)	11.4 (29,872)	27.0 (70,722)	40.0 (104,977)	13.7 (35,836)	3.9 (10,276)	4.59	1.14
My leisure is most enjoyable when I can connect with others	262,671	2.5 (6,676)	1.7 (4,483)	9.6 (25,310)	31.1 (81,595)	35.4 (92,929)	15.3 (40,103)	4.4 (11,576)	4.58	1.19
My leisure helps me to learn about other people	262391	1.3 (3,421)	1.4 (3,708)	11.0 (28,812)	30.1 (78,971)	40.1 (105,276)	12.9 (33,953)	3.1 (8,250)	4.58	1.07

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher agreement.

Table E10b
Respondents' Perceptions of Dimensions of Leisure Experience

Dimension[a]	**n**	**Mean**[b]	**Std. Dev**.
Relaxation	263,536	5.40	0.79
Physiological	263,642	5.14	0.99
Educational	263,318	4.75	0.79
Social	263,508	4.71	0.87

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher agreement that dimension is important part of leisure experience.

[b] *Notes*: *Relaxation* – leisure contributes to relaxation, stress relief and emotional wellbeing.
Physiological – leisure contributes to physical fitness and health.
Educational – leisure allows opportunities to learn new things, learn about different people, or try new things.
Social – leisure facilitates social connections and the development and/or maintenance of social bonds.

Education

Table F1
Respondents Who Took *Formal Education* Courses to Improve Skills or to Prepare for a Job During the Past Year

Type of Course	n	Pct.
To improve your skills in your current job	62,116	23.7
To prepare for a job you might do in the future	47,840	18.3
To lead directly to a qualification related to current job	47,113	18.0
To help you get started in a current or new job?	31,289	12.0

Table F2a
Respondents Who Took Courses *for Interest* in the Community During the Past Year

Course Taken for Interest	n	Pct.
Course for interest (e.g., computer skills, woodworking, sewing, creative writing)?	55,076	20.9

Table F2b
Number of Courses *for Interest* Taken by Respondents in the Past Year

		Number of courses			
Courses Taken for Interest	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Participants	52,838	1	30	2.13	2.34

Table F3
Respondents' *Perceptions of Opportunities* for Formal Education and Courses of Interest

Opportunities to Take Courses	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
There are plenty of opportunities to take courses of interest	261,962	0.7 (1,742)	1.2 (3,246)	5.5 (14,421)	13.4 (35,108)	49.8 (130,342)	21.8 (57,092)	7.6 (20,011)	5.06	1.05
There are plenty of opportunities to take formal education courses	262,123	0.9 (2,466)	0.9 (2,335)	5.1 (13,395)	16.2 (42,341)	48.5 (127,155)	20.9 (54,710)	7.5 (19,722)	5.03	1.05
There are places nearby where I can take courses out of interest	261,729	0.8 (2,169)	0.9 (2,312)	5.7 (14,790)	18.0 (47,009)	50.2 (131,462)	18.8 (49,187)	5.7 (14,800)	4.95	1.02
There are schools nearby where I can upgrade my educational qualifications	259,748	1.2 (3,156)	1.5 (3,849)	5.6 (14,485)	25.0 (64,828)	41.2 (107,039)	17.0 (44,224)	8.5 (22,168)	4.89	1.14
There are many opportunities for me to get to know people from different cultures	258,064	1.0 (2,537)	1.9 (4,996)	13.1 (33,889)	40.3 (103,977)	34.7 (89,515)	6.8 (17,616)	2.1 (5,534)	4.35	0.99
I would take courses, but they are too expensive	259,047	3.2 (8,380)	4.8 (12,495)	24.0 (62,052)	30.5 (79,040)	20.4 (52,795)	9.7 (25,089)	7.4 (19,195)	4.19	1.40
I would take courses, but they are offered at inconvenient times	260,004	3.2 (8,303)	5.0 (12,890)	27.4 (71,158)	45.6 (118,552)	13.5 (35,039)	4.1 (10,533)	1.4 (3,528)	3.79	1.07

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect greater agreement.

Living Standards

Table G1
Respondents Who Work for *Pay*

Work for Pay?	**n**	**Pct.**
Yes	163,812	62.1
No	100,003	37.9

Table G2
Number of *Different* Paid Jobs (full- or part-time) Held by Respondents[a]

Number of *different* jobs held for pay	**n**	**Pct.**
1 job	124,305	76.6
2 jobs	28,198	17.4
3 jobs	4,332	2.7
4 or more jobs	5,356	3.3

[a] Includes only those respondents who indicated that they worked for pay.

Table G3
Respondents' Weekly Hours Spent Working for Pay on *Main Job*

Hours per week spent working at *main job*	**n**	**Pct.**
Fewer than 25 hours	29,045	17.8
25 to 34 hours	26,492	16.3
35 to 49 hours	89,156	54.8
50 to 59 hours	7,876	4.8
60 or more hours	10,152	6.2

Table G4
Respondents' Weekly Hours Spent Working for Pay on *Other Job(s)*[a]

Hours per week spent working at *other job(s)*	**n**	**Pct.**
Fewer than 10 hours	20,037	51.9
10 to 20 hours	12,888	33.4
21 to 35 hours	1,720	4.5
More than 35 hours	3,928	10.2

[a] Includes only those respondents who reported working at more than one job.

Table G5
Respondents *Workday Commute* from Home to Workplace for Main Job
(Minutes per day)

Commute time	**n**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**
Length of time to commute from residence to place of work for main job	162,043	0	270	20.23	24.00

Table G6a – Respondents' Perceptions of *Job Fit*

Feelings Concerning Main Job	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Considering all my efforts and achievements, my opportunities at work are adequate	162,584	2.8 (4,547)	3.8 (6,110)	18.4 (29,890)	15.3 (24,895)	36.9 (60,017)	14.8 (24,041)	8.0 (13,083)	4.56	1.40
My current occupational position adequately reflects my education and training	163,292	7.5 (12,235)	5.0 (8,209)	16.9 (27,563)	9.1 (14,839)	33.4 (54,614)	19.1 (31,236)	8.9 (14,595)	4.49	1.65
I have little hope for promotion at my job	163,281	5.7 (9,239)	9.5 (15,457)	21.3 (34,843)	18.8 (30,697)	20.2 (32,930)	12.0 (19,600)	12.6 (20,513)	4.25	1.70
Considering all my efforts and achievements, my salary/income is adequate	163,352	7.6 (12,365)	5.4 (8,812)	20.5 (33,509)	14.1 (23,041)	39.7 (64,899)	9.1 (14,928)	3.5 (5,798)	4.15	1.47
I have experienced or I expect to experience an undesirable change in my work situation	162,857	7.7 (12,609)	10.8 (17,666)	30.1 (49,024)	16.3 (26,624)	19.3 (31,479)	10.1 (16,464)	5.5 (8,992)	3.81	1.58
My job security is poor	162,935	11.8 (19,282)	15.5 (25,274)	34.7 (56,573)	16.7 (27,193)	11.3 (18,352)	6.1 (9,937)	3.9 (6,323)	3.34	1.52

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect greater agreement.

Table G6b – Dimensions of *Job Fit*

Dimensions of job fit[a]	n	Mean[b]	Std. Dev.
Job promotion	163,352	4.24	1.12
Job security	162,440	3.57	1.33

[a] *Notes*: *Job promotion* is comprised of questions related to opportunities for promotion, to use one's training/education, recognition of effort, and appropriate remuneration.
Job security is comprised of perceptions of job security and experience of an undesirable change in work sit.

[b] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher agreement that dimension is important part of job fit.

Table G7a
Respondents' Reactions to *Work*

Reactions to Work	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
I am in a better mood at work because of my personal life	163,962	1.6 (2,661)	1.9 (3,046)	14.5 (23,839)	22.4 (36,766)	42.7 (70,081)	12.3 (20,218)	4.5 (7,351)	4.58	1.17
My personal life gives me energy for my job	163,137	2.2 (3,613)	2.1 (3,450)	20.5 (33,270)	28.0 (45,616)	34.4 (56,108)	9.4 (15,290)	3.5 (5,791)	4.33	1.19
I am in a better mood generally because of my job	163,581	3.6 (5,825)	4.7 (7,700)	21.8 (35,638)	27.2 (44,535)	30.3 (49,628)	10.1 (16,518)	2.3 (3,737)	4.16	1.27
I am happy with the amount of time for non-work activities	163,606	3.6 (5,904)	7.9 (12,880)	33.4 (54,668)	14.8 (24,261)	28.5 (46,658)	8.4 (13,774)	3.3 (5,461)	3.95	1.38
I struggle to juggle work and non-work activities	163,793	6.5 (10,678)	10.7 (17,594)	30.1 (49,255)	11.2 (18,333)	26.3 (43,091)	12.9 (21,120)	2.3 (3,722)	3.88	1.51
My personal life suffers because of work	164,043	7.6 (12,451)	12.1 (19,927)	32.2 (52,762)	12.1 (19,874)	20.8 (34,131)	11.7 (19,258)	3.4 (5,639)	3.75	1.56
I put my personal life on hold for work	163,692	7.2 (11,834)	10.2 (16,637)	35.4 (57,941)	12.5 (20,455)	22.7 (37,122)	9.3 (15,192)	2.8 (4,510)	3.72	1.48
I neglect personal needs because of work	163,682	7.3 (11,933)	11.4 (18,585)	36.4 (59,625)	10.4 (16,955)	21.6 (35,418)	10.8 (17,632)	2.2 (3,533)	3.69	1.49
My job makes a personal life difficult	163,320	11.1 (18,162)	11.9 (19,380)	38.8 (63,419)	12.3 (20,079)	16.1 (26,271)	6.8 (11,181)	3.0 (4,828)	3.43	1.50
My personal life drains me for energy for work	163,588	13.5 (22,159)	16.2 (26,556)	53.6 (87,710)	7.8 (12,834)	7.6 (12,436)	0.9 (1,429)	0.3 (464)	2.83	1.09
I am too tired to be effective at work	164,006	14.5 (23,747)	16.2 (26,629)	55.4 (90,922)	8.9 (14,586)	4.2 (6,908)	0.6 (921)	0.2 (293)	2.75	1.01
It is hard to work because of personal matters	163,708	17.8 (29,067)	18.6 (30,411)	47.3 (77,467)	8.8 (14,473)	4.4 (7,284)	2.4 (3,925)	0.7 (1,081)	2.73	1.19
My work suffers because of my personal life	163,977	18.4 (30,112)	22.9 (37,610)	47.0 (77,126)	7.2 (11,799)	3.0 (4,875)	0.6 (927)	0.9 (1,529)	2.59	1.09

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect greater agreement.

Table G7b
Dimensions of *Work-Life Balance*

Dimension[a]	**n**	**Mean**[b]	**Std. Dev.**
Work/personal life enhancement	164,039	4.35	1.00
Work interference with personal life	164,081	3.75	1.29
Personal life interference with work	164,039	2.73	0.93

[a] Notes: *Work/personal life enhancement* refers to the positive transfer of mood and energy between work and personal domains.
Work interference with personal life refers to difficulties re: detrimental influence of work on personal needs, time, energy, relationships.
Personal life interference with work refers to difficulties performing job requirements because of personal matters.

[b] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher agreement with balance in work-life dimension.

Table G8
Respondents' Perceptions of *Financial Security* During the Past Year

		Percentage of Respondents (n)					**Summary Statistics**	
Financial Security Experience	**n**	**Never**	**Once in past year**	**At least once past 6 months**	**At least once past 3 months**	**At least once a month**	**Mean**[a]	**Std. Dev.**
I did not have enough money to buy the things I *wanted*	252,609	44.8 (113,239)	9.8 (24,686)	10.5 (26,564)	8.4 (21,209)	26.5 (66,911)	2.62	1.70
I did not have enough money to buy the things I *needed*	255,780	74.0 (189,361)	8.9 (22,652)	5.1 (13,132)	3.0 (7,547)	9.0 (23,088)	1.64	1.26
I could not pay my bills on time (e.g., water, hydro, phone, credit card)	255,488	77.1 (197,102)	8.7 (22,105)	6.6 (16,949)	4.9 (12,625)	2.6 (6,707)	1.47	1.00
I ate less because there was not enough food or money for food	254,896	85.4 (218,348)	5.0 (12,796)	2.8 (7,035)	1.7 (4,317)	4.9 (12,400)	1.35	0.98
I could not pay my mortgage or rent on time	238,788	92.9 (221,883)	2.6 (6,295)	2.0 (4,824)	2.1 (5,132)	0.3 (654)	1.14	0.57

[a] Based on a 5-point scale where higher scores reflect higher incidence of these experiences.

Time Use

Table H1a
Respondents Providing Unpaid Care *to Any Children*

Unpaid Care to Children	n	Pct.
Number of respondents providing care	48,442	18.4

Table H1b
Weekly Hours Typically Spent by Respondents
Providing Unpaid Care *to Children*

Hours of Unpaid Care Provided to:	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Children *in your family*	45,944	1	168	40.29	43.75
Children who are *not members of your family*	10,157	1	30	4.61	4.46

Table H2a
Respondents Providing Unpaid Care *to Older or Dependent Adult(s)*

Unpaid Care to Older/Dependent Adult	n	Pct.
Number of respondents providing care	31,308	11.9

Table H2b
Weekly Hours Typically Spent by Respondents
Providing Unpaid Care *to Older or Dependent Adult(s)*

Hours of Unpaid Care Provided to:	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Older or dependent adult *in your family*	26,955	1	168	18.52	35.96
Older or dependent adult(s) who is a *neighbour or friend*	8,785	1	70	4.03	7.87

Table H3
Families in the Community Have an Adequate Supply of *Childcare*

Adequate supply of childcare	**n**	**Pct.**
Yes	40,410	15.3
No	70,663	26.8
Don’t know	152,847	57.9

Table H4
How Often Respondents *Feel Rushed*

		Percentage of Respondents (n)						Summary Statistics	
Feel Rushed	**n**	**Never**	**Less than once a month**	**About once a month**	**About once a week**	**A few times per week**	**Every day**	**Mean[a]**	**Std. Dev.**
How often do you feel rushed?	264,315	7.9 (20,856)	12.9 (34,144)	12.1 (31,966)	19.7 (52,176)	31.0 (81,878)	16.4 (43,296)	4.02	1.52

[a] Based on a 6-point scale where higher scores reflect higher incidence of these experiences.

Table H5
How Often Respondents *Have Free Time*

		Percentage of Respondents (n)						Summary Statistics	
Have free time	**n**	**Never**	**Less than once a month**	**About once a month**	**About once a week**	**A few times per week**	**Every day**	**Mean[a]**	**Std. Dev.**
How often do you have time on your hands that you don't know what to do with?	263,403	39.8 (104,737)	22.7 (59,918)	12.6 (33,084)	12.5 (32,925)	9.9 (26,150)	2.5 (6,588)	2.38	1.48

[a] Based on a 6-point scale where higher scores reflect higher incidence of these experiences.

Table H6 – Respondents' Perceptions of *Time Adequacy*

Perceived adequate time to…	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)										Summary statistics	
		Not enough	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Always enough	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Be yourself	259,240	1.9 (4,809)	2.3 (5,922)	3.5 (9,041)	4.3 (11,132)	7.4 (19,061)	7.6 (19,830)	11.5 (29,908)	12.6 (32,607)	8.5 (21,990)	40.5 (104,940)	7.79	2.46
Prepare or eat healthy meals	260,022	0.8 (2,039)	2.3 (6,024)	3.9 (10,027)	6.7 (17,529)	8.0 (20,866)	6.5 (16,935)	10.3 (26,836)	14.6 (37,940)	9.9 (25,844)	36.9 (95,982)	7.71	2.42
Be with your partner or spouse	198,986	2.6 (5,134)	2.6 (5,224)	4.7 (9,439)	4.3 (8,597)	8.3 (16,508)	6.6 (13,117)	7.7 (15,307)	13.9 (27,752)	11.6 (23,108)	37.6 (74,799)	7.66	2.58
Get enough sleep/ rest	260,617	3.2 (8,217)	2.4 (6,309)	5.5 (14,405)	6.0 (15,643)	7.7 (20,123)	7.2 (18,645)	10.5 (27,432)	8.0 (20,774)	8.7 (22,654)	40.8 (106,417)	7.54	2.71
Be with children you live with	92,736	3.2 (3,010)	1.9 (1,769)	3.7 (3,402)	7.6 (7,057)	8.1 (7,496)	12.2 (11,324)	7.4 (6,854)	11.8 (10,954)	14.3 (13,236)	29.8 (27,635)	7.35	2.57
Socialise	259,048	2.2 (5,593)	2.2 (5,769)	5.1 (13,274)	6.7 (17,274)	8.7 (22,572)	9.8 (25,497)	13.4 (34,688)	12.7 (32,929)	7.3 (18,787)	31.9 (82,665)	7.31	2.53
Form and sustain serious relation-ships	226,534	3.2 (7,334)	2.6 (5,864)	5.0 (11,399)	8.6 (19,549)	8.2 (18,495)	9.0 (20,398)	10.2 (23,147)	12.1 (27,346)	10.9 (24,696)	30.2 (68,306)	7.21	2.65
Keep in shape	257,074	4.0 (10,331)	2.4 (6,075)	5.4 (13,957)	6.5 (16,734)	9.0 (23,089)	13.2 (34,043)	10.8 (27,767)	10.6 (27,156)	8.0 (20,616)	30.1 (77,306)	7.08	2.67
Complete chores or errands	258,094	2.5 (6,441)	4.3 (10,990)	5.7 (14,675)	7.5 (19,301)	8.1 (20,976)	10.8 (27,913)	12.1 (31,258)	12.0 (31,047)	8.2 (21,057)	28.8 (74,435)	7.06	2.65
For your family to be together	212,285	4.6 (9,719)	2.4 (5,030)	5.7 (12,060)	7.1 (15,008)	9.3 (19,673)	11.0 (23,326)	9.7 (20,695)	12.8 (27,093)	11.3 (23,985)	26.2 (55,697)	7.01	2.69
Nurture your spiritual and/or creative side	236,070	3.9 (9,183)	4.2 (10,020)	6.6 (15,488)	8.1 (19,091)	10.2 (24,168)	10.8 (25,548)	9.0 (21,275)	10.5 (24,900)	8.1 (19,079)	28.5 (67,317)	6.86	2.78
Participate in or be active in the community	238,589	5.7 (13,490)	3.3 (7,915)	9.6 (22,934)	6.9 (16,376)	9.4 (22,409)	13.8 (32,959)	9.7 (23,207)	9.1 (21,655)	6.7 (15,988)	25.8 61,654)	6.58	2.84

[a] Based on a 10-point scale where higher scores reflect more adequate amounts of time perceived by respondent. Based on responses to at least 10 of the 12 items, the respondents' (n = 205,495) overall sense of time adequacy averaged 7.18 (SD = 2.20).

Table H7
Usual Hours of *Sleep* per Day[a]

Hours of Sleep per Day	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Usual hours of sleep	262,881	0	12	7.17	1.15

[a] Includes both night-time sleep and naps.

Table H8
Frequency of *Family Meals* in Past Week

Number of Family Meals in Past Week	n	Pct.
0 times	8,746	4.1
1 to 2 times	19,819	9.2
3 to 4 times	33,864	15.7
5 to 6 times	34,327	15.9
7 or more times	118,592	55.1

[a] Family meals including respondents' children and/or partner.

Overall Wellbeing

Table I1
Respondents' Level of Satisfaction with Aspects of *Wellbeing*
(continued on next page)

Aspect of Wellbeing	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Extremely dissatisfied	2	3	4	5	6	Extremely satisfied	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
My neighbourhood as place to live	263,221	0.6 (1,594)	0.9 (2,245)	3.0 (7,847)	8.0 (21,177)	17.3 (45,668)	43.1 (113,394)	27.1 (71,296)	5.78	1.13
The environmental quality of my neighbourhood	262,402	0.6 (1,644)	1.1 (2,841)	3.0 (78,37)	7.0 (18,448)	21.9 (57,432)	42.9 (112,657)	23.5 (61,543)	5.71	1.12
My access to parks and recreation opportunities in the community	263,504	0.7 (1,872)	1.3 (3,478)	3.4 (9,056)	12.1 (31,933)	22.2 (58,372)	40.4 (106,557)	19.8 (52,237)	5.54	1.18
My personal relationships	262,074	2.1 (5,481)	4.2 (10,928)	9.1 (23,802)	11.5 (30,217)	24.3 (63,757)	31.8 (83,438)	17.0 (44,452)	5.19	2.03
My mental wellbeing	264,142	2.0 (5,397)	6.7 (17,651)	8.0 (21,114)	10.8 (28,484)	24.5 (64,625)	31.3 (82,549)	16.8 (44,324)	5.10	1.53
My access to educational opportunities in the community	259,802	1.5 (3,968)	2.9 (7,599)	7.1 (18,345)	25.5 (66,271)	24.8 (64,457)	29.9 (77,746)	8.2 (21,415)	4.92	1.30
My access to arts and culture opportunities in the community	261,734	1.3 (3,384)	5.1 (13,234)	6.7 (17,481)	27.0 (70,735)	24.2 (63,421)	25.9 (67,853)	9.8 (25,626)	4.85	1.35
My leisure time	262,319	1.8 (4,698)	5.0 (13,163)	15.7 (41,273)	17.3 (45,507)	22.1 (57,957)	26.7 (70,123)	11.3 (29,598)	4.78	1.49
How I spend my time	258,973	2.2 (5,724)	4.5 (11,682)	12.7 (32,934)	20.7 (53,662)	23.8 (61,636)	26.7 (69,212)	9.3 (24,123)	4.77	1.44

Table I1 (continued)

Aspect of Wellbeing	n	Percentage of Respondents (n)							Summary Statistics	
		Extremely dissatisfied	2	3	4	5	6	Extremely satisfied	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
My work situation	243,346	6.5 (15,781)	5.8 (14,185)	8.1 (19,829)	21.3 (51,724)	21.8 (53,089)	22.7 (55,187)	13.8 (33,552)	4.69	1.67
My sense of belonging to this community	263,299	2.0 (5,172)	4.6 (12,148)	8.7 (22,797)	32.2 (84,831)	24.8 (65,175)	20.0 (52,659)	7.8 (20,517)	4.64	1.34
My physical wellbeing	264,062	4.2 (11,112)	8.2 (21,601)	13.7 (36,267)	14.0 (37,052)	28.4 (75,050)	24.3 (64,161)	7.1 (18,819)	4.56	1.56
The balance of activities in my daily life	263,157	3.0 (7,784)	6.7 (17,666)	17.3 (45,467)	19.6 (51,645)	22.4 (58,904)	23.2 (61,001)	7.9 (20,691)	4.53	1.51
My financial situation	262,895	7.1 (18,535)	11.3 (29,759)	10.0 (26,407)	16.8 (44,084)	20.3 (53,476)	24.2 (63,721)	10.2 (26,913)	4.46	1.75
The way my local government responds to community needs	262,432	6.0 (15,800)	7.5 (19,585)	12.3 (30.1)	30.1 (78,894)	25.3 (66,321)	15.6 (40,853)	3.3 (8,769)	4.21	1.45
How well democracy is working in my community	262,176	5.2 (13,716)	10.2 (26,724)	11.1 (29,032)	30.3 (79,422)	22.2 (58,141)	17.0 (44,515)	4.1 (10,626)	4.21	1.49

[a] Based on a 7-point scale where higher scores reflect higher levels of satisfaction with aspect of wellbeing.

Table I2
Extent to Which Respondents Feel the Things They Do in Life are *Worthwhile*

		Percentage of Respondents (n)										Summary statistics	
	n	Very dissatis-fied	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Very satis-fied	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Things I do in life are worthwhile	262,519	0.6 (1,670)	1.6 (4,160)	2.0 (5,256)	1.9 (5,065)	4.1 (10,824)	9.9 (25,966)	12.8 (33,506)	27.3 (71,662)	22.5 (59,179)	17.2 (45,232)	7.80	1.86

[a] Based on a 10-point scale where higher scores reflect higher levels of satisfaction with feeling that things done in life are worthwhile.

Table I3
Respondents Level of *Satisfaction with Life* in General Table

		Percentage of Respondents (n)										Summary statistics	
	n	Very dissatis-fied	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Very satis-fied	Mean[a]	Std. Dev.
Level of satisfaction with life in general	258,066	1.0 (2,661)	1.3 (3,422)	1.9 (4,927)	3.1 (8,097)	3.7 (9,545)	8.2 (21,245)	16.0 (41,383)	19.1 (49,327)	24.3 (62,609)	21.3 (54,850)	7.86	1.96

[a] Based on a 10-point scale where higher scores reflect higher levels of satisfaction with life in general.

