

Survey: Powell River's Vital Signs 2015 Community Survey

Report: Basic data, all responses

Survey Status		Respondent Statistics		Points Summary
Status:	Closed	Total Responses:	535	No Points Questions used in this survey.
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Closed Date:	08/28/2015	Partials:	66	

1. Over the past four years, do you think the gap between people with high incomes and people with low incomes has changed?

	Responses	Percent
Yes, much bigger: 	103	19.54%
Yes, a bit bigger: 	250	47.44%
No change: 	152	28.84%
No, it has shrunk: 	20	3.8%
There is no gap: 	2	0.38%
Total Responded to this question:		527 98.5%
Total who skipped this question:		8 1.5%
Total:		535 100%

2. Over the past four years, how do you think our local economy has performed?

	Responses	Percent
Very well:	4	0.77%
Fairly well:	211	40.81%
No change:	105	20.31%
Not so well:	175	33.85%
Very badly:	22	4.26%
Total Responded to this question:		517 96.64%
Total who skipped this question:		18 3.36%
Total:		535 100%

3. How do you think our local economy will function in the future?

	Responses	Percent
Much better:	40	7.83%
A bit better:	226	44.23%
No change:	106	20.74%
A bit worse:	106	20.74%
Much worse:	33	6.46%
Total Responded to this question:		511 95.51%
Total who skipped this question:		24 4.49%
Total:		535 100%

4. Over the past four years, how do you think the number of full-time jobs has changed?

	Responses	Percent
Much better: 	2	0.4%
A bit better: 	89	17.73%
No change: 	154	30.68%
A bit worse: 	205	40.84%
Much worse: 	52	10.36%
Total Responded to this question:		502 93.83%
Total who skipped this question:		33 6.17%
Total:		535 100%

5. Do you think there will be enough jobs here in the future to keep Powell River stable and healthy?

	Responses	Percent
Yes, lots:	14	2.78%
Yes, some:	128	25.4%
Neutral:	155	30.75%
No, fewer:	165	32.74%
No, much fewer:	42	8.33%
Total Responded to this question:	504	94.21%
Total who skipped this question:	31	5.79%
Total:	535	100%

6.
Do you feel that you can take part in or affect important community decisions?

	Responses	Percent
Yes, and I do:	106	20.74%
Yes, a little:	191	37.38%
Not sure:	70	13.7%
Not really:	115	22.5%
I feel ignored:	29	5.68%
Total Responded to this question:		511 95.51%
Total who skipped this question:		24 4.49%
Total:		535 100%

7.

How easy is it for youth and young families in Powell River to become part of the community?

		Responses	Percent
Very easy:		43	8.48%
Quite easy:		230	45.36%
Neutral:		135	26.63%
Quite hard:		77	15.19%
Very hard:		22	4.34%
Total Responded to this question:		507	94.77%
Total who skipped this question:		28	5.23%
Total:		535	100%

8. How easy is it for immigrants to Powell River to become part of the community?

	Responses	Percent
Very easy:	23	4.55%
Quite easy:	159	31.42%
Neutral:	166	32.81%
Quite hard:	132	26.09%
Very hard:	26	5.14%
Total Responded to this question:		506 94.58%
Total who skipped this question:		29 5.42%
Total:		535 100%

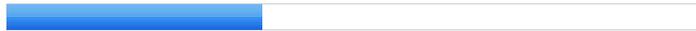
9.

How do you rate the amount and variety of arts, cultural, and recreation activities that you enjoy in Powell River?

		Responses	Percent
Excellent:		223	43.81%
Good:		200	39.29%
Fair:		70	13.75%
Poor:		11	2.16%
Bad:		5	0.98%
Total Responded to this question:		509	95.14%
Total who skipped this question:		26	4.86%
Total:		535	100%

10.

Over the last four years, how do you think Powell River is doing on recycling, composting and other ways to reduce waste, energy use and pollution?

	Responses	Percent
Excellent: 	37	7.3%
Good: 	190	37.48%
OK: 	179	35.31%
Poor: 	73	14.4%
Bad: 	28	5.52%
Total Responded to this question:	507	94.77%
Total who skipped this question:	28	5.23%
Total:	535	100%

11.

Over the last four years, have you been more able or less able to get good medical care and support here in Powell River?

	Responses	Percent
Much more: 	20	3.98%
A bit more: 	76	15.14%
No change: 	236	47.01%
A bit less: 	102	20.32%
Much less: 	68	13.55%
Total Responded to this question:	502	93.83%
Total who skipped this question:	33	6.17%
Total:	535	100%

12. Over the last four years, have you been more able or less able to get enough, and different kinds of, locally grown food?

	Responses	Percent
Much more:	92	18.33%
A bit more:	283	56.37%
No change:	106	21.12%
A bit less:	16	3.19%
Much less:	5	1%
Total Responded to this question:		502 93.83%
Total who skipped this question:		33 6.17%
Total:		535 100%

13.

Do you think people who need decent and safe rental housing in Powell River can find a place they can afford?