Comments

The following *unedited* comments were provided by the survey participants in final section of the questionnaire. Covering a wide range of topics, they have been organised into broad categories and placed within each of the eight CIW domains.

Community Vitality

Community Belonging/Cohesion

- I have lived many years through ups and downs. I would love to be able to run skip and jump and go places, but am now content to take life quietly and be at home in my condo. We have potlucks, barbecues, bingo, etc. at my residence. We are well looked after.
- Victoria has become so large that it is all cold now. I remember in the 1960s when people really did care about each other and shared meals together – not anymore. Barely say hello now. Too many people - too busy on their cell phones, no one talks anymore - does not matter what you provide. More large open markets to meet people and share. Too much computers and no enough telephone conversation. For LVG_03 - infrastructure is crap!
- As someone who moved here as a student and decided to stay, I have found this city to be a very difficult place to make friends. It can be a pretty closed and claustrophobic place at times, I'm not sure how that can be fixed though.
- Make the community safer after dark eg. more lights (solar?) on West Bay Walkway and Selkirk Trestle !!!
- The civility of Salt Spring Discourse must be improved. Ours is no longer a civil community.
- Learn about the new community and neighbourhood that we have moved to/
- It would be wonderful if the neighbours across the street would end their partying at 10 pm instead of 2 or 3 am and if the owner of the property lived in Victoria and could get the situation under control.
- I love my community.
- Bullies are not exclusive to schools; considerations to the fact that there are bullies controlling those in low income or homeless categories. ie: middle management personnel in low income housing, city parks people against the homeless, volunteers at foo banks, etc. Too many people think they have a right to control another person's life and say what they can and can't have! Thought we we're a free country.
- No, I love where we live.
- More green space, bigger back yards and more communication of activities
- Downtown Victoria is a social mess. For a small city, we appear to have a disproportionately large and growing population of street people, many who have addiction and/or mental health issues. Living and/or visiting downtown Victoria should be positive experience: it is not. More needs to be done to improve the wellbeing of our downtown streets, parks and squares.

- Great community.
- Not sure, no ideas at present time. Needs to be some way to better include new entrants to community. Welcome wagon or similar perhaps, not sure.'
- I am very grateful to be born in Canada and live in the community that I live in. Nothing is perfect of course but I feel very lucky in general.
- We love our neighbourhood and are so grateful to be living close to Banfield Park - it has been a real life-saver for us! Gorge swimfest, corn roast - the Vic West community association is fantastic!
- There needs to be more support for the homeless and those with literacy problems so that they can function more effectively in our society.
- We are completely satisfied with the area in which we live.
- More support for families in conflict with other families.
- More of our community residents should be involved in getting themselves and their families prepared in case of an emergency.
- I quite enjoy my community. It's peaceful and comfortable and close to most amenities.
- More police in the neighbourhoods
- Get more people to volunteer. I work with the homeless, making toques & scarves, volunteer at a nursing home, volunteer with the Legion, taught school as a volunteer. We need more volunteers to keep us old folks off the streets.
- My neighbourhood needs more green space. Our region needs to address homelessness, addiction, mental health issues.
- It's a nice community but people are not friendly. Not friendly at all.
- I find the community very closed especially to single women/men. Volunteering keeps me in touch with other people although, not for close friendships. Many people to discuss fun things/events but no commitment to a long term friendship.
- Greater community participation.
- Improve opportunities for those who are disadvantaged in our community.
- I am concerned about children.
  I live in a neighbourhood with 3 schools full of students close by. Unlike when my children were growing up, I notice when I am out walking or gardening, that I rarely hear any children playing outside, exploring their worlds. Childhood obesity and the compounding effects are also impacted by the cost of recreation; I don't know how low income families can afford to have their children go swimming or skating, let alone join organized activities which is needed if parents won't let them play outside. My preference would be to offer free swimming and skating to children under 12 for free.
- More investment in social, cultural and physical infrastructure to support community life - even if it means more taxes!
- I am a professional with over 25 years of experience and am having difficulty finding a job. There seems to be discrimination based on a preference for people with local experience which makes it very difficult to break into the work force. I am not certain but there may be ageism as well re: employing people over 60. My husband died almost three years ago and I moved to Victoria to start over. It is very difficult to get to know people in Victoria particularly in my neighborhood. I have only met one neighbor. Fortunately, I joined a choir and that has given me access to a vibrant community. Lifestyles are generally extremely busy and it is difficult to arrange time to be with friends that I already know because their schedules are so full. The good

part is that Victoria is an appealing place to visit and I have had lots of visitors from elsewhere. I find Victoria difficult to navigate. The streets seem to change names suddenly and I would be lost without my GPS. Bus service is challenging. It often doesn't o where I need to go and I end up walking to make up the difference. I find walking the streets at night where there is no side walk feels very dangerous. I find that everything is very expensive in Victoria. I lived in Whitehorse previously and I was surprised to learn that groceries seem more expensive here. I love Swan Lake Nature Reserve which is very close to where I live. I love the beauty and easy access to nature in Victoria.

- I am about to embark on a new program at our Seniors Centre "Retiring from Driving." This is a very difficult time in one's life and we hope to establish alternatives, comradeship, and support.
- i think we need better strategies to deal with drug use in our community.
- improve relations with First Nations communities- invest in young people
- We need to find ways to build better relationships with First Nations' communities. There should be joint events sponsored by municipalities.
- Encourage positive attitudes and gratefulness for that which we do have. Encourage programmes that teach each of us to help others to smile and be happy for the small things in life....
- Victoria is a great place to live, but I still miss my home province of Ontario. We moved here as our children were both out here. The biggest complaint is the number of visible street people and lack of housing for them.
- I would love to see MORE neighbourhood green spaces. Commons/gathering places - neutral places for neighbors to come together for a variety of purposes - from essential i.e. emergency preparedness to fun and informal. In my fantasy neighbourhood there would be a small common building on an empty lot that served a very intimate area (perhaps 16 square blocks) with car/heavy equipment sharing, an alotment garden, perhaps a free library a cooking area, playground. I lived on a gulf island for many years and miss those non-commercial group gatherings. This is the "It takes a Village" concept. I think the benefits would be extraordinary!
- I am very pleased with my community. I am limited physically to do all (eg. Walking) I would like to do, but it is all beautiful and well thought out.
- I would like to volunteer with an NGO but am reluctant as it seems to be a requirement in BC to submit to a police check regardless of whether you will be working with the vulnerable or not. Also that the information gathered will be shared by the police t virtually anyone who asks. I have no concerns about 'passing" the check, but I do have major privacy concerns based how this information can be used/misused. It is very frustrating as there is alot that that I could contribute from a board level to front line. I will continue to look for opportunities.
- There is only one real test of "community wellbeing". It is this: To what extent do people readily go to the assistance of others in need, even of people they do not know? I urge ou to read the story by Joe O'Connor entitled "Three on the lam no match for town" in the National Post of a few days ago. See Twitter.com/o'connorwrites.
- People in this community have to learn to work together in all aspects such as maintain the churches/decide what church it will be. We have to organise the fate of the municipalities, the number of them in this district is ridiculous, there is too many people with too many discussions which result in nothing being done. We have to make it a better place for us all to live, it will happen in time but it's time that it starts to move in a more organised and quicker fashion.
- Less enabling of the homeless. You cannot be outside after dark. everything that is not secure is taken Cars are broken into. Do not live on the ground floor of any apartment building. Bars and secure locks on all bottom floor windows and doors. Don't go downtown on a Friday. Avoid all homeless, they swear at you and harass you for money. Be aware which route and what streets

you take. Avoid July 1 celebrations downtown and all festivals – too much liquor. Be careful on Sundays downtown. Be out of all parks by 4:30 p.m.

- encourage activities at the neighbourhood level
- encourage consideration of others in public, such as not talking endlessly on cell phones on the bus
- I am concerned that there are many homes now lived in only for a few months a year by people with multiple homes. They tend to have little interest in the community services and "hollow out" the neighbourhood making local business more difficult.
- Get away from the computer!
- I do not use many community resources for my well-being, except for medical care system. I do not usually participate in the use of community recreational facilities and questions about their convenience or accessibility do not apply much to me. I end to decide on my own what activities I will do and may recruit friends to join me (e.g., go for a hike).
- Victoria is the *best* place to live - will never move away :)
- Great place to Live
- I love my community
- I came out here from Alberta 17 years ago to go to school and I haven't been able to leave. I wouldn't live anywhere else in the world.
- We could not have picked a better place to live in Victoria.
- But I do love living in Victoria! :)
- I am assuming that community means the small area I live in. which is Cordova Bay. This has changed from a very mixed neighbourhood, to a somewhat 'UP-MARKET" community. Bus service could be more often but I realise this is not feasible given cost. Traffic is heavier now and as more homes are built there will be further strain on the upkeep of roads, more noise and perhaps more crime. At the moment I feel very safe here - but there is a certain amount of paranoia amongst my elderly neighbours which restricts their activities. I am happy to be living in Canada and in this neighbourhood
- I live in a wonderful community. Enjoy being a part of the Saanich Peninsula. Good neighbours!
- I am happy with my community.
- This is the best place to live
- Not a good or happy place to live
- I think I live in a great community!
- I am generally really happy to live here in this community. That I don't fully utilize all the opportunities says more about me than the community that provides them.
- Community is quite good, probably as good as it gets
- very satisfied here
- This is a great place to live.
- enjoy my community immensely !
- I think overall this is a good community that tries very hard to be very livable.
- Neighborhood gatherings. Free/by donation to all community activities. Posters in main area advertising events. Make it fun to meet new people. Reduce stereotypes/fears of getting to know others. Free/open mike. Music in Cafes. Kid friendly activities in cafes, restaurants/fairs. Many

people are introverts, scored to socialize, but with a welcome they would attend. Invite people who you don't see at these events.

- Make everyone feel truly welcome. Forget religion and sexual differences. Concentrate on arts and gardens, clean air and fair dealings.
- I find Victoria to be very "white".
- On the surface Victoria appears to be a friendly place to live, but in reality people are not really interested in meeting new people (my opinion). Continuing Education courses are somewhat limited, irrespective of the college or university.
- This is Canada forget nationality biases, religious biases, and sexual biases.
- I would like to see an improvement on quality of life for single parents and community building activities
- Clean up the area of drug dealing and make it safe to go out at night
- We live on Gorge Rd and since the new development with the old Traveler's Inn there was been far more disruptions. There are currently more people fighting, yelling, and being rude on the sidewalks and streets. In the last year I have gone from feeling completely safe in my neighbourhood to not wanting to walk alone at night (even with my dog). I find that there seem to be more half way houses popping up all around and a lot of 'high' and drunk people roaming the streets. I love the Gorge area because there are pet friendly apartments and it is such a central location (I work in Metchosin, have family in Broadmead, gym and yoga studios are downtown), but I would not want to raise children in this area because of all the night time commotions on the streets just the other night an ambulance was at our apartment and then the paramedic called the cops to pick up someone fighting on the street.... free entertainment I guess but I would rather feel safe in my community.
- This survey did not address issues of justice. Police behaviour, wrongful convictions, unpunished crimes, and inappropriate sentencing are not uncommon news items. I submit tht wellbeing in the community depends to some degree on how we perceive the effectiveness and fairness of the justice system.
- I'm a very social person who likes to try new things but this city is different from other Canadian cities in that it is very difficult to make new meaningful friendships. It seems to be the culture of the city due to the weather. I am not the only person who feels this way. My company has hired dozens of people from out of province and they have struggled to make new meaningful friendships. I have seen a lot of turnover in within my Supervisor group because when you combine this with the ratio of lowe wages to higher cost of living then it's hard to keep people here. The nice weather and ocean simply aren't enough.
- Greater tolerance for people's differences.
- Greater togetherness and common activities with a sense of common interest. Greater sharing of resources such as lawn mowers, tools, walking dogs, etc.
- Maintaining the rural character of North Saanich and the Peninsula.
- That the neighbourhood newspaper have a place for people to express their needs, such as accommodation wanted or available, interest in forming or joining a club, etc.
- Shut down the internet one day per month, for a community barndance or similar. Public parks are brilliant foresight by our ancestors. Less stucco/quick sale condos/malls [Uptown+] More long term beautiful architecture. Public art decided/created by artists in the community [not by people at a desk...a metal cane in tulips?, corporate sponsored spirit bears/whales?] More eye contact, fewer iphones/devices, more choirs that people feel comfortable singing in. More local news, less Associated Press.

- Nighttime crime: a lot of vehicle break ins - petty theft. I don't go out after dark.
- my community, oak bay, is a very nice and quite community with many options for people of all backgrounds, ethnicity, and age to enjoy all year round. people are generally very pleasant and helpful and polite. I will never move out of this area. I have lied in many of the surrounding areas. and prefer being here.
- I attend St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church in Esquimalt. I think raising the profile of churches and the variety of community services that they offer is helpful.
- Some though could be given to racism - have you encountered it. My son is a visible minority and has experienced this in school, so have some of my friends. Along the same lines some inquiry could be made on the positive side - does your community celebrate diversity? Victoria is a white City - by contrast to Vancouver and "feels" white to me as a person who grew up in Vancouver. I also think the Victoria police are too rough with it's citizens - the new cars and style of engagement - by contrast to Sanich Police is less respectful and injures democracy and my identity as a citizen of Victoria.
- This survey was sent to my deceased husband. I did it instead. The one thing that would make this community better for me would be an activity where I could meet other single/widowed people so I could find someone to take holidays with other han couples. My couple friends are good at including me, but I am always the extra person.
- I am a law-abiding citizen. I find that the Victoria Police force presents an overly aggressive and hostile image, for example, with their most recent black and white Dodge Charger cars. The police themselves are friendly, but the way they present themselves does them and the community a disservice and degrades the image of Victoria as a peaceful and harmonious community. I find this disturbing and unnecessary.
- please send out information in the mail on how we can be more involved. maybe pamphlets with dates of activities
- Start a campaign to instigate more friendliness between strangers. Let's say "HI" when walking by other people on the sidewalks. Too many people ignore other citizens. That would really improve a community.
- Homelessness, mental illness and pan handling are other issues that need to be addressed in the community. Efforts to address these issues have had limited success, but more coordinated efforts by regional, municipal and community organizations are required.
- Personally, I have been in school and working for the past two years so it has been hard to get involved in my neighbourhood, but I know I felt happier when I was more involved.
- Also in your first section you asked about discrimination or ow well a person felt they fitted in. You didn't ask whether someone felt they were discriminated against because of poverty or less money. I don't go out to most community events, concerts, movies, theatre, restaurants or pubs because I cannot afford it, and many people think I'm not being part of the community because I don't do that.
- No suggestions but people have to engage in activity to improve their wellbeing. I walk alot and as I pass by strangers we always say hello with a smile.
- A9: added to discriminated against question "...economic standing"
- A sense of community starts on one's own street. Several neighbours have bonded through interest in growing and trading our own fruit and vegetables. Almost a Tuscan village model!
- Victoria has a massive problem with street people with mental health issues and drug addictions. The current policies and attitudes towards the hoards of street people roaming around town are ineffective. Tourism and the vitality of the city has sufferre just as much from the explosion of street people over the last 15 years as it has from the global economic down turn. I can't

understand why we don't have community leadership that can face this issue and clean up the streets and get these people into functional conditions so that they can get on with their lives. Victoria seems to be a magnet for dirtbags from across the country that can live on the street without freezing to death and we can't be the dumping ground for the bottom end of our society. our survey asked if I felt safe, well I do, because I'm a strong intelligent guy, but my mother for example does not feel safe downtown because of the haywire idiots on drugs with mental issues and their unpredictable and aggressive nature. Who would want to visit Victoria when you have to deal with low lifes? Local government needs to get the Federal government involved on the basis that we're a vacuum for street people and there needs to be programs to get people rehabilitated and back to their own communities and off the streets of Victoria. The Police priority should be to clean up the streets and prevent this from happening on a daily basis. I'm shocked to watch people smoking crack and shooting up in plain sight, like it's OK because they have an addiction illness. It's unacceptable. Those people aren't the disease. The ineffective policies and enforcement is the disease that allows it to happen naturally. They need more than just a meal to keep them going to do it again tomorrow. Yes, there are plenty of programs and access is reasonable, but they are NOT working. At the rate we're going, I won't feel safe either in a few years. Victoria is a gem, but it's not shining like it used to. It's kind of embarrassing really to have been a member of the community so long and watch it go down hill. When I was a kid there was the odd drunk on the streets, but not hundreds of drug addicts. It's unreal. Unless the Local government is willing to make this a top priority and put policies and resources in place to address it, it will only get worse and that will be the "feature" most people think of about Victoria.

- More ways to connect with neighbours who live in direct neighbourhood near us.
- street nursing/care to assist persons in desperate need of bathing, clean clothes. Facilities for persons to relieve themselves rather than in public or residential space. People seem to be walking more which is nice to experience. Our young people 20'- 30's seem to do everything so and too fast. I would like to see cars with better boundaries when people are in crosswalks. Its difficult to be aware of drugs and alcohol to the level it is in our community. People pan handling can be aggressive.
- Yes we need to focus on bigger issues such as Mental Health and addiction and homelessness. These issues I feel are bypassed by such silly matters as Tanning bed regulating and anti smoking by-laws. Most people with mental health issues smoke because it's an emotional suppressant and that is the only form of medication they seem to be able to get. Also work with families of children, teens and Adults of people with these needs instead of tying their hands while trying to help these vulnerable people receive the help they need. Drug addiction is another one and the smoking of marijuana. I am constantly exposed to people who openly smoke marijuana and I find it disgusting that in my building I have to be exposed to this form of second hand smoke and there ae Babies who live in my building as well that are exposed to it by second hand as well, not their parents but in the hallways coming in under doorways and from outside or underneath their closed windows.
- Continue to educate youngsters to be active in their community and to cultivate an ethic of "a civil society". Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important survey.
- More honesty in community - ex. selling nebolizer for new price when it was second hand and scooter. Computer mistakes in stories, short changing people. "sale" should mean sale/better/lower price. Lying to mayor and council because a person is not under oath should not be allowed. You should not need a lawyer to complain to ombudsman. Trust needs to be restored/govt/also caregivers. Seniors changing their wills at 97 should not happen.
- More inclusive with visible minorities on going all issues regarding the entire communities to feel we too count.
- Caring for other people, respecting the environment and going to the church of your faith.

- Victoria is a very white community. It is difficult to feel welcome here if you are not white. More anti-racist and critically delivered multicultural programming in the community would help.
- It's hard to meet new people unless you are quite outgoing & join clubs or meet them thro work. When we moved here I called up Welcome Wagon & was told there isn't this program running in my particular community. My elderly mother (85 yrs) was living with us then and she found it even tougher to meet people & get a sense of belonging. It's a hard go for seniors for sure. They have tough time adjusting

Connected (Public Transit/Bike/Walking Paths)

- Improve the frequency of the running of the 58 Langford Meadows and 57x Express as it runs in the early morning and late afternoon/evening/late evening as it runs from Humpback Road and Sooke Lake Road to the Langford Exchange to Downtown and back again. also please improve the conditions at the Langford Exchange so that there's safe lighting at night there and fully covered bus seats and a security phone that works. And please put in a public bathroom and coffee place there. Thank you for this opportunity to state my concerns as a frequent local bus rider.
- public transportation
- I would like to see sideways & bike paths built so that there is green space and then lanes for car traffic. It is strange to me that everyone is so keen on bikepaths, yet they are dangerously close to cars and often the lanes simply end. It is also strange that the focus is on bike paths in a community where it rains the majority of time and most residents are elderly and not riding their bikes to commute. Families don't really use their bikes to commute either...
- Free bus service downtown.
- Many (!!!) more dedicated bike paths. Much more bike parking downtown.
- stop letting cyclists bully our spending
- Sidewalks that accommodate handicapped and bicycle lanes everywhere to get cars off the road.
- Yes, since we are recently retired, we are thinking that one day we might not have a car, and where most of Victorians live, it is impossible to walk to get your daily needs...like, groceries, etc. I would really like to see more Communities with small shopping areas to be able to walk to, to get your daily groceries, etc....like in Europe!! If they can do it, we can too :)
- better public transportation system, improved walking conditions ie sidewalks, better street lighting at intersections for walking at night,
- Garbage can at opposite end of trail that runs between bern and Hawkes Ave. area.
- We could use more sidewalks, crosswalks, and overpasses. Our area is fairly close to Uptown Shopping Centre and the traffic is quite dangerous, particularly for my daughter, who is disabled/independent, and we are near busy streets although our street is quiet. To get to any shopping or services or recreation, we all have to cross streets with no crosswalks and no sidewalks.
- More cycling paths
- Please run a light rail to the western communities. We're going to run out of gas and those poor folks are going to be stranded.
- Improved cycling facilities, including physically separated bike lanes, signal crossing, water, washrooms and bike air pumps.

- Improvement in Public Transportation would benefit the entire community and greatly improve access to services.
- Keep improving the bike/walking trails. Better mass transit on peninsula (Cordova Bay)
- More better bike paths
- Increase opportunities for transit to Victoria to decrease congestion.
- We need a better public transportation system, within the CRD, and from outlying regions. The bus system does not make it easy to get around Greater Victoria; the hub / mall destination system is very inconvenient.
- I have lived in this neighbourhood for a short time and feel the bus system would be greatly improved by starting a new line down Cloverdale and commencing through to Cook Street.
- There is very limited transit out here and it would be nice to be able to use it on the weekends.
- Better regional planning of transportation.
- Better cycling and walking connections in the neighbourhood.
- Need sidewalks
- Increase the number of non-motorized trails. Find incentives for people to use public transit, provide greater incentives for carshare programs.
- More bike paths would be nice
- provide incentives for use of public transit and/or reward those who use it
- More safe biking trails
- Public transit is not reliable.
- We need much more frequent and extensive bus service. It would take me more than an hour to get to work by bus and to return home by bus. Therefore, I have to drive to and from work.
- Bicycle lanes are good, just don' wreck a natural park (over 60 mature trees cut) to lay down tarmac bicycle paths that only one dozen cyclist a day will use.
- Cheaper Ferry cost, better schedules
- Greatly improve public transit.
- viable public transit; change car culture so cyclists are safe; restore train travel up & down the island;
- There is always room for improving cycling infrastructure, such as paving the Lochside Trail north of
  the Connector Trail (which links Blenkinsop Road with Lochside). Many, many people use this trail for utilitarian purposes (such as cycling to work an shopping) as well as for recreation. The problem is that it is invariably dusty in the summer and muddy in winter, to the detriment of bicycle transmissions.
- Improve the public transit system, and give people more incentive to use it.
- But don't walk out after dark in case I fall
- Better transportation ... i.e. better transit routes, improved traffic control (overpass on MacKenzie!)
- More sidewalks to make walking easier.
  More bicycle paths... Especially those completely separated from traffic.

- Honestly the only thing I can think of is a pedestrian bridge over the highway by the Shell gas Station. I see too many young kids walking over the bridge and long distances back and forth to school or sporting activities.
- Expand transit services by improving connections between lines
- address the traffic situation for commuters between Sooke/Westshore and Victoria. Add a transportation tax and then make bus service free. It would be very difficult for people to rationalize using their cars and would entice them out of their cars and nto the bus.
- Also, more and better cycling lanes within the city of Victoria.
- improvement to transit is a big issue. Now I can get around by car, and even though that is not environmentally desirable, at least I am not isolated. I am concerned about a time when I can no longer do this.
- older community, difficult to get around without using car.
- Better bicycling infrastructure
- Improve access to parks for pedestrians and cyclist in partnership with MOT and municipal governments. For example an over pass across hwy 17 to Elk/Beaver ake park. A bike/ped path on the east side of the park connecting the Beaver Lake main entrance to the boathouse and Hamsterly Beach would also improve safety and access without the need for a car.
- iT MIGHT HELP TO HAVE A BUS SHELTER AT Kipling AND fAIRFIELD perhaps MORE BENCHES - BUT PERHAPS THEY WOULD BE VANDALIZED
- All levels of government should fully embrace the Transportation Hierarchy; Pedestrians, Cyclists, Transit, Service vehicles, Taxis, Multi-occupant vehicles, Single occupant vehicles. This will reduce congestion and air pollution and increase the general ealth and wellbeing of the entire community.
- Better cycling and walking facilities.
- There could be better transportation for seniors who would like to drive less, but don't have adequate public transportation.
- - less driving- more carsharing, better transit and safer cycling routes along main corridors
- Improve public transit - the cost of traffic is harming our residents both in health (soot, exhaust gasses) and financially (wasted gas, higher costs to deliver items)
- Community needs to start planning for mass transit from outlying areas and ferry terminal to Victoria. (not more busses)
- better public transit (look to Bergen, Norway for example. very similar to Victoria but with a train and bus system that puts us to shame.
  - turn many streets into single lane and make bike paths on the other side so biking is much safer and easier.
  - extend the public transit to more areas of natural environment (Sooke pot-holes, East Sooke Park etc.)
  sidewalks and extra street parking (parking bays) to make walking along the street safer
- H.8. On mainland. Can't afford many ferry trips now. TOO expensive. Disgusted with end of senior benefit.
- Make the city as pedestrian-friendly as possible for people of all ages.
- Expand system of bicycle lanes and trails, and add dedicated bike streets (ie, Haultain, David, etc.)
  Regulate and enforce bicycle traffic (they must function like other vehicles)
- safe bicycle lanes

- More bike lanes, sidewalks, public transportation.
- Bus Transit Fares should be the same prices Saturdays as on the week-days as people who work all week, could shop on Sats, rather than wait an hour between buses.
- Make Bicycling safer. Make more parks and parklets. Make downtown safer. Better bus connections (avoid having them all downtown). More bus service. Better lighting at bus stops. More help/support for visually impaired. Reinstate train up - island, to langford, goldstream. More cheap or free visits to art gallery and museum (royal BC) and historical homes.
- I believe all seniors should have free bus transportation and a special low fee on all ferries and rail travel across Canada.
- A local car-share.
- Yes. Less people using their cars and MORE people using public transportation. This survey does NOt cover this topic at all, WHY?
  MORE PUNLIC TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.
- Sidewalks i have a special needs child and gravel doesn't work well with her chair wheels
- More bike lanes
- Safer bike lanes.
- I am a retiree who is an active and competitive cyclist. More and improved bike routes would be a priority for me. In addition I am of the opinion that the current move to bring passenger rail back into service involves money that could be best spent elsewhere. Convert the current rail line into a commuter trail for bikers and walkers.
- Bus service and or commuter train that starts earlier than 6:38 AM
  I start work at 7 AM and it takes 90 min to go 4 miles (.25 miles swimming) with our transit system Esquimalt Lagoon to Dockyard(CFB Esquimalt).
- Light rail transit is needed, to connect the ferry terminal and airport with downtown Victoria and the Western Communities.
- Create more bicycle lanes
- Fix the transit to Victoria
- improved public transit
  improved & increased cycling paths
- Better bus service
- improved bus service to provide access to more parts of the community, efficiently.
  Creation of more bike lanes.
- Clean up the walking and bike trails throughout the region.
- Provide more sidewalks and lighted highways. The roadways are extremely dark and especially so during a rainy evening. Walkers and cyclists are in danger every night.
- Its a great place to live, especially for a senior - you do not have to drive because of all that public transit and the level walking and the ocean
- Have more bike lanes so that everyone, cars, pedestrians and bikes, can travel safely.
- Try to ensure pavements (sidewalks) are wide enough for numerous walkers, wheelchairs. and pedestrians, wherever possible. I am not in need yet, hopefully, will not be, just for other walkers.
- Build more bicycle paths and bike lanes.
  Improve public transit.

- A Cook St/Quadra St. Village, pedestrian friendly area in Esquimalt would be fantastic.
- We need to make our community safer regarding accessibility for all - including better sidewalks and pedestrian access in the downtown core and surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Improve the bus service. Currently it is impossible for us to use public transit as we live at the top of a steep hill and cannot walk to the bus stop
- Long, seldom used stretches of sidewalk on busy streets should be reserved for bicycle use.
- Continued investment in regional trail systems.
- MORE BIKE PATHS on main routes.
- sidewalks on both sides of major streets and improved pedestrian crossing areas
- Build Light Rapid Transit. The British built their Metropolitan (Underground) rail system long before the population was large enough to make it financially profitable. See: London Museum Pictures circa 1865 of the construction of the railway into the Ear's Court District looking out to empty land.
- Create more useful bus routes. I.E. cover more residential neighbourhood, even using small buses to provide rides to transfer areas. Better night coverage for workers.
- Sidewalks and lighting
- more bikes, less cars. Protect the planet.
- Improved public transit
- safer bike infrastructure would encourage me to bike more instead of driving; more pedestrian-friendly areas would be nice.
- Bike lanes everywhere. More public transit. More driver/people education for cars around bikes, so families feel safe biking. Dispel the idea that everyone has RIGHT to drive their own car.
- My neighborhood shops are not wheelchair accessible; accessibility would help greatly. Many of the sidewalks do not slope down at intersections - same problem.
- I would like to see wider sidewalks that would encourage people to use them for daily outings and exercise.
- Maintain good public transportation.
- Had I written this survey 18 months ago, my answers may have been quite different. I do not drive so rely on transit and walking for most of my activities. Used to live right by Tillicum Centre, which was an excellent neighbourhood with everything at yor fingertips. Now, up on high Quadra. Very limited choices for shopping, much busier street, cars constantly speeding, frequent accidents. Other things in life have just been much busier. At our old address we knew all our neighbours and lived right b Les Passmore. Visited there a lot, but from townhouse to house, I find I meet far fewer of my neighbours... although the ones we have met are very nice. Hope this information is useful to you. Cheers.
- provide many more sidewalks, street lights, remove power poles (install underground services) paved bike paths, paved road shoulders
- better transit service; more attention to engineering to promote safer interactions between vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists and encourage more walking and cycling (example, sidewalks just end abruptly in lots of places, no consistency with crosswalk standards, never see enforcement for unsafe cyclists not following rules of the road, such as no lights at dark, or not using helmets, or biking on sidewalks..
- Improve biking paths

- More bike lanes. Higher density downtown. Improved transit. Open Trans-Canada trail route through Sooke lake watershed.
- Improve local transportation options
- It would be nice to have cleaner boulevards and more sidewalks.
- More bicycle lanes for improved rides in the community. Bicycle lock ups too.
- Better Public Transport in my particular area.
- We need bus service in our neighbourhood.
- more bike lanes
- Promote public transit. Have more car free zones/times.
- wider sidewalks to accommodate scooters passing pedestrians, strollers etc
- Safer crosswalks to and from local bus stops!
- put a priority on sidewalks especially where students travel to and from school. would also increase alder adult mobility for exercise (Stellys Cross Road)
- better access for biking and walking to and from elementary schools. safety is a concern for children walking and biking along cedar hill road from cedar hill and doncaster schools toward cedar hill rec centre (going south). there needs to be a biking lne from cedar hill middle school going south and a better sidewalk from doncaster school going south as well especially at the bend of the road by Wetherby park. there is no barrier and cars are coming straight at you at this bend.
- We must reduce the car traffic or else we will lose the healthy air and safe streets we enjoy. More walking paths should be opened in the neighbourhoods to encourage walking to school. shop or etc.
- better regional transportation
- support the E&N rail line as a commuter train, even if it doesn't make total economic sense at the moment; get bikes onto their own lanes and off the roads before more people get killed
- The wellbeing of my community could be enhanced by putting sidewalks on Admirals Road between the Admirals Walk shopping centre and Maplebank Road. There is a large community of young families who walk that stretch of road to get groceries, go to school,etc. The Songhees First Nation has just built a large Wellness Centre and are encouraging their community to utilize the amenities yet it is a very unsafe road to walk on with high traffic levels, high speed and absolutely no sidewalks.
- There is no town center in View Royal. If I could, I would move to a more walkable neighbourhood since I feel like I have to drive to most places that I want to go to.

Ferry

- We live on an island. We are unable to visit our grandchildren in Victoria more than once a month due to ferry cost. Although we love this community we are considering leaving due to ferry expense.
- To find a way to make travelling to the mainland more affordable. Ferries are so expensive. If I or my children could travel more easily I could spend more time with my children, and grandchild.
- Re-instigate the free ferry for seniors Mon-Thurs. and reduce ferry fares to a reasonable rate...our families can't afford to visit as often as in the past and tourists find it hard to manage also.
- better ferry service have b c ferry go back to seniors fare free between mon and thurs Can't afford to go off island too many time
- Reduce ferry fares
- less expensive ferry service
- I live on a gulf island - ferry fares have reached the point where I cannot afford to leave the island as much as I would like to visit children, grandchildren and for recreation purposes. My children cannot afford the ferry to come over to see me. I also volunteer professionally in Victoria, but ferry fares have impacted the number of times I can do this - I'm very frustrated as the need is great for my services but I just cannot afford to increase the trips.
- the ferry costs should be reduced for persons with disabilities.
- We need reduced BC Ferry fare for Islanders in order to take advantage of the opportunities available in Victoria. We do not go off island as often as we did, say five years ago.
- Ferry trips should be more affordable. Lower fares would improve my community and possibly encourage more full time residents. Also, more access to moorage for private and/or recreational vessels would be a big improvement in my community.
- I live on an island served by BC Ferries. The increased cost of fares will seriously impact the wellbeing in our community if young people cannot afford to live here. Providing free ferry travel for them to access programs for their children that are no available here would be a start.
- Improved Ferry Connections at reasonable prices. Need to reach Dentists, Optical Services & Doctor, Medical Specialists, Services such as X-ray, CAT scans, Surgery, etc. Also require Ferry for purchasing Clothing, Prescriptions, some foods unavailable locally. Schedule does not allow for attending meetings or cultural events in Victoria or Saanich Peninsula and return home same evening. Fares have become exorbitant, excluding travel for a days' leisure activities - such as swimming, attend play, visit galleries or library. Travel has become done only for necessary care.
- Lower ferry fares. Because of the exorbitant ferry fares, my children and grandchildren cannot afford to come visit very often, nor can I afford to go visit them (on the mainland.) That is the single most significant thing that would improve life for me ad my neighbours on Gulf Islands.
- The cost of ferries inhibits opportunity for cultural activity.
- Improve the ferry service
- Put BC Ferries back on the provincial transportation tax roll. Our local economy is dependant upon a subsidized ferry system.
- Cheaper Ferry Service to enable more day trips off the Island

- BC Ferries is strangling the economic and social wellbeing of our island communities with the out of control fares but the responsibility lies with the Liberal Government policies. In the Coastal communities, families are losing the ability of spending tie together and business are suffering due to the cost of the ferry fares. So much for "Family's First"....
- Increasing ferry fares are having an extremely negative effect on our communities (Southern Gulf Islands) and on my family's ability to access the services we need. As well, the cost of ferry travel has had a very negative impact on our personal financial situation. My husband has to travel to Vancouver weekly to care for his brother who has disabilities. As well, we both need to travel to access medical specialists. The increasing costs of ferry fares has also had a negative impact on the value of property on our islands. The assessed value of our house is decreasing yearly from a high of $680,00 to a current value of $479.00. The government and the ferry corporation are not responding to any of the information that they receive from their expensive consultations. The residents of the islands are feeling helpless and hopeless about this issue.
- Another problem is the cost of the ferry service has increased combine with our economy relying on tourism that makes for fewer jobs here on the island. This has caused Salt Spring Island (a few years ago consider one of the top artists are) to fall on very hard times. A bridge to Vancouver Island a very short distance should be considered)
- 1) Reduce ferry fares, especially between Southern Gulf Islands and the Lower Mainland
  2) Increase ferry service, especially between Southern Gulf Islands, between Southern Gulf Islands and Swartz Bay and between Southern Gulf Islands and the Lower Mainland

Special populations (rural communities, older adults, people with disabilities)

- I would like to see more mentoring apprentice type programs for young adults who have finished school but can't find work, don't get unemployment insurance or welfare. I would like to have more support for seniors and disabled who are too prone too prone to ask for help but i see with no gloves in winter, etc. Please show more respect for all, despite political differences. I am very grateful to live where I do, despite it's challenges.
- Places when I can go close by that are accessible for a walker or wheelchair.
- The elderly residents need more accessible resources to improve their quality of life.
- Need more discounts, free services/rides for seniors
- Reduce cost of services to seniors.
- I have just been accepted to receive social assistance. I believe I fit PPMB status but have to wait 2 years to receive that status. In the meantime to try and get the support I need I have been given a "Persons with disabilities designation application". I do not consider myself disabled, just a person with persistent multiple barriers at this time and hope if I can get the help I need NOW will not need assistance in two years. I need PPMB status now!
- Less demand for elderly to have to use computers for just about everything.
- Need quality programs, housing, activities for seniors. Full-time caregivers need help too (paid a stipend for care, are given funds & time to be able to get much needed respite - whatever form that may take). Sadly, seniors/caregivers have no socially disruptive advocacy group to sway political policies (such as those who do civil disobedience in the name of the cause of the homeless & drug-addicted populations) Squeaky wheels get the oil in this society!! It is those who cannot, are unable, or just plain exhausted taxpayers who cannot get the help they need. (seniors & especially their UNPAID, 24 hr., 7 days/wk. family caregiver)

- I am a senior with Parkinson's Disease and other physical disabilities such a visual impairment, heart problems ....I don't think many of the questions applied to me!
  Parkinson's Society offers a community program which I attend.
  I attend a program at Lther Court.
  I am not able to participate in other regular community programs or outings without assistance.
  Community programs for people with disabilities would assist me!
- More assistance for chronically disabled people and greater ease of locating the help that already exists.
  More assistance with aging parents living with children.
- As a disabled person I find assistance very difficult to find. For example yard work is out for both my husband and I. Or choices in what we do with our limited abilities are reserved in looking after ourselves to get through the day so assistance in getting say the lawn mowed is needed and yet very hard to find. Assistance for such activities are tied to much to being employed vs need. For example I can do my own lawn but then I cannot work but unless I am unemployed I am not in need of assistance. Working is the preferred situation as it provides one with a sense of purpose, a reason to get out of bed no matter how bad te day starts out physically and lets you feel like you are contributing to society as well. The flip side though is it also does make you feel worthless when you come home stressed from more than one job
- Provide incentives for families seeking ways to accommodate aging parents, adaptations for housing, in-law suites that work by helping to reduce barriers around permits and secondary suites. The existing system hasn't worked for us yet - and we want to find ways to help.
- This is an island so some activities are limited.
- I am completing this survey on behalf of my 89-year-old mother, who received the survey in the mail. She suffers from dementia, has had at least one stroke, uses a walker and for the past several years has refused to leave her complex except for medical appointments. She is very anxious and antisocial and does not partake in any of the activities at her senior's complex. I took her to an exercise program at the Royal Jubilee Seniors Outpatient Clinic, but they discharge patients after 8 weeks, with the suggestion that they go to community based exercise classes. There are several "gentle" and "fall prevention" programs, but so far they have all had music playing, which makes it difficult for her to hear, and the other participants were much younger than sh was. *It would be wonderful if there were classes specifically for the elderly, that were able to accept people with dementia. Also, although this relates more to the health care system, programs and facilities for elderly people with mental health issues*
- Dwell less on poverty needs, aboriginal needs, and provide better for the aging population (including all thenics). The middle-age and aging are being ignored, or "taken for granted" toooo often!
- keep the youth detention center open
  preserve the Native Friendship centres
  provide proper facilities for incarcerated women in Victoria
- In the 1960s, my mother warned me tat "women in UK become invisible once they are old".
  This statement is true here in Victoria today, in many areas of the community.
- North Saanich is a very isolated community, where there are little to no services.
  North Saanich needs more commercial areas, services, cultural and recreation opportunities.
- Potlucks for the people who live on our rural road.
- A recognition by communities of the potential of the senior populations ability to contribute to society and less dismissiveness of their right to exist. Stop blaming us for the burden on society and being the root of all ills plaguing our society. We fee we are being punished for being part

of the baby boom generation. After all many of the privileges society enjoys today are due to the efforts of the very seniors society despises.

- (A9. added another question "handicapped" - feel discriminated against in the community because of this ALL OF THE TIME) (F3. added another question " Are all the courses on the mainland and too expensive, ie. Ferry, Hotel, Transport, Meals, Gas, and Course cost." - VERY STRONGLY AGREE) (Note: working under the table) Comment: End the prejudice and bias at the food bank against single people there is no way in hell single people get a proper monthly ration, compared to the so-called families. Prejudice against handicapped people, ie. Job hirers, or extra activities people.
- (A9. added another question "handicapped" - feel discriminated against in the community because of this ALL OF THE TIME)
- Clearly this questionnaire is not applicable to people living on the Gulf Islands. For us the CRD represents "just another brick in the wall".
- i live in very rural area so your question about how safe is it to leave children playing outside, requires a comment that it depends on age of child because there are cougars and bears coexisting with humans.
- Prejudice against handicapped people, ie. Job hirers, or extra activities people.
- You never ask re military service Why? Consider W/W/-2- This plays a part in a veterans life. I live with pain body, mind and heart.!
- Restore old service of housekeeping help according to need and paid accordingly to income, to enable seniors (and disabled) to live in a reasonably clean house. Currently help is provided medically and installation of safety aids, without bothering how filthy the home may become. Can't look to friends in their nineties or even more disabled to help.
- How about some free shuttle buses running from neighbourhoods to town to hospitals, "Return Ticket"-usable bus fare and bus fare for people on disability but who are on disability through work (therefore not eligible for subsidy). Create more groups for "high functioning" educated individuals on leave from work due to mental/physical disabilities. Re-institute institutions to care for individuals with severe lifelong mental illness, rather than only group homes; 2 reasons - decrease street people, increase space in mental health hospitals for individuals needing urgent care rather than [?] a "holding pattern" for months at a time for individuals cycling in and out of group homes or on the street. More volunteer opportunities of ~ 2hours/day and more than just on /week. I have volunteered (office work) at 2# of places, and also looked into volunteering at lots of others. So many want 3-4hours , 2 only, shift . I [illegible] something daily in the morning; it's proven difficult to find and only to work 1-2 places/week.
- Both my husband and I are seniors (80 years old) and I don't drive. My husband drives, but restricted not to drive at night and not off island. He has health problems and I look after him 24/7 and only transport I have is BUS NO 11 (my two legs) Exercise walking with my dog!!! How can we age at home gracefully?? If I'm sick my husband can't look after me. He can't even COOK!!
- Being a semi-disabled senior many opportunities do not apply to me. Would like to see more services for seniors such as transportation for a nominal fee.
- Salt Spring and the other islands are not the same as "Victoria". It would be wrong to lump all the data together, yet you have not asked which area of the CRD communities we live in. The islands have many problems with age related issues, at both ends – not enough work and childcare for young families, not enough medical and other services for seniors. We are suffering from diminishing ferry services and increasing costs for almost everything. Our volunteer groups and activities are legendary but the younger generation does not seem to be stepping up to learn and take over. Then understanding that taxes and what they can do if fairly

assessed and allocated to solve collective problems and deficits is so badly weakened at all levels of government that the key determinants of healthy communities are seriously in peril. Focus on the needs of children and seniors, and the continuing health of our environment on which everything else depends.

- I am a senior, living in a retirement residence. I am fairly independent, needing help only with heavier household chores such as clothes washing or lifting heavier articles to put them away. I enjoy such a survey as this but am frustrated as most of the questions can only be answered by someone of my generation with both a "yes" and a "no". It seems as if the curvey has no real concept of how to enable us to participate. With a few exceptions, the questions in the survey are mostly excellent for younger people but don't really apply to those of us whose physical limitations structure our life style. Anyways, thank you for this opportunity to participate. It was stimulating if also frustrating.
- audible signal for blind on Tillicum and carey intersection
- I live in a rural community and there are few opportunities for neighbours to gather or get to know each other. Our services and programs typically exist in other communities.
- Our community does very well in providing services for those who are vulnerable, our Food Bank and our crisis counsellors are two examples. The adults are generally well served. I can't take advantage of many of the opportunities because of my poor health at the moment.
- Better support care for care givers and individuals living alone. Also easier access to help for single parents and their children. More common sense less studies of problems.
- Disabilities in Canada are not certified in the same way. Public transit disability (discount pass) does not have the same as Federal Government physical disability (PTSD). This is something I would like to see amended in the next year.
- Universal Access, barrier-free design in the built environment.
- living in a rural area naturally has limitations

Healthy Populations

Health care services – presence/access

- More recognition for people who have hearing problems.
- Having lived in UK and Germany, I find that our health care is less than adequate especially for seniors. [Note: Is blind so doesn't walking alone in neighbourhood after dark and driving doesn't apply.]
- A walk-in medical clinic with longer hours.
  More GPs.
- Meals on Wheels reinstituted. Affordable access to homecare help for the overburdened caregivers.
- increase support for mental health challenges and education to help improve mental wellbeing.
- Better, timely health care access with no age discrimination.
- Please take care of the mentally ill people walking the streets of our downtown by providing street level social workers and health care providers.

- Lobby the federal government to provide permanent mental health facilities for those in the community that can not take care of themselves due to mental issues. Go back to 2 physician signatures to commit someone to mental health care and do NOT release them into the community unless there is a support network or housing to help them. The municipal police are far too busy with people that commit offences due to mental health issues. The municipality is paying for this HUGE lack of service that our Province and Federal Government used to provide. Mental health facilities work. There needs to be more accountability for staff at these facilities and surveillance to ensure the safety of not only the patients but the staff as well. Get on with it!!!!
- I would like to see a proper 7 day 10 hr a day walk in clinic.
- There is a dearth of mental health facilities in this community, and that which is available is financially unreachable. Counselling should be provided free of charge, as it is in other provinces.
- More mental health services for people living with depression. Not really serious depression, but very unhappy because of it.
- Urgently improve access to primary health care of all kinds [physicians and home care].
- I am looking for free one on one counselling to help me with issues that come up and affect my depression. I will try Victoria Sexual Assault Centre as it was recently recommended by my friend. I do try hard to get out to the gym or pool now I have a passor walk with friends, and I am trying to find a venue to do massage but I just find it so overwhelming without support. My girlfriend brings me bags of food from time to time which helps alot.
- mental heath accessibility for children needs to be improved. Wait times of 3-6 months to access out patient support is unacceptable and puts our mentally struggling youth at serious risk. The strain on the supporting family can be unbearable as they desperately try and keep their child safe and supported until a professional is available
- I also believe many of our social problems (addiction, theft, fights, family breakdowns) are exacerbated by the lack of mental health supports...and I think this needs to be addressed above the municipal/regional level with a national strategy and national financial support.
- Lacking operating services in an emergency could and will cause a disaster or fatality sooner or later, especially if bad weather-no ferry, no plane!
- Home care help on discharge from hospital after heart by-pass, none was available or offered in 2007
- improve health care (access to specialists, access to timely diagnostic tests, some sort of universal dental care - particularly for children)
- Need more health care e.g. Mental health support for youth
- I see a few priorities The lack of mental health services in the CRD cause undo hardship on families frequently to the point of breakdown. The lack of increased programs and services for families living with dementia. We as a neighbourhood provide support to one family where a spouse has early dementia and the other spouse must still work, organize the household and look after the not yet totally independent children.
- Treat addiction as a mental issue inc. alcohol. Less expensive OTC Meds and coverage all 45 i/c pharmacare
- - more care/treatment/housing for people with mental illnesses
  - safe injection site
- Wish there were a dentist and a bank on island, but one learns to do without, or to make other arrangements.

- reduce health expenses
- Transportation for medical appointments on Salt Spring and Vancouver Island,

  Access to medical specialists on salt spring
  Availability of minor surgery at local hospital

- Medical tests and specialists and treatments should be available or come to local communities where possible as it would save stress to seniors and cars and drivers on highway. Virtual doctors?
- I believe all seniors should get free dental care for examinations cleaning, basic fillings, extractions. Dentists generally have no soul and money is their God.
- Better and more timely access to health care.
- A drop in medical centre not necessarily with a doctor but a medical nurse or public health nurse, for simple ageing problems. i.e. blood pressure check, podiatrist, assistance with showering, treatment of simple skin lesions. Many seniors' who do not rive and have a doctor who is in another area of Victoria. They have to wait weeks to get an appointment, yet they need simple assistance. The MEDICAL CLINICS are often crowded with long waits. A community care clinic will solve many problems for seniors
- Focus more on local micro health centre rather than regional services
- Help to allow seniors to stay in their own homes is paramount - again saves $$. UK services in this area are good and charged as can be afforded so they can stay in their own home (my mum unti 106).
  Medical help for chronic pain is sadly under researched and underfunded.
- More access to health care
- Our two main problems are health care and water quality. VIHA has eviscerated our health care by making it less appealing for physicians to remain on SSI. There is a major doctor shortage in an community with many older people who are unable to get family physicians.
- More access to affordable mental health care.
- My wife was diagnosed with dementia five years ago and entered a care home seven months ago.
- Anything that helps Seniors to stay in their homes and community. district nurses, home care
- Residential care for seniors is inadequate: too few beds, hard to access in a timely manner, not close enough to family for their continued support, many current facilities are tired and worn. So wellbeing in my community would see more residential care eds for seniors, available in a timely manner, without the hassles currently encountered, and be modern, pleasant facilities.
- Dental and hearing subsidized services for seniors would save the province a great deal of money for health services, and enable many seniors to work longer.
- Medical tests and specialists and treatments should be available or come to local communities where possible as it would save stress to seniors and cars and drivers on highway. Virtual doctors?
- Improve mental health services for the community - services that are affordable and accessible to most people. To see a licensed psychologist you will pay over $120 per visit - if you are lucky enough to have a health care plan this may cover 2-3 visits,GP's may refer you to community counselling services, but these volunteers aren't covered under a medical plan.
- get rid of drop in clinics and replace with general practice clinic

- Yes, I am a wife and caregiver for my husband who has Dementia due to strokes. I would like more opportunities for respite care for myself.
- free health care for everyone (no surcharges)!
- I would appreciate more respite support for caregivers of mentally and physically challenged relatives at a time which is good for the caregiver ex. a week's holiday in the summer. (I gave up after asking for 3 years) It is a financial strain to py for respite care. I find Community Living BC totally unsatisfactory and I worry about what will happen to my sister, 68, if I become disabled or die. The closing of group homes was a very bad decision.
- Improve access to mental health services for children.
- We have a hospital here on Salt Spring Island that used to also have an operating room. Many seniors contributed to equipment by donations and in their wills. Over the past few years we have lost the operating room. This was an important part of our living here on Salt Spring for our well being. Because the surgery is gone some of the doctors are no longer here. In bad weather helicopter does not operate, nor the ferry after 8pm.
- Infertility is a medical condition afflicting 1/6 Canadians that can cause extreme sadness and more. There needs to be more programming to help individuals couples struggling with infertility to connect to each other for support. There should also be more support and subsidy for those interested in adopting. Currently, the costs are prohibitive for domestic adoption (roughly $25000) and international adoption ($75000 and more).
- legalize assisted dying

Family doctors / physicians

- Somehow or other, more family doctors. It is very frustrating as a senior not have more time, or a regular physician to consult with.
- Why are doctors leaving Victoria? Why are there such long waiting lists?
- More medical G.P.'s are needed in Victoria
- better access to a family doctor
- we need more Doctors on the small Islands
- I feel that the lack of family doctors is appalling, and a danger to the health of those people who have to rely on walk-in clinics.
- Encourage physicians and specialists to practice in this community - currently there are no physicians taking new patients in the West Shore area.
- We need doctors to accept new patients.
- If older people especially had familiar doctors who could see if they are running into trouble and assess them quicker would help.
- I wish there were family doctors - not just walk-in clinics.
- more physicians who are taking patients
- More family Physicians
- More doctors
- Improve access to family physicians or better yet introduce family medical clinics with rotating staff to serve local population (not the same as walk in clinic) ie that would keep your records, help organize your care long-term.

- The absence of a doctor makes for concern about accidents and emergencies. We plan to move out of this community as soon as convenient.
- Improvement in the number of Doctors available and the time allotment that is allowed per visit. Our healthcare system is a sham. Needs major overhaul. I resent being treated as a commodity rather than a whole person.
- It is a very sad consideration tat at a time in my life when the potential need for a doctor is at its greatest, it is the time when one is no longer available.
- Get more General Practitioners so everyone can have a family doctor. Thus, when something goes wrong medically, there is a way to get the resources for testing and healing.
- Healthcare and availability of family physicians are an issue in our region.
- More doctors, more health practitioners in general,
- My personal greatest issue is the lack of family doctors. At 69, for the first time in my life, I do not have a family doctor. I have tried every avenue available to me since my doctor retired 6 months ago, to no avail.
- More family physicians.
- We live in a wonderful community with access to all the things we need except for access to physicians that are interested in accepting seniors as patients. When my doctor retired it was very difficult to find a replacement. Don't know what the solution is, but it is a challenge for sure.
- Access to family doctors is a huge problem, we need more.
- It is impossible to find a family doctor when our present doctor retires in a few months.
- While it may not be in the scope of this survey, one of the most pressing matters for me at the moment is to find a family doctor. Mine has abruptly left his practice due to mental heath concerns and I have not been able to find a regular family doctor for over a year
- - Provide incentives for family medicine practitioners (more GP's; fewer drop-in clinics)
- I wish I could find a GP. Mine left her practice in the fall of 2013 and I can't find a GP.
- It would be nice to see more Doctors/Physicians in our community!
- We need another full time doctor
- Need to hire more doctors
- We need many more family physicians. I have been without a family physician for years.
- Shortage of family doctors and specialists on the Peninsula needs to be addressed. The situation is bad now and getting worse.
- More doctors

Health care services – quality

- There needs to be more responsive care for caregivers of the elderly and people with disabilities. Some good services are in place, but there should be more government run-services to connect caregivers and provide respite. A maximum of 4 hours a day for public home care is too little.
- I have not had problems with health care but others do. I think the local Commonwealth Pool team is outstanding. My daughter said nothing like it for programs for her kids in Waterloo Ont.(12 years ago)

- I have not had problems with health care but others do.
- One of my major concerns in this region is the poor health care. People are waiting 12 to 18 months for hip replacements. In addition our health care model does not work. There are not enough GPs for people in the region. We need more
- Too long with waiting for service
- Health care is suffering from long waits still. My husband had to wait over a year for surgery. My surgery was expedited because of my situation however, I was forced to wait in the hospital for the surgery while on salne and pain medication waiting for a surgical opportunity to open up for 4 days. 4 days in an emergency situation is unacceptable.
- shorten up Hospital time for elective surgery
- Shorter waits for CT'S AND MRI'S
- Shorter wait-times for hospital services.
- less pill pushing of fancy new drugs which are expensive and many side effects
- Timely access to health care services needs to be improved
- better treatment when in hospital, I.e. feeding patients who cannot feed themselves.
- On the other hand, services and car at Saanich Peninsula Hospital are excellent.
- Last year I experienced the severe discrepancies existing within out Health Care System, while awaiting Joint replacement for far too long. I slipped through the cracks until my adult son intervened from another city.
- Given my experience with mental health issues, I feel that not having immediate access to help very troublesome. Wait lists are not an acceptable part of our health care system. There is a great need to respond to those who are in pain, be that mental or physical pain.
- My husband is now on a waiting list for surgery. Hopefully the wait will not be too long.
- A very long waiting tim in our health care system if you do not have an emergency.
- We are thankful to the medical system, social workers, the police, transition house and legal aid for providing care to our daughter during a crisis.
- The Government not allowing P3 corporations and the provincial health care to essentially expropriate a strata corporation for their "facility". This has caused an enormous financial burden and emotional stress to the very elderly owners who just want thir strata corporation to return to what it legally is, always was, and is zoned/building coded for. It would be very helpful if the provincial government stopped downloading senior care into the community. The "stay in your home longer" policy is a dismal failure where benign neglect is more common than excellent care.
- For our medical system to be more proactive in treating obesity/poor eating habits
- yes, the quality of healthcare provided is ridiculous. Wait times are ridiculous compared to elsewhere in the province and in other provinces.
- Island Health has not been helpful in establishing clinics for people over 50;in fact Island Health was instrumental in closing such a clinic that was working extremely well. Previously I saw the same GP ;now a different GP each time and the last person eem to have the competence of someone with dementia!!
- Most importantly, mental health and addictions services and supports are deficient, inaccessible. Thanks for asking for input!

- Hospital is downgraded by Victoria even though it has operating facilities. This has resulted in losing the
  most skilled doctors.
- Health care could be greatly improved. From the waiting times in emergency rooms to the waiting times for surgery. Also the cost of medications for seniors with no health plan other than MSP.
- health facilities are excellent in our period of and we appreciate that.
- More affordable, quality CARE FACILITIES for seniors with disabilities such as dementia and persons in wheelchairs. More spaces for elderly couples who do not wish to be separated when placed in a care facility.
- There is a wide gap between the philosophy of aging in place & actual support of aging in place. I've cared for two parents through significant health needs prior to their deaths and discovered that there are many gaps in accessing supports and care. There are some wonderful people working in this area but the needs of an aging population are much greater than services available. I'm concerned for seniors who have no family or friend to advocate for them or whose family cannot afford to take time off work o provide the additional care needed and / or arrange for that care.
- My husband moved into extended care 12 days ago. There is a great disparity in what the different facilities have to offer. Some are really struggling and others seem to have a great deal to offer.
  The way that VIHA is handling some things does not see either right or considerate of the fact that they are dealing with human beings, not a number in a database.
- Please improve the quality of health services in this community. Make it a more attractive place for specialists and doctors to live.
- Access to formal mental health care is difficult - I have assisted friends and psychiatry access is limited.

Democratic Engagement

Government leadership

- Something major has to change on this island.
  CRD and Islands Trust are not working hand in hand.
  It is a disaster.
- Elect a different provincial government.
- respect property rights, stop the CRD, Lower the MLA's salary, stop implementing UN Agenda 21, have the constitution hung in every public building
- Abolish the islands trust, or convert to municipality with no duplication in services, and no overall increase in the local cost of government. The cost of the trust is a handicap to developing this community both politically and financially.
- get rid of the CRD

- Please get government back into their responsibility of serving citizens. Applying for funding is using up the resources of most o our non profits and services are not being delivered. We need efficiencies.
- Improve decision making in the CRD.
- A city that listens to all people and not only to those wanting to developed and with money.
- I also appreciate the fact that the City of Esquimalt is currently holding open houses and asking for community input. Thank you.
- No, our community is growing very quickly but being managed very well by our current council and administrators.
- Municipal members do not take enough interest in their communities. Do not engage enough volunteer opportunities. No interested enough in public opinion and interest.
- Make the crd consist of elected officials.
- local government municipal and regional) show more examples of making do, recycling - i.e. buildings
- I am very satisfied with democracy in Esquimalt and very dissatisfied with democracy in the CRD.
- Stop the cancerous relations between the Government and Teachers.
- abolish the Islands Trust
- Get rid of the unelected Capital Regional District Body as they do not appear to listen to the people but choose to assume a position of dictatorial governance without consulting elected officials. For example, the process of designating a sewage treatment site, purchasing property without input from Esquimalt Council and now seem to want the Provincial Government to step in and overrule the duly elected Esquimalt Council in order to cover up their incompetence.
- Throw the liberals out of power or tar and feather them they r lower than the slime from a slug
- we need a new government which cares about the people and not the money figures
- More emphasis on sustaining and improving our democratic institutions.
- GET RID OF THE UN-ELECTED CRD!
- Get rid of the CRD
- get rid of all the left leaning politicians who accomplish very little . get rid of the useless CRD and get on with amalgamation .
- We need a municipal government that is sensible and responsive.
- Less political division within the community. We need a definitive decision on whether to incorporate or not – and then let the decision stand.
- Our provincial government is a matter of concern to me...it tends to be very dictatorial (e.g. the dispute with our teachers who provide such an important role in the well-being of our children and youth, especially in this day when both parents are working and many marriages are dissolved leaving children with increased amounts of insecurity and confusion in their lives). I think it is shameful that this government portrays such a lack of interest in our entire community well-being and places such emphasis on force and finance. What happened to their focus as representatives of the people? They seem to have forgotten that focus as they abuse their roles of power? (Such as, threats of wage roll backs to the teachers, if they do not sign a contract by a certain date). This type of "leadership" hurts our entire well-being...physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.
- We are being ruled, regulated and taxed to death and there is no end in site!

- Restore the social conscience of the Federal Government, and reduce the current threats to democracy at a federal level.
- a city council that listens to its people and the experts they employ.
- I would appreciate our local city officials to listen more closely to problems that effect the safety and concerns of residents,
- The CRD has no right to change the Official Community Plan of North Saanich. That should be decided by the residents of North Saanich .
- More support for pour CRD Director who has an impossibly large job.
- Check the dust created by Trio at Hallowell
- I would like to see the CRD as an elected body not appointed.
- get rid of the greed for money by govts, oil companies ,drug manufactures, and people and we will all be better off
- We could also improve "democracy" in this region by moving away from our current block voting system to a more proportional system.
- I am jaded about politics. I do not see leadership; I see the party in power's main focus being getting re-elected. I believe balancing the budget at all costs will bring huge social and financial costs down the rad. I change of governance might improve my wellbeing.
- Keep our current Mayor and Council.
- No consideration given to residents by what used to be a caring liberal government.
- improve local governance ; transportation, emergency services, cost sharing of arts and culture and social services
- Our community can't get much better. Good mayor and council, concerned municipal employees with prompt responses, beautiful surroundings, great people all around us. Too many levels of Government.
- Ferry travel is expensive and creating an isolated population. People would rather a bridge but Trust
  planners block. (ie newspaper poles show majority want a bridge as ferry service poor and expensive)
  Trust foces dangerous float planes for fast and expensive travel. No airport!
  Trust uses myth of a lack of water to not do anything. Yet, may Islands have 300 plus more population with less rainfall. Trust even continues myth by preventing new suppliers from selling water so there is not a solution to a false crisis. Trust appears to has shown favoritism in rezoning by preventing adjacent properties from having post offices, liquor stores or general stores while allowing such next door! There is no appeal to zoning as happens in Ontario and other provinces!!!
  Sidney and Ganges were the same size but Ganges has been held back by Trust s it now has businesses going bankrupt. There is a lack of adequate services. The Trust is not democratic. We need a mayor and councillors. Having a person from another Island make decisions for us is stupid. Hospital services cut by political situation allowing such....result is top doctors are leaving and there are not enough doctors. Ferry rates are so high it is difficult seeing family or having a long distance relationship. Hospital needs rebuilding or expansion. False water crisis is promoted by Trust. Many Islands have 300 more population and less water! Trust prevents new private suppliers to reinforce this myth. Some rezoning appears to show favoritism as owners prevented from having liquor stores, general , post office, banks while allowed such on adjacent property! No appeal to a separate body as in other Provinces. Planning costs/capita most expensive in BC with poor results. Crime appears to increase as police have cut backs and zoning prevents people living downtown. Stupidity again! Lack of parking in Ganges. No

Mayor to stick up for community. Trust budget keeps growing so proper fire station and other needs are quashed by ballot. No ballot on funding Trust increases during a recession. 7 million for planning is unbelievable. Islands used to be run with one planner....now have about 26 staff as I am led to believe!! Makes no sense to have just two Trustees and an additional one from another low pop. Island!!! How would Victoria like to have Salt Spring rep. as Mayor of Victoria. People thru surveys want a bridge but Trust blocks. There is not a democratic organization running this Island and it shows!!!

- - more openness at City Hall (i.e. fewer in-camera meetings)
- Local government needs to be involved more in the community to be engaged with the community - to make decisions which reflect the priorities of the community - to be able to shift those priorities, respond to the changing needs of the community i.e. mental health issues., homelessness (need for shelter for people, and provincial government to be of "service" to others. Too many rules and roadblocks for people who can get so frustrated with the bureaucracy. Make it simple, keep it simple. Thank you!
- Bylaws, rules are broken, changed, by local councils, regional district to support special groups or people and should not happen.
- get rid of the CRD
- Local gov to look after sidewalks ,ex. Not over growon with blackberrying
- I would like to have a greater respect for politicians and civic leaders. Decisions need to be done in a decisive timely fashion. The constant debate and details on issues like sewage treatment is deplorable. If the community can not make decisions in a timely fashion the federal government should step in and arbitrate a decision.
- Don't allow East Sooke to be further fragmented by disreputable businessmen and unethical political manoeuvring.
- Better communication and planning in partnership with community members on part of municipal, provincial and federal governments.
- Regional strategies, especially transportation (mixed personal vehicle, transit, heavy industrial) that the independent municipalities actually support and actually participate in rather than sign up to and then flagrantly disregard. I don't think outright amalgamation would be a solution, but the local politicians need to develop a larger regional mindset rather than pander to local constrained and short-sighted viewpoints purely for political advantage. "A society grows great when old men plant trees wose shade they know they shall never sit in"
- The governance of our local municipalities are becoming more status quo, more power is given to CRD representatives who then hand decisions down to subordinates. In camera meetings are becoming the norm and it is very difficult to get complete, current accounts of debts and payments being made. All transactions made by public employees should be available for the taxpayer to follow and scrutinize expenditures. Expenses must be current and posted on-line.
- Municipal politicians and union employees must have salary caps.
- Politicians must be responsible, efficient and accountable for their actions. There must be penalties for transgressions, errors in judgement and they must work hard for any entitlements they receive. If any public employee is found guilty of misconduct they must not receive severance pay and must repay the taxpayer.
- Elected representatives should be more independent and represent best interests of the community, not be so willing to serve corporate interests (e.g. blue bridge debacle CRD waste treatment proposals, also much more effort to assist the homeless and provide low income housing.

- The Portland Housing Society is a perfect example of corruption. The entire system must pay bac
- Less fighting in council. Mayor egotistical.
- There is a growing belief that government jobs/appointments are gold-plated positions for life. Those living at the Canadian poverty line suffer more - every time government Directors and their staff get bonuses and pay raises. Services to the needy, disabled and those less-fortunate loose out first.
- get rid of the f*ing islands trust
- More real Provincial/CRD appreciation of island life and issues and endeavouring to assist rather then curtail support.
- A more democratic council.
- I hate the mayor and his band of tools.
- Bylaws, rules are broken, changed, by local councils, regional district to support special groups or people and should not happen.
- Our Politicians look after their own pensions before and service is even required. Shame on those who pretend to serve and only serve themselves. Democracy? Not happening! No one is 'minding the store'.
  A rare exception: Elizabeth May, GREEN PARTY. A breath of fresh air in a very stinky room! And a highly intelligent woman of integrity, who makes the 'boys' look like a bunch of adolescent goof-balls! Thanks for the work you are doing! Here's to the future!
- Local governments need to be accountable to residents and rate paying shareholders with regard to taxes, amenities, services, water, sewage, and traffic. Air and water quality and food production are paramount for sustainable healthy communities. Taxpayer need to have opportunity for local decision making for all of our health and wellbeing. Thank-you.
- Have a Council that is willing to listen to the community members.
- get rid of regional government, a waste of taxpayers money
- If you want to give a sense of well being to all of us who live in the CRD, try providing some LEADERSHIP in addressing the obvious problems with our surrounding infrastructure. Fix the big stuff, and most of us will sort out the smaller "close to home" issues ourselves.
- Change CRD representation
- Abolish the CRD.
- Some administration should be more active and helpful.
- CRD needs to re-evaluate the current sewage plan. It does not have the support of the majority of residents. The CRD is too large, and too expensive. The CRD is involved in too many things.
- (1) Amalgamation
  (2) Replace the idiots doing the sewage and blue bridge projects with folks who can count.
  (3) Attract or grow one or two major enterprises that would identify with the community
- Stop the highly educated, affluent, secure, unelected people in CRD from interfering in everyone's lives with their privileged person's notions of how others ought to live.
- Better regulate municipal and regional government spending on services (fire, Police and municipal employee cost are not sustainable.
- Get rid of the idiots on the CRD, Barb Desjardin excepted.

- I'm frustrated by the heavy handedness of our Municipal politicians spending our money as though there was no limit on how much we can afford to pay. We don't need a new bridge, we don't need a new sewage treatment plant and we need to stop such wastefulness.
- Tell the CRD to stop wasting money on stupid surveys, stop trying to push smokers around and fix some god damn traffic/transit problems you a******s....be a regional body and stop focussing on issues outside your (unelected) mandate.
- City of Langford could listen to residents! Ban animals in entertainment.
- I think we are really focused on economic issues in local politics - parking, business, taxes, etc. There is more to life than economics.
- Improve quality and transparency of local governments
- Make the CRD more accountable to the taxpayer
- get rid of CRD
- Address spiralling costs of civic services (eg water)
- Governments (all levels) that made science based decisions.
- bring in a government that really care's about children, seniors & vet's, stop giving big business so many tax brakes , stop the corruption in government with jail terms, really get tough!
- Ask for our input on projects (bridges, sewage, new large-scale buildings, etc.)
- more capable municipal politicians
- can't wait for the municipal election to change the political scene in North Saanich. Present "four" are destroying the integrity of the community.
- Far to many government fractions ie municipal,crd, health boards or other such agencies in order to make decisions in a sensible and timely matter.
- I think that the City of Victoria administrators and elected officials do not fully understand what a community is. (i.e.. what is important, or not, what is necessary, or not, and what makes a community great.) I question the motivation of most elected officials.
- Get out of the CRD!
- I think the special interest groups are too radical and taking over the local politics.

Amalgamation

- Get rid of current 13 Municipal gov and have an elected CRD with one mayor for Greater Victoria.
- Municipal government amalgamation.
- Amalgamate municipalities!
- fight Amalgamation
- Combine all the different municipalities.
- municipalities in Greater Victoria should join together and the CRD does not spend the taxpayers money wisely. It has become to big and unaccountable for some wasteful actions and spending.
- The lack of cooperation between municipalities leads to poor traffic management. Witness the constant traffic problems at Craigflower and Admirals. In my view the municipalities of at least

View Royal, Esquimalt and the City of Victoria should be amalgamated, to ensure better services.

- I live in East Sooke, it is my community. The biggest issue here is the uncertainty around East Sooke being absorbed into either the town of Sooke or Metchosin. If this is inevitable than it should be addressed sooner than later.
- The overall well being of all of the disparate communities of Greater Victoria will be much improved when all the communities are amalgamated into one City without all the ridiculous duplication of services and costs that we presently have.
- all 13 communities to amalgamate
- Amalgamation of Victoria's many municipalities.
- we need to amalgamate our disjointed municipal governments and get rid of the CRD
- It is ridiculous to me that we have 13 municipalities in this community. They should be amalgamated. If it is done properly, then perhaps there would be more money to help those who are homeless or without enough to feed and clothe themselves.
- We have 13 municipal govt's in Victoria and capital regional district. We need to amalgamate to save taxes and get decisions made. Don't need a CRD and an example of this is current sewer project , [illegible] is completely off course.
- AMALGAMATION
- Incorporate the 13? municipalities of southern Vancouver Island
- We require amalgamation of our several municipalities, too many chiefs and not enough Indians, or empire builders.
- Larger issues (sewage, transportation, homelessness, school system, etc.) will only become larger if there is not some form of amalgamation. There is far too much local government, with an inverse amount of good governing.
- How does it make sense now a days to run 350,000 people under 11 municipalities, whe cities like Surrey, Halifax, Hamilton, Kitchener/Waterloo, have the same or close to same populations, why do we need a CRD government, and 11 municipalities making all the decisions when only one government body is needed.
- A democratic, rational local government - responsive to community input, making wise economic & infrastructure decisions - would be a big improvement. Amalgamation of 13 local municipalities is essential.
- Amalgamate the CRD communities to eliminate ridiculous duplication and abhorrent regional traffic management.
- Amalgamation of services and municipalities is essential in curbing costs and eliminating NIMBYism
- Amalgamation and get rid of the CRD
- amalgamate and do away with CRD
- Confused by regional versus local versus multiple local governments for a fairly small population. Lived through consolidations in Ottawa and Toronto. Seems to be "3 rd rail" in this community or region. I probably won't live long enough on this lovely isle to see a rational consolidation. Not enough local folk have been exposed to other parts of Canada. That was the cue at Vic West community association, which I joined a decade ago, for several members to tell me to go back to whence I came.
- Amalgamate the CRD municipalities.

- Police, Fire, Ambulance, Transit, Sewage, Garbage, Parks should all be amalgamated so that projects will be completed on time and on budget.
- Consolidate municipal governments into one.
- The governance of 350,000 by 13 municipalities is a legacy of early settlement and has little advantage in todays society. The result in the broader community is a lack a clear shared vision and a set of values that help guide the future growth and governance. One only has to look at the 'Blue Bridge' and the Waste Treatment issues to identify 'free riders' and self interest that have driven some municipalities. It is time for and effective and efficient regional government!
- disband the CRD, amalgamate 13 local municipalities, reduce red tape , Bureaucracy, property taxes, union jobs & wages
- Amalgamate. Having 13 different fiefdoms is crazy and a waste of limited resources and over management of the GVR A huge cost for all the bureaucracy (Police, Fire ,Councils 13 mayors Administration for 300M plus citizens) residents.
- Amalgamate the municipalities that presently comprise the Capital Region. At present Greater Victoria cannot compete nationally or have the infrastructure support that other smaller cities enjoy because we are too busy competing among ourselves. It is an absurdity that a city-region of 350,000 is divided into 13 municipalities.
- Amalgamation of all of the municipalities of Greater Victoria would be more efficient.
- Amalgamation of the 13 communities that make up the greater Victoria area is needed to streamline services and to become eligible for more Federal and Provincial funding. Current practices are inefficient and the quality of elected municipal councils is eak.
- Amalgamation. Less consultation and studies. Need politicians who can make strong decisions and stand by those decisions.
- Less amalgamation means more personal service and more attention to individual needs.
- I'm concerned that i won't be able to afford to retire where i currently live, due to higher costs of living and expenses, to many local government municipalities , should consider becoming alamagamated in-order to save tax payers money, and expenses, especially in services offered, over lap of services and by-laws, to many police forces, too many mayor's/ councillor's, city hall's, city yards maintenance people, salaried employee's, pensions to pay out, we currently have 11 municipalities running with 6 police forces, 11 mayor's and councillor's, 11 city halls, 11 city yards, and services, 11 municipalities with less than 100,00 people living in them. All these buildings and services cost money to maintain, run, and pay salaries, pensions, etc. We should aso have one garbage collection service, instead we have several different one's all costing different amounts of money for the home owner.
- I am extremely happy living in this community. I think the overall well-being of the community would be enhanced by amalgamating the 3 communities on the Peninsula: Sidney, North Saanich and Central Saanich. In North Saanich, the political in-fighting n the Municipal Council is detrimental to the well-being of the community. Money could be saved, as well as a more coordinated approach to community planning could be achieved through amalgamation. The CRD could easily be reorganized to 3 core communities. The issue should be placed on the ballet box in each region in the fall.
- Amalgamation of the different municipalities. Very Difficult to improve things with so many decision making bodies not wanting to co-operate with each other.
- We should consider amalgamation! Should have three municipalities instead of thirteen! This should improve services and limit red tape.

Government services/policies

- Scooter friendly sidewalks. More disabled parking. Keep disabled parking clear: no garbage containers, no snow piles, no construction equipment, no fundraising kiosks.
- Encourage the locally elected to continue to plan for an aging demographic. Encourage the public, in general, to take a greater interest in local and provincial elections that critically affect the quality of their lives.
- better bylaw enforcement
- bridge building with airtight contracts with no cost overruns on bridges.
- Please support the efforts of local innovators and entrepreneurs, artists and social activists. Please ban panhandling. These people show up for their job of begging as regularly as any 9 to 5 worker and could be compelled to do regular work. They are parasites and a blight on civil society. They have access to every social program food bank and homelessness program yet continue to harass and horrify visitors to our fair city. Their numbers seem to be doubling year after year.
- Enforce bylaws when neighbours ignore them, burn garbage, keep their lot looking like a landfill , allow their dogs to bark incessantly
- I would like to see the 4 story by-law in place remain.
- Land parcel across from Country Grocer mall on Royal Oak Drive...need to be something special...something that ALL can enjoy...something that nobody else has....AN OUTDOOR POOL...with glass cage that can be rolled over pool for use in fall/winter/spring months.
- Affordable housing, municipal taxes, health costs, transportation and recreation. Relevant policing to address property crime and dangerous driving practices.
- Do not reduce the police force.
- new fire hall
- Please ask the police to stop speeding at breakneck speeds through our streets. Please encourage them to be less militaristic and macho. Praise them for learning and using effective non violent communication.
- Renting out second homes is not allowed
  It would be very good, also for the environment, to apply this law
  I would like all the illegal !!!!!! renting situations to stop and the existing law to be applied
- Think about tax incentives or other options that could make home/condo ownership more affordable for the people who live and work here.
- More police presence.
- more bylaw officer to deal with the bylaw infractions
- Don’t put gardens in the middle of roads. Costly, purely cosmetic and sometimes dangerous (because of decreased visibility) cncept especially when you’ll have to remove them to accommodate the coming electric cars and will then want increased throughput.
- Restrict the number of super-size houses being built.
- More autonomy in building codes on the gulf islands and support for building alternate structures
- Stop developers from ruining the ambiance and natural beauty of the area - life is not all about money!!!

- Less development non-sustainable development; discouragement of continued population growth; make the Official Plan real; emphasis on sustainability at every level of human activity in the CD, before it's too late to matter (even though, it fact, we may already have tipped).
- Yes, get rid of the ridiculous new road system in Beacon Hill park, it limits access and is totally unacceptable.
  I wrote in protest, as did many others I know and we were totally ignored by city hall.
- Better advertising of opportunities by the City of Victoria
- We require an income tax office in our community of 340,000 population.
  It is difficult to explain financial problems over the phone.
- regional government - it is not about cost, but delivery of needed services to the entire region on a well-planned basis.
- Too rapid development and growth in Sidney hae degraded the quality of life here, compared to years past.
- Increase cost of alcohol drastically. Do not allow alcohol to be served in public facilities after 11:00.
- Improved services and facilities for marginalized people: the poor, homeless, mentally ill, addicted and seniors. The standards and dollars must come from the senior governments (i.e., federal and provincial).
- The Municipality of Saanich is very negligent in preventing some homeowners from having a very negative effect on the community. We regularly see what we believe are violations of bylaws and other yet the continue with what it seems is the blessing of the municipality.
- CRD parks staff are out of control and should be fired! Their attempts to mislead the public regarding Island View Beach are despicable (e.g. 2013 draft interim plan by CRD contains numerous falsehoods) and management's complacency is appalling. 1989 Pln works well and should not be revised.
- Careless spending by local politicians can bankrupt a community if the economy takes a downturn and qualified people (young families) have to move away to find new job opportunities.\
- Stop spending Taxpayers' money or donations on surveys like this one. We all vote every few years, (Federally, Provincially, Municipally) and that vote will tell you how you are doing.
- I live in downtown Victoria
  More green space
  Complete David Foster Way and deal with parking lot eye sores along the walkway
  More areas for outdoor events
  More artwork around the city
  Don't take so long to get ideas in place and then get them done; council try's to be everything to everybody. Be more like the Mayor of Langford (a true leader always walks away with a few arrows in their back)
- Stop wasting taxes, all levels of Government must improve there overall productivity and effectiveness. To many studies not enough action.
- At the larger civic and regional levels we are losing much natural habiat through housing sprawl. Rapid transit is desperately needed but not seriously considered. Meanwhile, the billion dollar sewage plan is ignoring countless scientific studies and is lurching along. Civic and regional governments need to be more courageous when confronted by ill-conceived Federal legislation.

- Federal and Provincial Government listen to outcry of impacts on our communities and make decisions that respond to outcry for example BC ferries cutbacks killing economy for islands, school cutback, pipelines, fish farms, medical care, living wages passing bills that enable them to bypass public and do what they like. Much stress; sadness and hopelessness is created by this as young and old see no future as Govt degrades environment and middle class.
- So much needs to improve the roads in our less populated areas, we don't want the urban containment zone to exist anymore. I would like water and sewer lines brought to our neighbourhood.
- Allow short-term rentals to help boost the tourist industry.
- Reduce Population - Stop Immigration
- Need to slow down or stop population growth locally - is not sustainable.
- This municipality's [?] is to develop at all costs. The quality of living we have enjoyed for many years is rapidly descending into the toilet. Langford will only be satisfied when every patch of dirt has a building on it.
- Victoria is a great community to live in. Better integration of the separate police forces might help to keep crime rates down. We need better communication between the separate municipalities within Victoria or national amalgamation.
- To stop densification with more condos. Seems to be no thought to infrastructure support (eg. road access, sufficient power/water supplies).
- Finally, the increased preservation of farmland and natural land for future generation. Keep the city neighbourhoods built up, decrease lot size, concentrate the housing so it is surrounded by green space, forests and productive land. Give muscle to local government to preserve the quality of the region - as that preserves the health of he community.
- All municipalities within CRD should be required to contribute funding towards arts and culture.
- Provide better Park sites for tourists.
- Business is more important to the city than it's residents.
- Focus on sustaining the quality of life in the community... change doesn't always require growth and development
- Continue to address misinformation on issues such as vaccines, wi-fi, sewage, and science in general. I'm pro-science, if that isn't clear.
- Stop the building of multi-family housing – the increased traffic, parking on neighbouring streets, increase in need for infra-structure when none is being provided – all causing more problems
- slowing down of large-scale residential & commercial development
- ban fast food
- May 2nd I received a letter from the CRD requesting that I fill out a "Community Wellbeing Survey"
  "We want to know how residents in our community are really doing…"
  Well I'm REALLY angry that the New Duet Building on Michigan negates all the effort of the design team that created a Very Thoughtful & Beautiful , yet Functional No 2 Firehall on Michigan St.
  These architects were perspicacious ~ and insightful taking into account the age and grandeur of the
  Beautiful old Brick School House net door ~ By Keeping an eye to the sanctity and age of the surrounding neighbourhood they created a Beautiful addition to James Bay with a Bay window

display of yesteryears Fire Truck… and Gorgeous West Facing windows with gracious details! Jame Bay neighbours Rebelled against towers like orchard House,,, YET it still escapes City Halls mandate
to keep a treasured neighbourhood safe. How could they approve yet another monstrosity by allowing the Duet Building to be 8 stories high? It negats Wagg and Hambleton's time and attention to design and pleasing details. The Wagg and Hambleton Architects showed Clarity, Respect and Forethought in choice of design versus those who continue to thoughtlessly ignore what has been held important to Jams Bay Residents …
AND this took place with city halls miserably unconscious approval… for a paltry sum of $10,000 according to Vic New of May 9th. The ugly Duet Tower has obliterated sunlight for all previous residents and hides appealing details of a beautifully designed neighbourhood Firehall… Disgraceful!

- Our local government needs to make careful decisions about subdivisions. Lately we have been seeing some 'reckless' decisions on approving subdivisions in a 'one off' fashion that are not within our community plan. I understand affordable housing is an isue, but careful decision by council must be made if we are to solve this problem. Random approvals of subdividing lots that do not fall within the community plan will not help the affordable housing issue we are facing - it will just allow contractors to et richer at the expenses of the integrity of our neighborhoods.
- better opportunity to build a second home for family to help take care of me when I am older
- More much needed by-law enforcement officers. The few we have are overworked therefore are inadequate to respond to the needs of the community.
- Yes. I would like for the CRD NOT to involve itself in changing the Official Community Plan of North Saanich so my neighbourhood doesn't get any busier!
- Major projects should be given priority in preference for local construction and contractors ... allowing them to compete and money going back into the community by local employers/employees must be calculated ... for the long term stability of real estate and taxation for the entire region.
- High density residential housing has no place in our community. The arguments for affordable housing are a smokescreen, just looking on MLS will show that there is housing at a lower cost than the new residences being built in North Saanich. Moving from Lagley Township has shown us how a vibrant community with lots of greenery can turn into a ghetto with no remaining forest and where neighbours barely know each other.
- More focus on development to reduce taxes. Allow more incentives to promote businesses in the community.
- Municipalities spend money on services to people, not monuments to themselves, ie bridges, overpasses, sewage systems, etc… Spend it on housing people, making community services (rec centres, for ex) cheaper and more inclusive.
- Less 'nanny state' by-laws, more common sense - really what are the statistics on death and illness by allow dogs in areas of restaurants? Is smoking in cars really worse for a child than an irritated parent sniping at them? And my personal favourite, preventing removal of over-grown and dangerous trees in the name of 'environmental integrity' yet allowing developers to cover new or subdivided lots in concrete.
- License bicycles
- Our community needs a $20 million cash infusion from the Federal government to add new roads that will tie the neighbourhoods here together. This will allow people to get around way more easily without a car, and make it so residents can access businesses& services without having to use the Trans Canada Hwy. There is an unprecedented amount of house/condo

building going on in this area & the roads that we all use are DECADES behind in serving the public that are currently using them.

- Stricter adherence to zoning laws without exceptions
  Stricter RCMP enforcement of speed laws
- Growth needs to be managed with more consideration to supporting services referred to in the survey i.e. schools, parks, transportation, community structures, health services etc. or soon the Communities will deteriorate, as has happened in many other cities. I see too much evidence of short term development for profit overriding long term planning.
- I would prefer a more rational, inclusive and communicative/consultative system for deciding major projects affecting the region and its residents: eg: The sewage system, refuse disposal systems, the replacement of the Blue Bridge, the reinstatement of th E&NR local railway, oil tanker transit through neighbouring waters, municipal amalgamation, fishery protection, habitat protection, agricultural land protection, etc etc (and not necessarily in that order!)
- Yes. I would like to see more accessible building codes. More houses that are "lifetime" houses.
- To much red tape but it seems many people clamour for more so I have no idea how
- We have over 200 cruise ships per year. I suggest that there contribution to the financial health of Victoria as balanced with the extreme vulgarity of them and their passengers needs a closer look.
- Stricter building and neighbourhood bylaw enforcement. Restrictions on rampant development. Stop the sewage plan.
- Also, let's improve our roads & sidewalks. Our infrastructure is becoming decrepid.
- More speed bumps or posted limits on residential streets. We live between two major arteries and people frequently use our street (at high speeds) to get from one to the other.
- don't let people have rotweillers for pets
- Better maintenance of the main highway.
- improve road access to and from and within community
- Relax building code enforcement and excessive fees for permits. Home improvements are cost prohibitive with unrealistic expectations for engineering studies etc.
- Stop putting houses right next to industrial areas and close the race track, quality of life would be vastly improved!
- As far as the CRD is concerned, it makes no sense to us who years ago installed an automatic lawn watering system to be prohibited from running our watering system overnight before 4 am. Water lines of only 1/2 inch diameter in this area cannot provide enough water for the lawn or for personal use like showers within the hours of 4 and 10 AM when activities conflis as early as 6:30 AM. A written request to the CRD on this issues was not even answered. We need to be able to run our automatic system between 11 PM and 6:30 AM!!
- Ongoing unrestricted neighbour activity, reducing the quiet, healthy enjoyment o our property:
  - excessively use of heavy equipment like excavators, even on Sunday (illegal, I understand)
  - racing motorcycles on their property (this should be illegal as it is a major cause of noise pollution)
  - operation of commercial businesses i a residential area, involving at times 6 vehicles in a yard
  - secondary suites with no apparent control, example: a very DUSTY 200 foot driveway with speeding vehicles
- strong regulations on child care
- prohibit fast food and franchise "bakeries" in city limits.

- Stop building condos. They are proving to be a disaster. Because of the conflicts among the occupants and members of the strata council, the monthly fees are exorbitant, and the atmosphere in the building is poisonous. Decisions re. the maintenance of the structure are being made by people with no construction expertise. The spats among owners has created a whole new speciality for the practice of law with its concomitant expensive legal fees. Because human frailties create uncertainty, and the occupant cannot predict nor plan for future expenditures.
- Better transparency to the machinations of real estate developers in the community and how they get approval to bend the rules.
- Make everywhere a non-smoking zone.
- Policing is suffering from cutbacks so safety in town questionable now. Also due to lack of proper
  planning by having people prohibited thru zoning to people living downtown! Just stupidity.
- More enforcement of regulations regarding pets and noise. Pet pollution is a problem.
  One bad, next-door, worst-ever neighbour is a constant source of annoyance. Noise, garbage and pet bylaws are hard to enforce.

Taxes

- People who don't have kids should get tax breaks for not burdening the healthcare system.
- Reduce property taxes and reduce municipal spending
- Our biggest expense is taxes, it is what will eventually force us out of our home.
- Reduction of municipal and regional taxes.
- Tax churches...as they usually sit on prime pieces of property
- all governments to reduce taxes, politicians thinks there is a bottomless bucket of money
- Keep taxes down, limit authority of local politicians to spend on megaprojects like the blue bridge and the sewage program, and the composting program
- reduce taxes ;)
- lower taxes
- More of our tax $$ devoted to improving community
- property tax reform - base more on income/ability to pay
- Try to reduce the excessive taxation burden. There seems to be a tendency to tax a multitude of items over and above the normal taxes a person expects to pay.
- The municipality charging penalties for late tax filings or payments when the post office failed to deliver in a timely manner
- people who own derelict buildings should be taxed so high, that they are forced to sell or repair the property so people can live in it.
- More emphasis on attracting and supporting young families to the area, including elimination of property purchase taxes on all families regardless of age to help reduce the cost of housing.
- Reduce taxes and services. Retired people can't afford to pay for the services demanded by those who can't pay for it. Start with elimination of the senate.
- Policies to ensure fair distribution of income to all in society.

- The ever increasing municipal taxes destroying the livelihood of the pensioners and the low income families. It is simply criminal to raise these taxes to such high rates every year. I guess those of us on low income will go grazing on the environment we are saving.
- We need to get much more support from our municipality for our tax dollars.
- Do away with taxes as follows:

  1. Transfer tax on real property purchases
  2. PST on used vehicles.

  We should not have high ferry rates to and from Victoria so as to subsidize ferries to small Islands that are not utilized sufficiently.

  I believe these changes would result in a much improved economy in Victoria.
- A tax o "non permanent residents" could be considered to allow locals to but some of the nicer homes in the community and keep the neighbourhood vibrant
- Having spent time in Scandinavia and Germany, and having a long discussion with a German Social Scientist it's easy to see that Canada/Victoria has a long way to go in regards to community wellbeing. The Scientist made the observation that a country cannot expect high social standards without adequate taxation.
  There are no German homeless, unless they choose that lifestyle. The healthcare/education system is fully funded and comes at no cost when used. We found no homeless in Denmark or Sweden. Our governments continue to drive down taxes which in turn staves the social systems. My daughter will be lucky to have a public health care system when she's my age. The Scientist quoted Gandi who said that a ' rich powerful nation is not judged by the number of illionaires but by it's lack of poverty.'
- Yes, people generally should stop whining and complaining when they don't get everything they want or the government cuts back on handouts. We live in the most generous and comfortable country in the world, anyone who lives in Canada is very lucky to be here, and I really do get fed up when "activists", public sector unions, and people who do not pay taxes or contribute in any way complain about their situation. We have created a culture of entitlement, there are too many "passengers", and if this is not corrected our country will no longer be the able to sustain the very generous and comfortable lifestyle we have created for our citizens.
- Again, we have taxpayers dollars wasted by all levels of government, especially the regional government. If the tax dollars were used properly and not wasted there would be enough money for all levels of social services.

Environment

- To continue ensuring parks are accessible cultural events [illegible] to allow maximum numbers of attendants. Talk seriously about pollution levels and climate changes.
- More respect for the environment, Eg. Some kind of guidance for not clearing land in spring nesting season: Not blasting the land flat and destroying the character and fauna of the land during development: Respect for old trees, etc.
- Trees pruned so the street lights can show the sidewalks
- encourage and strengthen environmental and heritage conservation aspects of planning and development

- I would like to see:
  - that the bylaws (secondary suites) be enforced
  - see graffiti remove quicker
  - a noise restrictions on cars and motor cycles
  - fines for littering enforced
- I would like to see more control over graffiti on public property i.e. bridges etc. and people being charged for defacing such. Maybe cameras would be a good idea.
- More green space, less development, densification of development, more community gardens, encouraging eating/shopping locally, more environmental protections, better access to health care, get cars off the road, more public transit and light rail transit Sidney to Victoria to Western Communities.
- Fix the roads, add sidewalks and get rid of the drooping, hanging power lines.
- Less growth -more preservation
- Weed control on our streets and boulevards
- I think we have to be very aware of pipelines, clear-cuts and other environmental travesties.
- More sun :)
- Air pollution from cruise ships, float plane, and buses are a problem to us. Also noise pollution is an issue. Correct this by having shore hookup power for the cruise ships and insist on catalytic converters on all commercial float planes. Cut down on bus traffic as well.
- remove unsightly buildings, clean up empty lots along access roads
- Improve transportation for bicycles (for example, more lanes); regulate motorbikes and lawnmowers that make loud noise; keep big box stores out of the community; discourage use of motor vehicles by single occupants;
- Our community needs to take better care of the environment by reducing the amount of chemicals used. For example pesticides and herbicides. These are killing our soil, desirable plants, water, animals and humans.
- Address graffiti
- Our complains have been ignored on the issue of neighbours, on their property:
  - destroying dozens of trees and dumping truckloads of questionable fill.
- Less hype on the environment; better road planning; proper interchanges at major traffic intersections; less money wasted on “calming traffic”; more sensible rules on cutting trees; more balanced approach to alleged global warming and climate change; more common sense decisions
- Continue to monitor water and air quality around the cruise ship terminals
- I love living in Victoria! I wish the city council would be more responsive to the wishes of the citizens of Victoria, such as listen to public opinion regarding expenditures for a new blue bridge, giant marina in the harbour. I also wish those in power would rethink the giant sewage treatment plan. Also city council did not consider the ramifications of garbage collection, with no place to send the compost. However, I totally appreciate the city’s attention to the parks, gardens, and boulevards. it is a pace second to none!
- More focus on obtaining, preserving and protecting natural environment; less focus on sandwiching people into “dense” neighbourhoods; less latitude for developers to build row house type housing developments vs neighbourhoods; more emphasis on residents being more responsible for the state of their properties (owned, rented, or otherwise), more effort to reduce vs increase impervious surface area in region re storm water management, clearer policies/rules

with regard to community use of natural areas/parks, individual responsibilities to care for environment, etc. Less focus on "stuff" vs matters that really matter (eg farmland, water quality (fresh and marine), air quality, reducing CO2 et al emissions, etc)

- Also, restrict spraying of pesticides/herbicides on lawns & gardens in the region.

Climate change

- For the long-term we must deal with climate change, e.g. use of fossil fuel, transportation etc
- Local, provincial, national strategies to improve sustainability and reduce global warming.
- There should be a much wider appreciation of the likely catastrophic effects of climate change. There should be better recycling facilities and infrastructure generally must be improved. Education is the only path to all this, the outrageous cost of further education is a disgrace and counter productive to us, locally, provincially and nationally.
- Start planning for the effect of global warming and rising oceans.
- We need to tackle global challenges such as climate change and extreme inequality because these problems are causing high levels of stress and even psychological affliction in children and teens.
- Concentrate on clean air and clean water which we humans can do something about and let the scientist debate about human influence on climate, which is at best debatable. Their motive is too frequently to gain personal advancement.
- There are 2 over-riding problems in the world that must be solved in the next generation, some aspects in the next decade: world population is too great for the carrying capacity of the planet, and man-caused climate change. The latter is being worked onto some extent by local government (in my Municipality) and to some extent at the Regional level. The Province is doing little and the Federal Gov.t is working against improvement. Our grandchildren will experience real difficulties in their lifetime an our great grandchildren will be in very serious problems. "Wellbeing" will become a question of mere survival for them unless we wake up and act now

Air

- Stop the burning.
- less wood burning,
- Ban the burning days in Langford! - way too intense, huge amounts of smoke- greatly reduces our ability to enjoy being outside on those days. Have respiratory issues, and don't like all the pollution. Driving home from work can see the smoke over Langfrd on those days.
- better promotion of "no idling" when stopped...
- Less pollution from the busy road outside would make breathing easier. An over pas for McKenzie would make travelling much better and save on pollution and gas.
- Eliminate wood burning fireplaces and/or air tight heating systems. The air quality in the winter is extremely hazardous to all especially asthmatics or anyone with breathing problems. The air is thick with smoke caused by poor burning practices.
- We need cleaner air. I need to wear an industrial quality mask all times out doors to prevent recurring pneumonias and sinus infections.

- ban outside fire burning
- Eliminate cruise ship idling at Ogden Point.
- Get rid of wood burning stoves in urban areas – creates air pollution.
- We sorely need air quality by laws that are more stringent and enforceable. In Fall, Winter and Spring, the Glen lake area often has a 'air inversion' which causes the smoke and other particulates to accumulate near ground level. It is often an assault o my lungs when I go for an evening walk during these times in Langford. Too many smoky wood burning fireplace chimneys, outdoor burnings and dust that is stirred up by increasing traffic flow on Sooke road, Jacklin road, etc
- Huge tour buses in my area spewing diesel and fumes almost all day in summer.
- No Outdoor Burning.
- Introduce vehicle emissions testing in region.
- concerned with air pollution from various sources, especially older cars.....plus there should be a 'policing' body to check honesty of so many car repair garages.....I have tried to talk to government reps, but no one seems to care. I know of one suchgarage that is crooked.....but nobody will talk to me.
  I will gladly discuss with any person of authority. [name and phone number deleted].

Water

- use odd/even water restrictions and only when required
- It seems to us that one of the major attractions of living in Oak Bay is the ready access to world class saltwater boating and fishing. As an avid Tidal angler, I was expecting some interest expressed in the degree of use of that form of recreation plus associated infrastructure, boat launches/ fishing piers/ marinas/etc.
- No Tankers in the Salish Sea!
- I live on an island and I am very afraid of an oil spill that will destroy our beaches and kill our fish and their eggs and will decimate our tourist business.
  We don't have many amenities that cities have but we are able to have clean air and water so far.
- regarding government, they do nt have a good track record with protecting the environment. Right now there is a threat to the very delicate marine environment which the government is choosing to overlook.... so far with a potential catastrophic move to accept an oyster farm - this would cause grave threat to local wildlife and locals. hence my comment about government not looking after local needs.
- Better water supply
- Do not treat the drinking water with the new chemical that does not evaporate. I can't remember the name right now. It's not Chlorine but sounds like it...
- no oil tankers in our waters
- PLEASE- Do not allow any private corporation access to our water supply! Especially Nestle. PLEASE- Do not add any chemicals to our water supply, including chlorine, ammonia, chloramine. Make these chemicals available free of charge to those who wish to use them, but do not force the rest of us to consume or filter them. Victoria CRD is very well positioned to

become a world leader in transitioning to a new economy, i.e., not based on fossil fuels. Let us consciously grasp this opportunity and run with it.

- Water restrictions and the high cost of water makes no sense in a community where water is plentiful and storage is easily expanded and the population growth is curtailed by geography and economic opportunities. Victoria was once the city of gardens and the CRD water policy has degraded the area for everyone.

Noise pollution

- Constant traffic noises after condo [?] 2 seniors homes build night access from my condo, where these building were built. Without sufficient space for deliveries and parking. So noise of all kinds all day and constant pollution. [illegible] discussion with long time residence were undertaken. So disheartening! The bottom line was $$$ not satisfying anyone.
- Do something about noise pollution from cars, trucks, motorcycles, garbage collectors, weed eaters, leaf blowers, carpet cleaners, float planes, etc...
- Reduce noise (primarily from landscaping activities)
- More noise reduction on bern running parallel to Hawkes Ave. 6.
- more consideration of noise with lawnmowers, weed eaters, leaf blowers, and motorcycles
- There is also a need to have better regulation to minimize noise. I find our neighborhood too noisy.
- Crack down on noise pollution and speeding. ie motor bikes and pick-up trucks. the sound of summer is now Harlys. used to be birds.
- Noise pollution control daytime and nighttime, would be a great asset to improve well being in the community.
  Not talking about noise from emergency sirens or work related noise, or special events.
  I am talking about noise that displays a lack of consideration for others, and happens regularly, and disturbs the peace and quiet of a neighbourhood, and contravenes noise bylaws.
- Less noise at night . I hear electrical humming when it is quiet at night. Maybe Butchart gardens or local greenhouses.
- Also we need stringent and enforceable noise by-laws – especially pertaining to the many noisy motorcycles travelling on Sooke, Jacklin and Goldsteam roads. I know this should be a police force enforcement issue, but they are so understaffed and busy with other situations that tey do not have time to enforce the traffic noise I have described.
- Stop noisy vehicle traffic. Motorcycles in particular. Nothing spoils that feeling of wellbeing more.
- Less Noise.
- - Initiate fines for needlessly loud vehicles – Reduce traffic congestion by shaping population density around available transportation, not the other way around.
- disallow the use of motorised gas powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers and edge trimmers. All of these jobs can be done efficiently with hand tools that do not make any noise. We all like to think of ourselves as environmentally responsible but far too many residents make too much noise and it degrades the quality of life in our community.

Energy

- BC Hydro has installed there smart metre and I suspect that they are much more dangerous that they tell us.
- The “smart meters” are recognized as a health hazard by the WHO. There is no point in banning smoking at the same time that you install those meters.
- Turn off street lights from 1am to 5am to save energy.

Waste management

- I also feel Canadians could be better environmental leaders. I’d like to see our policies encourage innovation, and I’d like our import laws to allow less packaging waste into Canada.
- Create local green recycling options (rather than trucking green waste out of the area)
- I think that the blue box pickup should not be allowed to start before 8:00 am in the morning. They come by my house every other Friday at 7:30 am which is very noisy.
- Composting and recycling should be done in our community. It is absurd to be shipping our garbage and compost to other communities.
- Clean up dumped trash. Locate and fine whoever keeps dumping furniture on Alston St.
- Mandatory Municipal compose bins. I do my own and resent the lack of choice in the matter.
- Get on with the recycle program for kitchen waste.
- Please take into consideration people that may have illnesses that cannot have organic materials in their homes ,such as cancer patients ,complying with recycling waste materials. Composting in an enclosed space such as a small apartment can be hazardous o ones health.
  It isn’t always possible to recycle decaying materials from small residences.
- have the recycling guys clean up after themselves instead of leaving a trail of debris all along the streets
  increase the recycling in the region. Styrofoam, etc can and should be recycled. Look at what Japan does

Sewage

- All is good. My biggest “worry” is deciding what sewage treatment would be best for the community and deciding on whether we should amalgamate. Life is good.
- Opting out of CRD waste management...and building our own disposal plant....like North Shore
- I have great concern about how the sewage treatment problem is being handled.
- Less talk more action on sewage treatment, and provincial government intervention on location of sewage treatment.
- We would be more at peace have city sewage instead of a septic field.
- cancel the sewer project
- Sensible well thought out water treatment, recycling program.
- more public input on sewage treatment and replacement

- Just get this sewer treatment plant going before it costs us even more money or we lose the funding promised us. Victoria should go on it's own and Esquimalt should most certainly do it's own thing in everything including fire, police, sewage and anything else we partner with them on. They most certainly have made it know they are the only ones who know what they are doing, therefore let them do everything themselves.
  This is not an insult it is from what I have heard from the municipal representatives here on radio and all media. Please let them do their own thing they know what they are doing!!! Please also do not pay attention to the people who state it is ok to pollute our ocean.it is never all right!!!
- i like the idea of smaller projects to deal with our sewage than the mega project mentality that seems to be the CRDs concern. a lot of smaller projects should be considered as that would be a more flexible system for our region and more affordable.
- Don't make people pay for sewage that are on septic fields.
- The CRD needs to continue to move ahead with the sewage treatment plant: as quickly as possible so we are still eligible for Federal funds.
- Better municipal and sewage infrastructure
- Figure out this sewage thing, one way or the other
- stop dumping human waste in Salish Sea
- can the useless and expensive sewage proposal.
- Get on with sewage treatment.
- Stop the move to land-based sewage treatment. It will waste money, harm the land environment, harm human health, and provide negligible benefit to the ocean environment.
- No Sewage Treatment Plant!
- You didn't ask about the CRD Sewage issue - I believe that the CRD committee on this is really going in the wrong direction.
- Implement our own sewage treatment.
- Build the sewage treatment plant.
- Cancel the sewage treatment project.
- The whole sewage treatment issue needs to be revisited. The CRD has bungled the operation in terms of planning, execution and promotion.
- provide sewer services to neighbourhood
- sewage treatment, please, and the sooner the better!!!
- I believe this community is very concerned with the direction the sewage treatment plan is going IE to Hartland! Each community must be more responsible for it's own treatment plants.
- The Seaterra Program wastewater treatment being imposed by the Federal, Provincial and Capital Regional District on the citizens of Greater Victoria is a stupid boondoggle with an estimate cost of $783+ million. Scientists indicate the present system is adequate and should be retained with a few relatively minor adjustments. The cost of the planned project, added to the already high property taxes, will be a serious burden to many people and undoubtedly cause some to leave and others to decide not to live here.
- Sort out the mess around sewage treatment once and for all.
- I am extremely disturbed to see the sewage solution will fall mostly on Esquimalt. We are using one of the best pieces of land still available to build a sewage station that may be absolete by the time it has been completed. Not to mention the burden on taxpayers who are presently

struggling to pay the property taxes, water, hydro, etc. Everything is going up except our fixed incomes. Where does it end?

- F**K THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLAN! WE DON'T NEED IT, AND STUDIES HAVE PROVED IT!
- - less talk & more action on sewage treatment, kitchen scraps composting

Local food

- Investment in sustainable local food programs.
- permanent farm market inside hillside mall would be good
- stop turning farmland into subdivisions
- - more community gardens
- community gardens
- positive political direction regarding the preserving of agricultural land and the encouragement of more local produce, the encouragement of community gardens.
- Support local sustainable agriculture and natural area restoration
- grow and distribute food locally- support farmers- support the local economy
- Community/communal gardens and kitchens are another specific resource that would improve wellbeing in our community.
- And very locally, I'd like municipal taxation to better encourage local food vendors, so that my small community could have a good-quality, local butcher, cheese purveyor, etc. I hate driving across town to get the "good stuff".
- Provide more permanent infrastructure for weekly farmers' markets (can double as extra green space)
  - Engage with local horticulture/gardening/urban farm groups to turn participation/activity into municipal tax savings.
- much more support for locally-grown food; more food grown on public land; the green world everywhere we look; support including funding for neighbourhood-generated projects

Parks/Natural spaces/Wildlife

- More natural green space included in new developments and wildlife corridors.
- Create more green growing spaces (gardening)
- More Parks
- better maintenance and services (wood, clean toilets, water access) at camp sites.
- Keeping Panaa Flats au natural>!!
- Keep motor boats/vehicles off of thetis, beaver and elk lakes
- keeping farmlands in reserve
- I would like to see more green space.
- More solar lights in Parks and Galloping Goose.

- It would be nice to have a bigger park for my 3 year old to play at. More age appropriate for all ages.
- The municipality is negligent with the "Green Areas" they set up...the home owner has to then mow and weed this area in front of their property....My sense of wellbeing is assaulted every morning by the SAANICH PLANNING Dept.lack of good planning...why put in a GREEN SPACE and then NOT LOOK AFTER IT!!!
- I wish they would not allow people to cut down the large trees in Colwood unless there is some kind of danger related to the tree being on there property
- To make an effort to keep more natural green space, and that doesn't include playing fields or golf courses as green space!
- Maintain heritage and green spaces
- protect our ocean, shores, parks & green space
- Limit development to preserve green space
- More city parks. Leave existing green space for park use only.
- Stop cutting trees to put tarmac everywhere.
- Maintaining existing green spaces, especially those few in the natural state is of upmost importance for the community's future.
- Less emphasis on parks more on streets
- We currently have a epidemic of caterpillar bugs which make it impossible to use the garden and local parks, golf course - so some form of control would be helpful for that.
- protect green spaces, create more pathways and parks, off-leash dog parks
- More access to the ocean front - The Naval Base takes up so much sadly. Although I'm not sure anything can be done about this because of the Naval Base.
- The CRD should consider restructuring the use of some major parks to be more inclusive and active.
- I would like to see regional parks become more accessible with their washrooms and paths, and parking. Ask people who are in wheelchairs to check out what you think is accessible, because sometimes it is not.
- More benches/seating along well fairly travelled routes outside the immediate downtown core.
- Need more non-motorized multi use recreational wilderness areas (eg. for mountain biking and hiking).
- Maintain parks.
- More parks in Vies Royal on the north side of Highway 1
- Local dialogue about how to take care of invasive plants in our neighbourhood.
- Dog waste disposable bags in all local parks would be great...I'm constantly offering my bags to dog owners that forgot theirs....I know this seems silly but these are the same parks children play in I'm talking mainly about McMinn Park on Maplegrove in ordova Bay Saanich.....
- More areas for hiking, and walking.
- I live on Elk Lake and I would like to see some program(s) to encourage people to appreciate this beautiful park. I am thinking of keeping it clean, respecting each other on the trails (bikes, dogs, horses) and on the water. The CRD do a terrific job; te users could participate in this upkeep.

- stop cutting down green spaces to build more housing/shops. build upwards, not outwards. more litter pick up.
- Please bring back the Livestock Protection Act. Currently we are not allowed to shoot @#! free ranging @#!!! dogs which harass or kill our livestock. This is ridiculous and absurd! Also...there are WAAAY to many European Wall Lizards. They eat all the crickets And STOP "development"-we don't have many Green Belt left eh
- less development that replaces green space
- Small green areas where people can sit, meet in the neighbourhood.
- Better clean up of public paths in Gordon head (pet feces removal, etc).

Deer

- cull all the deer
- Deer population is a concern for the wellbeing of everyone driving on the roads and their property being defoliated. The cougar population growth should be the next wildlife event as the deer herd propagates.
- Deal with the deer problem. We live on Mount Tolmie. My wife loves to garden but has given up. We counted 9 deer in our yard one evening. They eat everything.
- Remove the incidence of urban deer
- Control the deer population. They are intimidating when encountered at close range and affect my ability to maintain and enjoy my home. The numbers are too high and they are a constant source of stress.
- Yes, I am constantly experiencing anxiety over the deer issue in our area. They are vermin, yet as residents we are not permitted to do anything to remedy the situation. No one, CRD, municipal or provincial government, will do anything to get rid of the. I say vermin because they spread lime disease, they are destructive to my landscaping and plants/shrubs and defecate all over my property. I am regularly afraid to go out my door because they are very aggressive and will charge. They are legion now ad will only increase in number with each doe having two or sometimes three offspring every year. Something must be done. I know my neighbours feel the same as they often voice their anger and concern. I believe the CRD should be responsible to address his issue and do something about it. It is a regional problem and MUST be addressed.
- As a homeowner and gardener, I wish the CRD would get rid of the deer that are destroying plants on my property and that of my neighbours. The lack of action is making our Oak Bay community look like "Dogpatch" with all the tacky, makeshift barricades erected to personally deal with this issue. Very discouraging and demoralizing to those that take pride in their community.
- Address the problem of the deer. Ours is a garden community and the deer are a problem.
- remove the deer
- Eliminate the DEER.
- Cull the deer
- This idiotic new garbage collection, deer's eating all our flowers and vegetables . They can jump a 6 feet fence netting ! They create a danger with our increasing car traffic ! They should be removed to a wild area !

Traffic congestion/ Parking

- There are traffic concerns hot being addressed soon enough. Eg. Mackenzie and Island Highway (Daily!), interurban-5 way (Horrendous).
- make police to get illegal overweight trucks not to drive on Tillicum Road, since it is prohibited by traffic signs
- And we need more attention paid to transportation issues - instead of blocking cars everywhere, find more efficient ways for everyone to travel. Also, we really really need an interchange at Mackenzie and the highway.
- better traffic planning
- access from western communities to Ferry/airport highway via Bear Mountain area.
- McKenzie overpass...we have waited long enough
- Reduce traffic congestion.
  Maintain as many lanes of traffic as possible.
  Do not reduce number of lanes for traffic.
- Also, please consider the road infrastructure when approving building permits. Cramming dozens of town houses and condos into areas that don't have the road to handle it (for example Peatt Road) all leading to a highway entrance that is already congested beyond reason (Veteras Memorial) is very poor planning.
- By creating "calming" roads they have reacted congestion and more idling which are bad for the environment. These congested roads often cause people to drive faster and dangerously
- better road maintenance
- A lot less interference and intersection from Stanwyck. Close Government Street to traffic
- Improved parking downtown (utilize empty business and church parking lots after six).
- improve traffic flow
- Traffic noise and congestion.
- less parking of cars on my street.
- the Pat Bay highway needs to be fixed.
- Why are cruise ship buses (lots of buses) allowed to drop off and pick up passengers on Government Street. This is an attractive, primarily walking, street that shouldn't be used as a parking lot.
- the traffic is debilitating/noise/stink/pace
  how can it be stopped?
- Minimize commute distances to reduce traffic in the area.
- Fix the potholes in the roads! Don't spend money on traffic calming and reducing speed limits on main roads (40km on main roads is RIDICULOUS) - instead focus on making the traffic flow more efficiently. Don't start a "war" o car drivers, for many people biking and/or transit is not a feasible option.
- Lower speed limits on our streets and calm traffic.
- Improve the roads and highways. More passing lanes on highways. More cloverleafs on Pat Bay. DEFINITELY a cloverleaf at Mackenzie Ave and highway. These roads drive me bloody crazy, what are you people thinking?

- Restrict traffic speed on residential streets.
- There is a need to reduce traffic congestion.
- We would also really appreciate having speed humps added to our street: Sunnyside (we have asked and will ask again).
- Improved monitoring of traffic speed on the streets.
- Work of traffic on Highway 1
- When roadway are rebuilt/redone, think about improving traffic flow instead of restricting it. People still use roads, they just waste more time and experience aggravation.
- As everywhere in the Capital Region the traffic is terrible. The city is doing nothing to reduce congestion. The population continues to grow but nothing is done to the infrastructure. I've lived in many cities in Canada and currently have a second home i the USA and I have never seen a more poorly managed city than Victoria and area. Wider roads, overpasses, turning lanes, etc., etc.
- The traffic congestion and infrastructure is problematic at times. Not sure what the best fix is for that- perhaps some sort of alternative transit (train, LRT)
- get the congested roadways improved
- slow down the growth - too much traffic
- Improve the traffic situation. The congestion is terrible.
- We live on a busy road and the traffic goes beyond the speed limit.
- If the Engineering Dept of Langford would even listen to someone rather than just brush them off. Langford opted to put a sign indicating an upcoming crosswalk in the only parking space in front of a pre-school daycare. When the decision was complained abut, the response was "Too bad, we decided that's where it should go." Parents now have to stop across the street and walk small children across busy Peatt Rd. The crosswalk should have been located where the pre-school was along with flashing lights. Soner or later, a child at that location will be hit by a car. There have been dozens of near misses as drivers won't slow down. All the surveys and questionnaires are useless when attitudes like those of Langford persist.
- improve traffic congestion
- get people to slow down
- Less traffic would be great. We have a construction company operating out of their home. We have a group home which gets taxis, handy dart and staff generating lots of traffic.
- Traffic and traffic noise is an increasing problem and destructive of community wellness and safety.
- Standardize traffic markings (ie, lane markings, intersections, crosswalks, etc.)
  Eliminate "pedestrian-controlled" intersections and enforce standardized intersections
  Regulate and enforce motor vehicles (buses, taxis, and police cars in particular)
- Improved traffic flow in key areas - address back-ups caused by poor intersection logistics, lack of overpasses, new development with inadequate road connections, etc
- I would also lie to see an effort to address traffic problems throughout the CRD, in particular the congestion where McKenzie Avenue intersects with Highway #1. This is RIDICULOUS how this is not being dealt with, and a source of endless frustration with all that use tis road system.
- Improve the flow of traffic on our roads.

- No traffic control on our long street of at least 1 km with one access onto West Saanich Road:
  - unlicensed motorcycles at times racing up and down the street
  - daily speeding up to at least 80 or 90 km in a 50 kmph zone
- Air and Noise Pollution levels due to low moving traffic
- Traffic congestion is a problem in the region and community. The efforts by traffic planners to slow down traffic tend to create congestion which the traffic planners say they like. The planners need to improve traffic patterns (on a regional basis) to make them more efficient, e.g. coordination of traffic lights and commuter routes.
- Also, population density explosion in my neighbourhood and new businesses to support, but same road infrastructure, traffic is very frustrating and becoming more dangerous. Should also have more smart lights at intersections to improve traffic flow and reduce emissions.
- Solve the problem of large numbers of old, noisy, polluting buses transporting cruise ship passengers to and from Ogden Point. They ruin the neighbourhood in the summer. We welcome the tourists but the bus traffic is horrific. The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority doesn't care because it is run by special interest groups (Chamber of Commerce, etc.) and the City of Victoria lacks the willingness or ability to enforce improvements.
- fix transportation network in busy intersections – have roads in place that work before allowing major box stores to destroy local traffic
- Parking
- Better parking - Trolley service - a senior community
- traffic calming on Carey Rd, cars to slow down on Rowland Ave, Crosstown Bus to alternating route in some places - for example maybe once every hour or 2 instead of going along boleskine, harriet, burnside onto Tillicum it instead went along Carey then don Tillicum. Juggle up the route a bit. Also bring back return trip if within 2 hours that would be nice for us low income people and people without vehicles.
- Improve traffic flow Admirals /Craigflower/Old Island Highway. Five lanes merge into one causes congestion, pollution, risky driving, blocking intersections and emergency vehicles from getting through. Gorge traffic at Admirals also blocks intersection. There is also a back up of traffic from Trans Canada Hwy at Admirals. Wondering what the plan is to improve the traffic in this areas. I live corner of Admirals and Craigflower and feel trapped here. Because of this I hope to move when possible even though it's a pretty area.
- I have lived in my community for 35 years. We moved here to enjoy a more rural lifestyle. In the last 10 years there has been an explosion in the building of instant neighbourhoods & high density housing. Developers are encouraged & enabled by local government, but there is never any resolution to how to move all the people that are moving to the western communities. Nobody anywhere addresses the issue. It shows a complete lack of respect for the people who have lived here for many years. Lots of tal about light rail & transit, but the cars are here & we need to do something to move them or stop building. You just can't keep building if you have no infrastructure. How long have you sat in traffic trying to get through the Mckenzie intersection or trying to go up island on a Friday afternoon. The traffic problem has a huge negative impact on the quality of life in the Western communities.
  Suggestions - We must have an interchange at McKenzie Ave & Trans Canada Hwy.
- Address traffic
  Create more cycle corridors
- Reduce traffic speed to 40km.
- Slow traffic on Fernwood Road, also there are too many rentals housing, cars on Fernwood Road leading to improperly parked cars which can be unsafe.

- I see the volume of traffic increase every year with many of the roads at peak capacity.
- The traffic problems at 4way stops need to be addressed, as do the problem with lack of crosswalks and danger to pedestrians trying to cross streets – walking should be nicer

Leisure and Culture

Facilities

- I think the local Commonwealth Pool team is outstanding. My daughter said nothing like it for programs for her kids in Waterloo Ont.. (12 years ago)
- Better museums - not well funded.
- back boards at the tennis courts
- more smaller green spaces/parks/playgrounds in neighbourhoods would be better for overall fitness/recreation. Everyone has to drive to recreation/sports/ arts etc...
- Library with separate computer rooms from the books.
- I would like to applaud and thank the City of Esquimalt for the excellent recreation facilities it had provided. I use the pool and rec centre on a regular basis; the programs are good and affordable. Thank you to the Mayor and all her staff who put should much work into the Rec Centre.
- Additional out door pickle ball courts.
- Access to educational and cultural opportunities.
- Improved washroom access both public and business
- cafes open in the evening,
- Public swimming pool.
- I have yet to see any baseball fields, basketball, or tennis courts in Langford.
- I would like to see a skateboard park for the youngsters.
- More health-food restaurants
- We don't have any proper facility like an arena, swimming pool etc, always have to use Panorama or Commonwealth Place which are full to the brim. Our own would provide more space for us to enjoy swimming, skating and taking courses for personal interest.
- community low rent work spaces and outlets for local talent/crafts etc
- I would like to see out-door adult workout gyms at local parks, like playgrounds for seniors!
- Monterey Activity Centre in Oak Bay is an awesome place for retired adults.
- I play pickle ball several times a week. It is a fast growing sport that is extremely senior friendly, but is also embraced by many young people. Expanding pickle ball locations and availability of more time allocated to this sport would benefit many.
- My husband and I compete at a fairly high level in International Standard Ballroom dancing, for which facilities are very difficult to find. Our practice space needs to be as big as a basketball court with a wood floor and this is getting harder and harder to find and more and more expensive. We are lucky to have the Brentwood Community Centre nearby and Les Passmore

and Cedar Hill Recreation a fairly reasonable drive away. Commonwealth Place is the only venue suitable for holding our annual competition.

- School fields in summer...please allow dogs off leash. Corner of Glanford and McKenzie....please make into a gated dog socializing park. Water tap at Beaver Lake large field for dogs
- i currently do not need shopping/medical facilities in walking distance, however; currently we have to drive to our nearest amenities. Eventually, we may have to move to another community closer to shopping etc. as View Royal does not have any in the Harbour precinct.
- get a new recreational facility to replace Crystal Pool building
- Better conditions and availability of softball fields are a struggle for the teams I play on.
- I would like to see some free outdoor adult/senior exercise equipment (such as in Sidney). This would be in parks or high schools, and it would be best in Esquimalt! This could help with balance, strength, movement, mental clarity, social interactions, get to know your neighbours. The benefits to this could be endless. Right now would be improved health that would help with our future health care dollars. Another idea would be nice to see more seats or benches on the wonderful trails we have around the city. This doesn't need to be fancy. It would also be nice to have more "point of interest" signs on the trails to encourage more walking, biking, skating, etc. in new areas. This will also help attract more tourists and tourists in our area, means more dollars for Victoria.
- This town needs a swimming pool in town.
- We have no good size convention centre, to attract, sizable conventions, because no municipality can afford to do i, we don't have a large enough arena to attract a professional team or professional concerts, or a decent concert hall, performance centre, to attract world class acts.
- I teach and practice Iyengar yoga, for which local facilities are very good due to a strong partnership between the peninsula Yoga Centre Society and the Mary Winspear Centre.
- more beach access
  more small parks
  tennis courts
- Build a theatre for the arts.
- Arts/Culture
  - Build an actual arts centre in the downtown core and stop funding the RTMS
  - Move the AGGV to the downtown core and establish a permanent Emily Carr exhibition
  - Take the VCM off life-support and establish a local branch of the Royal Cnservatory of Music
- I live on Salt Spring Island so quality of life here is excellent even though we may not have as many facilities
- A few more tennis courts would be great! Nice local pubs in Esquimalt.
  A good and varied water park for kids in Esquimalt.
- I would like to see a skatepark/bikepark built in the Central Saanich area.
- new library building
- provide more shopping, fastfood outlets
- Replace the obsolete Royal and McPherson Theatres with earthquake-proof buildings with good acoustics and adequate washrooms; elevators, too, for the infirm.
- Shopping Area

- More diversity in restaurants, shopping (clothing/food/apparel) and theatres. Get more of the bigger stores out here, such as The Bay, Sears and increase the size of the local London Drugs. More people are moving in, yet there are not the stores to serve them.
- Fewer liquor stores
- More recreational facilities: ie. indoor swimming pool, ice rink, etc.
- Would like to see a PUBLIC swimming pool in James Bay and not have to use Hotel pool and clue- too pricey
- Victoria Art Gallery should be/or have an annex DOWNTOWN. Moss St too far and too expensive and dull for locals..
- Replace the Crystal Pool
- Put more funding into the arts and their venues. CRD should run the theatres.
- we need a performing arts centre taking advantage of our harbor side environment. we will have an iconic new (ex blue) bridge. Why not an iconic water side cultural centre?
- Victoria/British Columbia should be more supportive of the arts, by granting more money, and building good art centres. eg. no public printmaking facilities on the island In comparison to Manitoba, British Columbia artists and musicians, dancers, etc. have little public support and encouragement.
- Wish the pub would stay open past midnight
- More coffee/bistro choices along Dallas and beach
- Many more sidewalk cafes

Programmes/Classes/Events

- I find gardening is my savior when it comes to my well-being. Fresh air and birds singing along with the flowers that comes from my handiwork give me much pleasure!!
- more drop-in programs and make programs more well known (ex. things being offered at rec centres). Maybe have a segment on news in morning (I rarely watch evening news), or send things in mail to us. My schedule is so irregular that I can't commit to anything that is weekly and regularly occurring which is so frustrating to me because there are so many things I would love to do!
- Some questions are difficult to answer. My physical activity is the most I can do to optimise fitness but not the normal aerobics etc. Facilities that provide good exercise programs for the less able are wonderful e.g aquatherapy at local pools. Facilities that help older people stay fit will minimise health costs.
- Classes of interest for seniors during the daytime.
- More variety in hobby courses at rec. centres - eg. calligraphy
- Please support intercultural activities.
- Please support mentorship programs.
- Please bring back bookmobiles.
  Please bring back Trudeau era arts and cultural programs to help young people to feel healthy and happy and hopeful again.
- More activities and social opportunities for 'singles' besides the pub.

- Let the private sector run courses on languages or cooking or crafts
- Cultural festivals, all-ages events
- Don't limit outdoor concerts like Rifflandia or the Symphony Splash because of a few noise complaints. Encourage more outdoor concerts and festivals!
- More organized physical activities for groups., eg. Walking groups.
- I think that the next step for my well being would be to have adequate recreational, cultural and leadership opportunities for my children who are 7 and 9 years old. More things like neighbourhood skateboard parks, youth programming for different interests especially for the middle school children and teenagers. I think that will be important to my wellbeing knowing that the community supports children in this age range and then we can hope for support and respect from the children as they grow into adults.
- There are lots of opportunities in this community - just up to me to participate.
- Being from UK originally, and travelling to Europe often on vacations, I am dissatisfied with the level of support for the arts in Canada from all levels of Government. This applies to both the infrastructure and the 'people' side of the arts. We need more civic performing spaces and more support for such things as civic orchestras, museums and art galleries. More federal support for such institutions as the CBC which should be an important cultural bond across the country, especially considering our divers ethnic and cultural population.
- more free community events-festivals, art displays, music in park ect-like the old folk festivals
- There is plenty of programs for art and culinary and hobbies and exercise, but very little musical programs available or educational programs.
- Multi-cultural opportunities. More festivals.
- One small thing I would mention that I'd like is free or inexpensive community events, like Creatively United for the Planet's or bandhell concerts, that brings people together of all kinds to enjoy music, the outdoors, and each other.
- more activities for the very old.
- A communal music festival or discussion evening of a relevant social/political topic may be nice.. :-)
- more active supports for seniors caring for a disabled partner...
- There are a lot of single women in Victoria who would like to find partners. There should be more programming to help them do so.

Access to programmes/services

- To continue ensuring parks are accessible cultural events [illegible] to allow maximum numbers of attendants. Talk seriously about pollution levels and climate changes.
- outdoor skating rink; can't and don't have, swimming pool; unsafe walking for me.
- I am restricted by physical discomfort from attending in classes
- Help seniors and families to afford use of public facilities. Cost of sports, entertainment, and musical activities cost too much for those struggling with low incomes.
- Physical exercise classes at senior centres should be in expensive/not expensive because of insurance costs.
- Subsidized recreation centre fees

- getting involved with local activities provided at no cost or reasonable cost
- Local Recreational facilities are great assets but costly to use- family memberships are good but cost is still a deterrent - too bad because regular exercise contributes significantly to health and well being, thus lowering the demand for services across the community.
- for persons with disability, the recreation centers should be less expensive or the same rate of cost as seniors. there should reduced costs for library, museum, and other community facilities for persons with disabilities.
- Affordable recreation would be great (it costs way to much to bring a child to the museum, and almost impossible to see a live theatre or ballet performance).
- Help for mums. Maybe exercise classes with free daycare? I would love to get more exercise which helps my physical and mental wellbeing, but can't afford the rec fees and the daycare for 2 kids. I now go in the evenings, but truly after 13 hours with 2 mall kids, it's less than ideal.
- Drop-in recreational programs in Sannich have been gradually reduced and more expensive pay programs are being introduced. The goals of community recreational centres have shifted to provide more and more programs that require additional payment from residents to make more revenues rather than to attract more residents to participate in more healthy activities. Some activities that used to be part of the annual pass are now only provide on a registered and pay basis (i.e. yoga). People stopped going as thy can not afford to pay the required fees which often are at the same or higher levels as private providers. The goals of community recreation centres should be to help improve the overall health of the residents in the community. Providing only registered and additional fee paying programs is not the way to encourage people that cannot afford the private providers services in the first place to participate. Recreation Centres have become more and more just competition to private health clubs rather than providing residents with low cost health programs like they should and used to be.
- With fixed income, it is very difficult to attend musical/cultural/sporting events. More open air or free events would be helpful.
- To have cultural options or educational options available at a very reduced or free price for me, who is living on a disability pension.
- I would love to support the arts and culture more, but I simply cannot afford to attend these events more than occasionally due to the ticket prices.
- It is also too expensive to take many trips off the Island due to the Ferry/Flight costs. You need $200.00 in your pocket plus gas, food etc to travel off Island.
- I believe their should be a tax credit to all persons engaging in recreational sports that promotes a healthy lifestyle. including equipment for such activities. this in the long run would have a beneficial effect on the community and the possible reduction of strain on the health care system.
- 1. Free choirs for all children and all interested adults.
  2. Affordable courses and activities for seniors.
- I believe the rec center fees should be strongly subsidised
- The pools that are available to me are not convenient.
  I am limited as I have to either drive to Esquimalt, Commonwealth or Crystal pools.
  It would take at least 10 minutes driving my car to any of these, and is not anywhere I go for any other reason.
  did not purchase the cheap May recreation pass because none of the facilities were close enough to me for me to use the pass to my benefit. Sad really
- Free access to recreation centres to foster better physical (and mental) health of the population.

- Eliminate the exorbitant entry fee for the museum and Victoria art gallery. When the museum was free I used to drop in with my first daughter every time we were down town. My younger children almost nevr saw the inside because it's far too expensive.
- Seniors Rec Centers should be OPEN on Sundays.
- I need programs that are short term and run during the day, I am a caregiver so my time away from home is limited.
- Affordable access to leisure activities
- Keep the costs of the community centre lower – including the exercise facilities (i.e.: pool, classes) and lower the cost of the interest courses (i.e.: painting, cooking)
- I live on a small Gulf Island, so many of the cultural, recreational, educational and their ilk categories weren't really applicable.
- I think there should be more activities that are free to low income people, so they have the opportunity to get out and participate. I also feel that there should be programs to help people with disabilities, who are not 65 years old yet, to receive a bus pass so that they have a way to get out and about. I worked very hard for 40 years and then became disabled and unable to work. I receive CPP Disability, but it's barely enough to live on...even with sharing accommodation and bills. I've been a decent, la-abiding person all my life and I feel I'm being shafted because of my ill health.
- Subsidize recreational activities, swimming and skating, for seniors and children – many of both groups cannot afford regular participation. Luckily for seniors there is the Senior Activity Center but the aforementioned activities are not covered by membership and should be so that these could be enjoyed. Also many families are prohibited from participating as a family due to cost of swimming and skating at the nearby rec. center.
- Reduce the cost of facilities so that the really poor can afford them. $250 a yea is too much for many. There is no need for all these constant, unnecessary, expensive renovations.
- Physical exercise classes at senior centres should be in expensive/not expensive because of insurance costs.
- more activities that don't cost a lot of money to attend
- Free family oriented activities are greatly appreciated!
- More access to childcare at recreation centers for parents during non-conventional hours. Very hard to get out as a single parent for myself and with my child as I can only do things in the evenings. No programs for toddlers in the evening either. Can'ttake my toddler to music lessons if they are only at 3:00pm (or earlier) when I am still at work.
- Need more places that are free for use by public groups.
- There should be a single comprehensive web site listing all of the community activities, opportunities, current events and services available in the region (not by municipality).
- I would like to be able to use the library on Sundays year round, not just during the winter month.
  I would like to see a different fee structure at rec center for people like me who are only interested in swimming and are in and out of the pool in less than I hour, however currently I have to pay as much as someone who uses the facility all day long.
- Need more drop-in classes for working people at the recreation center between 5:30 pm and 7:00pm daily - Timing and availability has been an issue

Education

- F3. added another question “Are all the courses on the mainland and too expensive, ie. Ferry, Hotel, Transport, Meals, Gas, and Course cost.” - VERY STRONGLY AGREE
- Encourage Post-Secondary institutions to offer courses in this community to improve access.
- Having a grandchild who is having problems in the school system, and I would wish for more resources in our schools to help children who are having difficulties.
- I am a 75 year old female senior who is basically a loner. Although I have a close friends with whom I keep in touch weekly, I still enjoy my own company the most and that is because I am interested in expanding my mental horizons where as they are not so inclined. I take courses at the university. Two weeks ago I started taking Chess lessons. This July 13-26 I am going with a group from the university to Ireland and therefore am doing lots of reading on the country and the Vikings.
- Post-secondary education is prohibitively expensive.
- Control the cost of secondary education. Help young people feel healthy and happy and hopeful again.
- Training/educational opportunities are very limited unless you are totally out work. The working poor have very few opportunities as they are struggling to make ends meet and yet cannot afford the courses to improve their situation. Education needs to be more accessible financially especially when job related.
- there should be less costs for education courses at the colleges, universities, and other programs.
- I also believe that if we provided an adequate education for all our children, with the supports they need to become successful learners with a positive attitude to learning, we would create knowledgeable and healthy citizens, able to support themselves and our country. Perhaps Canada could then offer a good example for the rest of the world, especially if we had a national government which protected all aspects of our environment.
- Better access/travel times from gulf islands to educational opportunities on Vancouver island, and salt spring island
- Reduce the cost of educational opportunities for over 50. For self-employed people looking for work, allow the opportunity of retraining. Currently, none exists if one has not paid into EI benefit plan.
- In order to take classes I commuted into Victoria this year by Bus. I didn’t know whether this survey included Victoria as “my Community” as I live on Salt Spring. So some of my answers are mixed. Saltspring has very few educational opportunities. I went to Camosun for a career upgrade class and to Cedar Hill Rec centre for another class on the same day. For my income level it was expensive because of the commute but it was very necessary.
- free education for everyone under 19!
- We would really like to have access to language classes (French, Mandarin, Japanese) outside of typical work hours (like in the early evenings or on weekends).
- Affordable education, courses,
- Free university courses for seniors as so many other universities offer.
- I would like to see higher value placed on education, in general, in Canada. I think our treatment of teachers and the lack of funding for the children in schools is an international embarrassment.

- Our public school classrooms have too many special needs students and not enough funding to give the students with various needs the help they need. Private schools should not receive public funding..
- offer free courses on cooking/eating lower on the food chain i.e. beans, vegetarian
- provide more aid for school children with learning and behavioural issues
- Free university courses for seniors as so many other universities offer.

Living Standards

- more support for young families - better day care opportunities, flexibility of work schedules, more low cost affordable housing for young families, more jobs for local citizens of all age groups.
- Housing and employment opportunities for all.
- Seniors housing and Young family working class incomes.
- I think there are problems that this survey does not address. The surveys are being completed by people from middle-income homes and also by people who have the time and ability to complete it so it presents a skewed view of our city. I worked downtown or many years and there are real problems with homeless people and drug dealing everywhere. Another concern is the total lack of entry level jobs for the young these days. With the amount of people retiring over the next 10 years, these jobs will be filed by out-of-town people who have experience, not by our local young people. So to improve the wellbeing in our community we need to address the homeless and drug problems downtown as well as encourage employment of our local young people.

Jobs

- Fair wages and the local people who live within the community should be given first choice for employment.
- More access to job improvement skills.
- We need strong unions so that people earn a living wage and are not mistreated at work.
- More emphasis on skilled jobs rather than cottage 'craft' industries, the service industry and farming.
- more people need to be well paid to do things they want to do.
- find a way to employ the kids in jobs where they feel committed, and be paid a decent wage so people can work until they are 65 retire and give their job up to a kid. There are no jobs out there so we work ourselves to the bone so we can keep our jobs hoping we do not get fired because they are firing in Victoria and hiring out of Vancouver. excluded employees are being screwed by over by employers today.
- Encourage enterprise in this community - most jobs pay about $12/hr, tho rents are very high and there is little public transportation. People do not have 2 or 3 or 4 jobs because they think it will be fun; it's required.
- Every day I see highly educated young people who would like to stay in Victoria struggling to find jobs, make ends meet to pay the high rents, and find any sort of foothold to make their way

forward in life and be able to stay in Victoria. Even the hospitality jobs (that they are overqualified for) are very competitive, and it is very important to be able to make friends with local business owners because it is from this pool of acquaintances that they will hire. Most of these young people I describe are ultimately faced with the choice of either leaving town altogether or living in sub-standard housing conditions (ie: in unkempt damp and moldy old suites with too many roommates), and working too many hours at exhausting low-paid jobs leaving very little tie to pursue any kind of personal development or higher fulfillment.

- Increasingly, according to business reports, the nature of work (especially at entry level) is becoming more individually based freelancing or contracting. Young people are realizing hat if no one will hire them, they will ultimately need to go into business for themselves, but many are either in low-paid jobs with no savings or saddled in student debt, so this is a very risky (if not impossible) prospect. Ultimately, if the City of Victoria realizes they need to retain highly educated younger workers in town to support its aging tax base, these are the very people that desperately need some support and investment right now! Above all, I believe the educated young people of this city ned FREE, accessible supports for micro-business (right down to the individual freelancer/contract worker) and opportunities to experiment with/learn new technology. This includes communal working space (eg: desk with wifi and/or workshop space not leased y any single business but which can be accessed by members), legal/financial support, public access to commercial-grade hardware and software that individuals might not be able to personally afford, and more
- educate people about the high cost of cheap imported goods in terms of employment here, so they'll stop shopping at cheap stores like WalMart & Marshalls
- Our community offers a lot of choices. Our barrier is our jobs. Demands are high and stressful which consumes our energy. Also our children are involved in our community which requires us to transport them to their events daily.
- Increased employment and advanced education opportunities.
- Under-employed, need/want more work-at least 20-25 hours per week. Under - employed & poverty!! Not enough work= no personal life possible or almost none: no $$
- higher wages
- You should be focusing on job skills for teens (specially women) who are underpaid and over educated compared to men in the workforce, enrolling them in trades training and then making employers actually hire them for a fair salary, and then promote them over their sons in the workforce.
- More job opportunities for highly educated professionals, in academia and the arts. More jobs for young people struggling to start up on their own. Grants or discounts for lower-income individuals, allowing them to participate in educational/community class. Grants or discounts for lower-income individuals with pets, to allow for veterinarian services. *As to this survey, the total "household income" doesn't reflect my current situation. I hold 5 university degrees, yet cannot find full-time work in Victoria. I contract out – working usually only 1 week per month. This type of "non-traditional" work is not fully indicated on your survey, which requires that I click on "hours per week" that I work. My husband, fortunately, has steady work, though we pay a lot in taxes! Another matter perhaps not addressed is taxes paid, and price of household expenses, notably hydro, fortis, etc., as well as higher prices of food locally. Cost of living in Victoria, combined with no jobs in my several areas of expertise (nd those who do not qualify for unemployment are not factored into the percentages reported) are the extreme downside of living here. Otherwise, the beauty and nice people make this a glorious place to live. Thanks for doing this survey!
- I think that this is a great place to live. My biggest concern for myself right now is the lack of job opportunities. I graduated with a university degree almost two years ago and have been

unable to find work in my field. I look every day and have put a lot of effort into finding something and feel like there are really not a lot of opportunities.

Cost of living

- Seniors with no income are finding it difficult to maintain homes. Living alone with a darling cat is expensive, for we have to pay for so much help. I do hope I can keep my home and my pet.
- End the prejudice and bias at the food bank against single people there is no way in hell single people get a proper monthly ration, compared to the so-called families.
- I always budget carefully within my income and make choices to comply.
- better child care options,
- I see the negative effects of poverty on my community. The gap between the rich and the rest is widening dramatically. More social housing integrated into neighbourhoods would make neighbourhoods more diverse and assist poorer families to enjoy what my family has.
- The bills keep flowing through the letter box, for retired couple each time i open the letters they increase there demands !! How much longer do we have to put up with this?, 1 feel sorry for couples who struggle with this situation with there children!
- We ae packing to move to Germany for work even as I write this. I love this community but can't afford to live here; my children have moved away as well. Goodbye Salt Spring!! It's a nice place to be rich.
- Housing and increasing costs make hours of work needed to cover expenses to high. employment opportunities are extremely low for above minimum wage work despite a persons experience and education. Employers and governments are allowing shorter work weeks o qualify as "full time" employment, ie 35 hour weeks as opposed to a true 40 hour week. Yet increasing costs vs declining wages, does not allow for quality of life. A person needs to many jobs to meet up with minimum budgets.
- I think we need to pay more attention to the working poor.
- Many children come to school hungry. Parents are working two jobs to make ends meet. The minimum wage does not support families. We also need public daycare for working parents.
- Yes, the cost of living is too high and the wages too low!
- Establish a guaranteed annual income to address health, education, and housing issues.
- Prices in this city are so very high, housing for young families is out of reach so they will not be able to live here. Soon this city will be for the rich only, then pray tell who will pay the taxes.
- BC has the highest rate of child poverty in Canada. We should be helping BC children and not sending billions off to Africa. Our FN children should receive help before children in other countries. It is an embarrassment how our Provincial and Federal governments treat our children and their families and the caregivers of family disabled members.
- Hold the line on basic needs costs - water, sewage, etc.
- I am a single person with a disability, I make under $12000 a year. Recently everything has gone up in price except my income, a few years ago the government decreased welfare and disability rates and voted themselves a raise. With the money I get per month you tell me how I can feel like part of the community or feel good about myself or have a family.my health is not the greatest but there is things I can do but it is hard to wake up and go to work when you feel worthless, mental health help is out of th question because I cannot afford $60 a visit. it feels

like we are the governments dirty little secret and covered up so nobody will see us and know what kind of job they are really doing, it is to bad this will accomplish nothing that truly matters to the people that these improvements would benefit

- create quality childcare that's publicly funded
- That there be more things available and affordable to people on limited income/ disability income. This group of people seem to suffer a lot in not being able to afford a residence or food/clothing cause of the high cost of things and rent.
- More support for people of all ages to lift them out of poverty, have a home, healthy food, free day care, access to a good education that is free (academic or trades from grade 1 to post graduate training), guaranteed minimum wage that one can live on. Tis is doable.
- Time wise & physically, financially tough to spend quality time with grandchild I have raised and is now 13 fulltime working grandma who will have to sell my house when I am forced to retire because I won't be able to make the mortgage payments
- Mostly, I need help with house cleaning at a small cost and food also. I have a micro-wave. I also need help in getting my son help in moving legally to Canada so that I will have at least 1 relative living close for help.
- The high costs of running thee cities, higher property taxes, over-head costs of a home, is what will ultimately, decide moving to a smaller and more affordable community.
- Discouraged!! With health and the little help BC Government is doing to help people like me and worse - No increase in BC disability cheques in 8 years! Life is getting hard to handle and keep in a positive mood! Someone needs to help us!!
- Would like the rent of over 30 reduced to 25-30 of income to do visits or activities with children and my grandchildren it is the cost of gas. Food and transportation after that ruins the quality of life for the elderly.
- Every pension increase is lost in rent increases and other charges. Seniors are suffering.
- More AFFORDABLE, QUALITY daycare options. There seem t be enough private options (e.g. live-in and part time nannies), but not enough daycare spaces in public facilities to meet the needs of the average working family.
- Can we make rent any cheaper, as our bosses will never increase our wages.
- I believe there should be a guaranteed annual income for everyone, sufficient to provide adequate shelter and an adequate diet, and to cover the cost of life's essentials. In my opinion, our national medical costs would be less, and our crime rates would be lower.
- Despite my sense of personal well-being, there is great disparity in the community as a whole. There is still a terribly high percentage of poor people who do not have enough work, food, shelter, sense of community or security and suffer ill health. Our child poverty is the worst in Canada. Our governments at all levels must do more to ensure everyone has enough money, housing, food and support so that people don't have to go to food banks or sleep in shelters. I heartily endorse the creation of a provincial poverty reduction plan. As for myself, though I am not wealthy, I feel rich and blessed in my personal life and sense of belonging in the community. I am as interested as anyone in efforts to keep costs of living down but heartily urge all efforts, including increasing taxes, to ensure that all people in our community can live in dignity, health, safety and comfort.
- improve services for seniors on Govt. Pensions (less than $30,000 per household) EG;
  Free Ferries
  Free Medical, Dental and drugs

- Increases in health insurance, property taxes, dentist costs, and property insurance have reduced my ability to have money to spend on travel, family, entertainment, leisure activities, household goods, house maintenance, clothes etc. I feel that all levels of government are trying to please everyone all the time and continually fail to control spending. Many people do not have the luxury of increasing their wealth or finances to the level of the cost of living which is the benchmark for tax increases. This is not sustainable for people that do not work or get raises or that are on fixed incomes. What percentage of people is that?
- Access to services, entertainment, educational opportunities should be subsidized based on after tax income. This is not an issue for me at this time however I suspect it is significant for many people living in my neighborhood. The cost of living here s extremely high and this is becoming increasingly problematic for folks on a fixed income as well as young families who we need to work in the local businesses.
- 1) My family has had significant financial struggles in the last few years, partly from being employed in non-union/non-government work, and partly from starting a business at the wrong time and place. Employees of the government seem to make about double the wage compared to private sector employees. It is unfair for "ordinary" people to be forced to pay union-level fees for essentials: Government services, public transit, hydro, ferry fares, garbage collection, etc. Federal taxes are somewhat proportional to income. Municipal taxes (and municipal spending practices) are not.
- With rents so high, seniors who only have CPP and OAS cannot eat well or live on the $300-$400 a month that is left after Medical, Hydro, Cable are paid.

  Shaw: $170 mo
  Medical $68 mo.
  Hydro $ 15 mo. Not much left for food! Except very unhealthy die...which leads to medical issues. CPP was a promise...and insurance we paid into all our working lives...and suddenly we are treated, as if should be grateful for this 'handout'.
- We need financial help and I don't know where to get it.
- Affordability is big, with everything coming into play, recreation, gas prices, utilities, groceries, taxes and everything in between.
- Affordable accessible daycare for kids.
- More affordable child care.
- This community needs to focus on poverty. Children. first nations and homeless require services and support.
- There are families of my acquaintance who are underemployed and struggling to raise a family due to lack of, or inadequate public assistance available from either the community or provincial government. They live in perpetual poverty and have no safety nt. Property values are high, rents are high, and employment opportunities that pay more than minimum wage are scarce in this community. I would like to see a more equitable distribution of income at the national level using taxation rates on the top 25of earners, with the resulting increase in revenues transferred directly to the provinces on a monthly basis, to be flowed on to any households not earning a living wage (in Victoria, about $19 per hour).
- the Government gives Millions away to other Countrys, don't even look after their own People, especially the seniors, we have to think twice do i buy food or my Prescriptions, its a shame
- Many of my responses reflect the fact that I am a full time working mother. A lack of quality, affordable childcare for infants and young children has had a huge impact on my family, and our finances, so that needs to be addressed. My child has serious food allergies, so her safety and education have been highly problematic, as this province has no laws nor sensible guidelines to

keep food allergic children safe, and her level of inclusion into recreation activities has been mixed, so more work needs to b done to "exclude the food, not the child" in our community. The high cost of living is an issue, especially the rising cost of housing and food, lack of daycare spaces, much less affordable and quality daycare, and a lack of jobs for unskilled labour (jbs my partner would do, if he were not required to be a stay at home dad).

- The extraordinarily high cost of housing in Victoria is an enormous drag on our community. I'm no longer sure much of anything can be done to substantially change this from a public-planning perspective.
- very happy to be living in esquimalt, but particularly food and accommodation very expense. thank-you for the survey.
- More affordable childcare.
- No disposable income either
- J7: Better than before, used to be under $10,000! Pretty hard to live that way
- We moved to Victoria 4 years ago, but find the cost of housing, cost of living, entertainment, etc. is quite high and the average wage mae it very difficult to save money. We will likely not stay here because it is too difficult to save money towards our retirement, and we will not be able to afford the cost of living here once we are retired. Beautiful city, but not an easy place to secure a well paying job, and wages are lower compared to other parts of the country. Good place to live if you have a nest egg or are independently wealthy.
- My suggestion: reduce care-cost to invalid spouses so the well-spouse can have a little bit more fun!
  :)
- My husband has been at a complex-care facility for 5 years. His care-cost is so high, that I cannot buy summer-shoes or see my siblings in Holland. But I must admit sometimes giving hefty donations to UNHCR for the world's 45-million refugees. Therefore I listed my life-satisfaction as high, though I need to be frugal.
- The cost of living is to high and people are expected to work to much. I work between 6-8 hours a day and this does not even cover my bills at 10.25 I have a college diploma and working on a bachelor's degree however I am still getting min wage. The money stress prevent me from enjoying my life or helping my Nabors as much as I would like. It also prevents me from taking additional classes.
- Income does not correspond to cost of living. Prices have gone while wages remain the same. Value of money is going down. Limited access to community services due to user fees. No tax incentives to compensate for living conditions. Basic utilities eg hydro, water and municipal services/taxes keep going up. Government employees get yearly increases in pay while no-government taxpayers don't. I wish government can be kinder/friendlier to low income residents.
- subsidized licensed daycare
- There is also a need for good affordable childcare.
- I love my community and the quality of life. The cost of living here is our greatest life struggle. We have 3 children at home and a large mortgage.
- More social assistance and programs for limited income children. children should don the forced to live below the poverty line.
- Being able to have things like gym memberships or other services like that more affordable. Based on general rent costs, and wages made people really don't have much spending money-if any, without being in debt. Almost every person I talk to has accumulated debt due to

unexpected emergencies, little work, low wages, high rent costs etc. Having these issues start at such a young age certainly holds people back. I personally work all nights just to assure I am not on a rotation, and can have set days off, bu I also sacrifice a lot of social time. I also don't go out too much due to not having enough money. I would like to be able to utilize what is around me, but find it hard to due so based on all these things. I don't imagine this survey will fix those thigs, but that is my comment. Thanks. :)

- Government must invest in, and safeguard the most vulnerable in any ethical professing society; financially, as well as socially. Inclusion, isn't established by forcing the disabled, seniors, and the poor to live 50 below the poverty line.
- Melting pensions are a problem even for seniors that appear to have plenty of money.
- We just purchased a house and have not yet moved; but will be extremely stretched for money once we move. More better paying jobs or lower housing prices...all of us are "home poor" if the "average family" wants to own a detached home!
- Lower the cost of living for lone parent families.
- cost of living is too high for retirees on a limited budget.

Affordable housing

- There is a real need for affordable housing, especially for seniors, and for affordable home care, for seniors and the disabled. There is also a need for good affordable childcare.
- Have daughter and grandson living with us for a year while [?] adds to her education
- Housing for people who provide essential services in our community, i.e. teachers, should be cheaper or subsidized.
- Please convince property owners to be less greedy. Please build more affordable housing.
- All apartment buildings should be non-smoking and only 30 of your income.
- There is a lack of cooperative housing in town; we need affordable housing for the working poor and for seniors on limited incomes.
- make renting a home more affordable. Also offer "rent to own home ownership" opportunities to help people struggling get a step into a home. I can't make enough to pay our rent, let alone save for a down-payment. I feel very unhappy knowing that I may ever be able to own a home in this wonderful community.
- A more generous SAFER program. [SAFER is subsidized seniors housing?]
- Do away with homelessness. Treat addiction as a mental issue inc. alcohol. More inexpensive housing.. Keep housing with mixed age groups.
- We need housing for homeless people. it is shameful and criminal that we still have people living on the streets of Victoria; and the current situation is far too expensive: to much cost to health care and police.
- Poor housing options for young people who are reading to move out on their own, but cannot afford to become independent.
- More affordable housing options. It does not affect me personally, but I am aware of how expensive it is for many people.
- better assistance with housing costs
- more adult oriented housing for active senior living would be welcome

- It's impossible to afford housing near employment.
- Affordable housing
- Creating a neighborhood to house homeless individuals rather than integrating into residential neighborhoods
- Housing is inadequate and scarce
- Our other problem is the cost of housing that is driving young families away – this will have a serious impact on community well-being.
- Need low cost rental and housing
- More support for reduction of homelessness – look at more creative alternatives like Woodwynn Farm – and provide community supports to lessen anxieties about such facilities.
- Affordability for housing.
- Increase the availability of rental housing.
  Decrease the overall proportion of high-end condos.
- Homelessness needs more attention; the cost of housing is too high for many families.
- I would like to see the James Bay, Beacon Hill, and downtown areas of Victoria do more about the homelessness situation. I do not like to see the number of homeless people who "live" in Beacon Hill Park and on Douglas street. It would be much nicer for ur visitors if they did not have to deal with people begging for money when visiting our downtown.
- More affordable housing for EVERYONE (young families, the homeless, singles, newcomers, seniors, etc).
  The cost of homes and rental options is ASTRONOMICAL, OUTRAGEOUS and UNACCEPTABLE.
- housing for disadvantaged
- It's impossible to afford housing near employment.
- more effort/funding to decrease homelessness
- Help those who need the help the most: the homeless. This can be done by allowing people to live in substandard housing ,boats, providing inexpensive public housing, making boarding rooms legal again, and otherwise restoring the status quo ante. They do NOT need social workers. They need affordable housing. Deal with that and a lot of the other issues will take care of themselves.
- provide lower cost rental accommodations or subsidized low income housing/co-ops
- High cost of housing seems to be one of the major obstacles to people's wellbeing in this community
- Affordable CLEAN housing desperately needed. There are educated employed adults living in their cars because of the cost of rent. People without children and no disabilities cannot access subsidised/affordable housing.
- deal with homelessness. Provide avenues for people to learn a skill or trade or craft that will assist them to feed, clothe, and house themselves. Take panhandlers and those sleeping in parks etc. to a place that can teach them a craft, trade, or niche.
- The issue of homelessness needs to be addressed. The cost of housing/ care for the homeless is far less than the current drain on the system.
- J17: Get Real! Almost every penny! For decades it's been 75 or more of monthly income spent on housing) Comment: Cut rents in half, which means "pro-rating" to landlords property taxes and other costs: water.... Doubling salaries: minimum wages, disability benefits, social

assistance, E.I.. EI for self-employed -non-existent! Need help!*"Living wages" for all, and affordable housing, so there is money for food, bills, and maybe "a life" beyond the stress of perhaps becoming homeless every month in the last 30 years. A federal "poverty tax threshold" of $20,000 or $25,000. A National housing policy.**

- More facilities and support for homeless people.
- more social housing
- more low cost rental housing
- I consider that the most urgent need in this community is for those who are not adequately housed or NOT HOUSED at all. It is shocking to see the number of disadvantaged people in this region, particularly in the downtown core, who are, judging by the number of shopping carts piled high with belongings that one sees, homeless. A recent fire in a large downtown Victoria apartment building has resulted in dozens of vulnerable people losing their affordable homes for reasons that appear to be unwarranted. I consider housing affordability and homelessness to be a civic and national emergency and the persistence of this problem to be a national disgrace.
- There is a real need for affordable housing, especially for seniors, and for affordable home care, for seniors and the disabled.
- I live by myself in a large home. I should move out, but the thought of having to survive into a condo fills me with dread. The development community much prefers producing condos because they can make their profit up front and move on to the next project. But the community needs more rental accommodation. Let us end this nightmare.

Time use

- Some questions are hard for me. We have a home with suites on acreage. We have to do a lot of work to maintain the buildings and land. No time or energy left for active things and lots of arthritis.
- I am retired + see note, All my time is First-struggle to do necessary functions. Then I get tired/aching and have to rest physically.
- survey asked how long to get to work, answer was 20min. Time to get home after work 40min. this grind over a short distance at times zaps positive energy.
- I got laid off from work and have time on my hands.
- E10: virtually no leisure time
- Commuting has got to be the biggest reason for stress, lack of personal time, lack of energy, lack of overall wellbeing I can think of, so if we can make it easier, such as improving the transit to downtown, it should be looked into.
- I think that wellbeing has to start with yourself. I work more than full time for my husband's business, and find juggling husband, teenagers, work, housework, and a business degree course very stressful. Perhaps if I took this survey in 10 years time m answers would be very different. I believe that the opportunity to find balance in your life exists for most of us – it's whether we care enough about ourselves to find it that is the problem.
- I am a FARMER. Work 42-65 hourséweek depending on season. 7dayséweek work is anytime livestock need attending-could be at 2:00am! Rain or Shine, Sick or well-chores got to be done
- Work-life balance is always tricky, especially with a busy family life. I would love for our society to place less emphasis on our work achievements, and more on community involvement

and raising children. Along the same lines, I would love if our society were more accepting of children in the workplace.

- Sorry - I don't participate in the community other than being on our strata council. Full time work doesn't allow time (would have if I were younger). Hope to participate more when I retire.
- Many of my issues have to do with working too many hours at a job for which I am overqualified and somewhat bored. We are a vegan family, so food prep takes up a huge amount of our time - fortunately we are foodies, but after working an 8 hour day (no paid breaks or lunch) and preparing food and parenting, there's no time or energy to get out and enjoy our community!

Overall Health and Wellbeing

General

- We are very happy living in Langford near grandkids and appreciate all the health, recreational and cultural offerings. For me the big future issues are environmental degradation, global warming and the increasing division between rich and poor resulting in fewer services. Social priorities include education, mental health and health services including alternative health. I am willing to pay higher taxes to address these issues. Thank you.
- Our community focus and priority should be on the total physical & mental development on every member of our society from birth to death with a focus on the family. I firmly believe this is possible and the sooner we start to make this our local and national goal the happier and more successful we will be as a community and a country.
  After 32 yrs in the infantry & airborne I firmly believe that war of any sort for any reason is unacceptable. We have the intellectual, organizational and economic means to solve our differences without fighting.
  The world must, and can, be governed to put all people (we are our brothers'/sisters' keepers) first - allowing every person to reach their fullest potential. This includes equalization payments from the wealthy nations to the poorer nations. It is not right that a country as large and rich as Canada is not shared with people from the rest of the world.
  OK, I expect I am way off your topic - sorry.
  Appreciate your work on this project and hope to ee the results and a positive impact. Thank You.
- Satisfied with what is available.
- more community news in media, IE: calls out of firehall, police reports,
- Foster spiritual options to consumerism to reduce global impact o our culture.
- No. We are very happy here.
- I FIND THAT IF YOU JOIN IN YOU CAN ACHIEVE WELLBEING AND OBTAIN BENEFICIAL PAY BACK BUT IF YOU SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING YOU COULD BECOME VERY LONELY AND THINGS COULD START TO FALL APART.IT DOES SEEM THAT WITH NO HOME DELIVERY SERVICES AND NO TIME FOR AENCIES TO ASSIST THOSE THAT ARE LOSING IT ,WHATEVER AGE, CHARITIES ARE TRYING TO DO THE BEST THEY CAN WITH LIMITED RESOURCES? WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO FUND ONE GROUP TO HELP ANOTHER WITHOUT TOO MUCH RED TAPE NOR

REGULATIONS BUT WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE JOB POSPECTS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.

- No, it's a pretty good place, though there's a lot of squabbling in the local newspaper
- Our community has grown and improved immensely over the years for the betterment.
- Lower taxes; a democratic government; double the CPP; fix the leaking storm drain system. Safer Bicycle lanes. Maintain what we have.
- we have great bodies and great minds but as far as the spiritual side of things are concerned we are most sadly lacking
- where possible creating ACCESS and choices for people to participate and seek balance in their lives
- Reduce property taxes, reduce spending and refocus on key programs and services, improve child care opportunities, improve traffic engineering to reduce congestion, reduce costs for family recreation activities, reduce crime, reduce presence of homeless people in the neighborhood.
- We think [?] and greater Victoria are wonderful places to live; and my wife and myself are in great health.
- Family live in Ontario. Things are good. Some days are lonely! One day at a time!
- I think we have to pay great attention to multi-nationals companies whose sole interest is making money.
  I think we have to appreciate where we live and what we have.
- Not particularly. I think there are many services that are offered and done well.
- Please note: I have had 2 hip replacements plus major revision of my first with bone transplant-resulting left leg shorter, left hip joint higher inside my body than right, consequent scoliosis of spine and awkward, painful and tiring movement, walking, and bending.
- doing a great job
- The traffic, increased population and cost of living is effecting wellbeing in greater Victoria.
- I have pets and they keep you happy, content and loved.
- View Royal ... a well-managed town with much to offer!
- Look forward to the final report summary!
- Fewer people; less development; fewer speeders; more caring people; more respectful people.
- like it as it is
- Stop making the focus on the baby boomers and be more open to other aged people.
- Increased spiritual awareness and connection with all beings and nature.
- I am content with my past and present life
- It's pretty good the way it is!!
- I am quite happy with existing state of affairs.
- Also, the Victoria Foundation does a great job in supporting community organizations. Keep up supporting those with addictions, such as the Umbrella Society.
- But I do have a suggestion for this type of measurement of a community-should have been a section for seniors because of problems like arthritis (my case)heart disease etc. I found all the physical activity questions not part of my life because of ae and health issues. Also pets are a large part of health both mental and physical. I walk a lot because of my dog and play ball and

stick with him and his doggier friends. This adds a lot to my mental and physical well-being. well being.

- Victoria is a special place to live. We have lived in other countries and in other parts of Canada serving the Canadian Government and believe that our country is blessed in comparison. The poorest of the poor in Canada live better than in many nations we have seen. We have faults of course and we have social areas that can be improved but no country can ever be utopia. While we need to evaluate our life style and strive hard to help those who are not able to help themselves we need to recognized that Canada indeed no country will ever be wealthy enough to solve all ills. We need to strive for the art of the possible not perfection.
- Less surveys

Miscellaneous

- The actual youngest son died 2006 in a tragic skiing accident 32 years old. He was an accomplished person in many ways. Honour degree in Criminology from S.F. and law degree from U-VIC. His zest for life is still with me today. Your questions are often dwarfed by the energy I needed to look forward.
- My answers are a bit skewed because we are retired and self reliant as we were brought up where we had to be this way and this background has made us this way and to not go to others for things that we ourselves are capable of doing.
- I am a child of Asia, a student of Europe, a white collar worker and retiree of Canada: Speaking English, French, Vietnamese, Cantonese, German. I used to live and work in Paris, London (UK), Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hamburg, Vancouver, Victoria. Scientists in the distant future, will have a whale of a time trying to figure out where I came from and would fit in the tapestry of life.
- I am currently still recovering from a bad fracture in January so cannot be as active as before this happened. I hope to continue to improve.
- Arthritis is my main hurt .....
- I have multiple Sclerosis and have had open heart surgery in the past year. I am having issues with muscle pain and burning from my M.S. and this was triggered from my Heart surgery. I was in great shape and fit before all this occurred last April of 2013 My opinions would be different although slightly if this didn't happen. As soon as all my symptoms lessen and I am "normal" again, I will get back into shape.
- Just to share this important need for everyone, that being we all must 'Read our Bible & Pray, every single day'...!
- good luck with the survey.
- good overall!
- Nothing to do with a job...
- I hope I have completed this survey
- Good luck.
- Free beer
- I hope this some use to you. I had to guess at a lot of the questions.
- CBC Radio 2.5 hours daily, NWPR 1 hour daily
- I can't think of a thing- any shortcomings are my own!

- I welcome the opportunity to participate in the community wellbeing survey.
- I moved to a new rather remote community 10 months ago and spend 6 months of the year in Arizona.
- more people should consume Melaleuca products. Melaleuca is the Wellness Company!
- I am living in a situation after having had three brain surgeries. I have had two brain surgeries at Neuro Montreal at McGill, and one at UBC in Vancouver. It was an unprecedented surgery to help with Epilepsy.
  I sing in two choirs at St. Georges Anglican Church in Cadboro Bay, Victoria.
  I was a professional rider/trainer at a large stable in Calgary before I was disabled by Epilepsy.
  I live at Mary Cridge Manner on Yates Street in Victoria; there is also support from Beacon Home Support three times a week.
  I take the bus for most of my transportation.
- Well done!
- it is an ideal community. The reason for lack of participation is an ongoing responsibility for the welfare of abandoned cats in this neighbourhood,

About the survey

- 30 minutes is far too short time for this 18 pager!
- Your "vacation" section was quite confusing. Did you want number of vacation periods, number of days in total, number of hours? (!!!!). It seemed poorly placed with all the hourly activities. So my answer was 4, meaning I was away from my residence "on vacation" 4 times, but that meant a total of 19 weeks.
- G8. "I did not have enough money to buy the things I wanted..."-I don't think that this is a very good question. It's totally based on personal perception, unless one
- The democracy question threw me - being happy with democracy in the community - did you mean government - or organizations or ? Democracy is too multi-faceted for a simple question - it is being effective with making informed decisions and it is also representation of interests and it has elements of fairness and diversity and inclusion - did you mean the process by which people are elected - etc! Too much there!
- some questions could have multiple answers...I did the best I could
- The question "How long have you lived in Canada?" should have had an instruction to 'answer in years', or something like that. I answered "49 years" and was told to give a valid number. You would not answer this question with just a number. Otherwise the questions were very clear - well done!
- Neither yoga nor ballroom dance fit well into any of the categories you listed, so I have done my best to answer within the parameters here.
- Some of the questions don't apply to retirees.
- The questions don't always allow for those in retirement. EG. I take university courses all the time - over the Internet. So your questions about availability are a moot point for me. Plus the reason I study the courses: to keep myself informed, to keep my brain active and to help me be a better writer.
- I am totally unimpressed with this survey including its need and how it will be used. It took much longer than the promised 30 minutes.

- "Community" is not clear. In future please refer to CRD, Municipality, neighbourhood etc. this make a very big distance in some questions.
- Interesting survey. Perhaps spreading the questions out (bigger type or spacing) as the sections with many lines are difficult to see/follow. Thank you.
- How can this survey be anonymous when it was addressed to me, and the code number is unique to my name and address. How stupid do you think we are? This is the level of ignorance I have come to expect from the CRD, and its affiliates.
- I am concerned re. giving financial information.. I can understand it is important but given internet security it makes me uncomfortable.
- some of your questions are vague and therefore the responses aren't quite adequate. eg, sporting section.
- Your survey with so much detail [even asking questions that people are loathe to answer such as family income with no opportunity to say 'prefer not to answer' ignores the area of time spent on self-employment, and how that could be creative, contributing strongly to a sense of well-being [as in my case]. As well, retirees look at leisure time very different from people who are employed. There are assumptions in this survey relevant to a city but not to rural areas such as SSI – ability to purchase food, for example – not financial but getting to the store. Transportation is another issue for some although that has been improved greatly on SSI.
- these questions mostly asked me about my own experience. I am a fairly privileged member of this community. I know many members of this community who are living in poverty and whose well being is severely challenged. It is unlikely that many of them will be responding to this survey. You should include questions that asks about the experiences of neighbors, friends, and acquaintances as well. I also live in a community where there is a increasing a lack of democracy and input from local residents. Decisions are frequently being made by unelected bureaucrats or private corporate interests. You need more questions that get at those experiences.
- There was a problem with a question about 1/3 of the way through. It started with something like: "Thinking about holidays . . . " but the rest of the question was missing!! I just put in the number "20", to satisfy the red prompt. I recommend you work to repair this question
- Some of these questions did not make sense. The one about thinking about holidays - I have no idea what you were asking for there.
- Colours of the text and question background very difficult to read
- Your question about holidays is very poor. It does not ask how many days of holidays did you take. How am I supposed to know you want a number between 0 and 365
- The travel question did not state how many trips so that was the only confusing question, thanks
- Way too long!!
- You talked about medical care in the community.....but few of us have that. Medical care in the city is a more appropriate question...in which case I say it's perfect. You omitted the important charitable initiatives, like hospital auxiliaries, musical education events, tourism volunteers, volunteer gardeners, etc. etc.
- I am surprised there is not more in your survey regarding HEALTH CARE. It is a big part of our well being.
- it was difficult to respond to some of the questions because I wasn't sure of the definition of community. In some questions I responded by community meaning neighbourhood in others it was more the city or region.
- It takes longer than 1/2 hour to fill out this questionnaire.

- nope. but the survey layout is lousy.
- this survey was too long for my age 81
- This was a poorly designed survey
- many of these questions are a waste of time or reflect an agenda which places the objectivity of this survey in question.
- You need to define what you mean by 'neighbourhood" and 'community".
- I fail to understand your use of the word 'community'. I suggest it is nothing other than a politically correct buzzword. Very few people live in a community. They live in a neighbourhood or (gated) area or 'division' or 'development'. They are not communities. The Hutterites, for example, live in communities. Canadians do not.
- PROBLEMS WITH THIS SURVEY
  Many of these questions assumed we do the same thing day week after week, and that paid work is the centre of our lives. The questions also seem to assume that pressures of work will affect non-work life in a dichotomous relationship. My reality is that paid work is sporadic, my husband is in the same field, and more competitive than supportive so work and personal life are intertwined and do affect each other. Also, questions about "number of times" engaging in an activity d not reflect amount of time spent (e.g., how many times do I read). Questions about formal education or courses are misleading. I spend a lot of time on the computer trying to gain skills I can't afford to learn in formal courses.
- survey seems fairly complete
- The ground seems to have been well covered.
- SURVEY IS LONG AND WINDED AND NOT SURE OF THE NEED OF SOME OF THIS INFO, 30 MINUTES TO COMPLETE CAN BE DEBATABLE.
- The survey questions we not well formed. The survey asked redundant questions based on a previous answer.
- This questionnaire is to long. and takes too much time.
- The survey was far too long!
- I missed out on the question that said, "Think of your last holiday.." It was a blank space and did not ask any questions. When I went to the next page, the questions were on another subject.
- Safety and disaster preparedness is an important part of well-being which I do not feel was really addressed in these questions.
- Be sure to widely disseminate the results of this survey, so that the respondents (myself included) get to see what we'd spent our valuable time contributing to.
- Also, my wellbeing with my community would improve if I understood why there needed to b different radio buttons for "Very Satisfied" and "Extremely Satisfied" – I am a consulting statistician, so I'd be happy to help you in improving the survey design in the future. If you'd like to chat further, I'm at [email address]
- Don't put all the leisure questions first – it seems like a trivial survey for a long time. Shorten it – this took me over 60 minutes, not 30. Some of the questions require thinking. It was not well thought out in terms of the challenges of self-employee people trying to get our heads around amounts of time, numbers of jobs (do I have 1 job or 5 at the same time when I'm contracting in different ways to different organizations for different types of work, some part time in offices some at home etc?) Also challenging to separate, say, leisure time on the computer from work time when hobbies and work overlap, that needs some thought for self-employed people. Also, think about all the ways we use the computer like chatting, skype etc, and some of the questions need to factor that in. Take out the repetitious, differently worded questions that make it seem

like one of those bogus psychological tests – they just made me think about trying to interpret them differently. Add more opportunities for comments along the way, e.g. this was especially a concern during the "overall" rating section towards the end, where I'd rank my sense of value and importance in my work very high but how secure, comfortable, well paid I feel extremely low overall, that section needs t be thought through more rigorously. Provide some information about how certain information may be used, what its value is to me for filling this out.

- I can only HOPE that the CRD is not paying for this survey – which probably has limited value – the Victoria Foundation funded it fine .... I suspect this survey is NOT Statistically Valid

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