	Responses	Percent
Yes, easily:	9	1.81%
Yes, with effort:	108	21.69%
Neutral:	89	17.87%
No, it's hard:	210	42.17%
No, it's very hard:	82	16.47%
Total Responded to this question:		498 93.08%
Total who skipped this question:		37 6.92%
Total:		535 100%

14. Do you think people who want to buy a home in Powell River can find a suitable house at a price they can pay?

	Responses	Percent
Yes, easily:	127	25.35%
Yes, with effort:	231	46.11%
Neutral:	69	13.77%
No, it's hard:	55	10.98%
No, it's very hard:	19	3.79%
Total Responded to this question:	501	93.64%
Total who skipped this question:	34	6.36%
Total:	535	100%

15.

Do you think Powell River offers enough high quality learning choices to its young people?

	Responses	Percent
Yes, it's great: 	55	11.07%
Yes, it's OK: 	175	35.21%
Neutral: 	73	14.69%
No, not enough: 	152	30.58%
No, very limited: 	42	8.45%
Total Responded to this question:	497	92.9%
Total who skipped this question:	38	7.1%
Total:	535	100%

16. How important is high speed broadband internet for learning in Powell River?

	Responses	Percent
Very important:	304	61.17%
Slightly important:	122	24.55%
Neutral:	55	11.07%
Not very important:	8	1.61%
Not at all important:	8	1.61%
Total Responded to this question:	497	92.9%
Total who skipped this question:	38	7.1%
Total:	535	100%

17.

Over the last four years, has it become easier in Powell River to get around without using a car or truck?

	Responses	Percent
Yes, big progress:	5	1.01%
Yes, some progress:	108	21.77%
No change:	314	63.31%
No, it's worse:	53	10.69%
No, much worse:	16	3.23%
Total Responded to this question:		496 92.71%
Total who skipped this question:		39 7.29%
Total:		535 100%

18. Compared to four years ago, do you think the ferries are serving Powell River at a price everyone can afford?

	Responses	Percent
Much better: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
A bit better: <input type="text"/>	1	0.2%
No change: <input type="text"/>	12	2.4%
A bit worse: <input type="text"/>	110	22.04%
Much worse: <input type="text"/>	376	75.35%
Total Responded to this question:		499 93.27%
Total who skipped this question:		36 6.73%
Total:		535 100%

19.

Overall, how good is your life in Powell River?

		Responses	Percent
Excellent:		179	36.61%
Good:		217	44.38%
OK:		66	13.5%
Poor:		24	4.91%
Bad:		3	0.61%
Total Responded to this question:		489	91.4%
Total who skipped this question:		46	8.6%
Total:		535	100%

20. What are your top three suggestions to make Powell River a more vital community?

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	391	100%
Total Responded to this question:	391	73.08%
Total who skipped this question:	144	26.92%
Total:	535	100%

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20. What are your top three suggestions to make Powell River a more vital community?

Response	Response Text
1	1/become truly more diversified away from Mill town mentality in it's approach to making Powell River an 21 century place to live.
2	1) Reduce ferry fares 2) A connected system of commuter trails so people can travel to & from various areas without roads 3) A destination speciality post-secondary institution - say multimedia, or sustainable forestry, or tourism/recreation.
3	1.As newcomers come in add low-income housing as a priority for those who will be excluded from the market. Everyone needs a home. 2.Encourage education in our youth. They have trouble finding jobs and keeping them because they are unskilled and feel entitled to employment, not that they need to earn it. 3.Develop tourism infrastructure. This is where the future jobs will come from.
4	Stricter environmental regulations around resource extraction. Revitalization of marine avenue, easier parking. Limitation of big box stores and franchises. Municipal composting facility. Relocation of sewage plant. Clean up of old dump site.
5	More jobs for young families Be a forerunner in being green Do whats right for the citizens of PR not what benefits councillors, mayors or their friends.
6	more equality for people with disabilities; jobs and housing.
7	Safer streets with sidewalks for walking Emphasis on community pride re landscaping and having a good looking community in all areas More specialist doctors coming here instead of having to go elsewhere for appointments, would reduce out of town shopping and not take so much time away from work. Also costs less for travel for one doctor. Or skype appointments options .
8	Lower ferry fares Much less local govt red tape to foster more economic activity More affordable rental housing. Social housing or?
9	More focus on tourism and cleaning up Marine Avenue.
10	1. Find ways to preserve green spaces---PRSC lands, Valentine Mt., Stillwater Bluffs. 2. Create safe walking and cycling routes. 3. Encourage small business growth through tax breaks, fewer bureaucratic hurdles and bylaws.
11	creation of sustainable jobs ie environmentally sound, and that consider the people of Powell River assistance in providing solar energy panels to households encouraging local , organic gardening
12	support for local farmers support and resources for new farmers coming into the community and attracting them to the community affordable and reliable public transportation
13	we need manufacturing, high tech in order to bring people and work here we need lower ferry prices
14	Stop making pay parking spots . Make this town a bit like the past, you know the way it used to be :)
15	-Promote sustainability & local agriculture; -Relocate the highway away from Marine Avenue and promote the Marine Avenue/waterfront area as a non-moto eco friendly centre of community; -Promote the local trail network and waterways (mountain biking, hiking, paddling) as a recreational/active healthy lifestyle focus for locals and visitors.
16	1. More support for value added industry, which will enable the city to remain economically viable over coming decades. 2. Good transportation to and from the Regional District. 3. Complete openness in local government, ie with PRSC and the local issue around logging Lot 450. No one knows what PRSC is or how it connects to the city now or in the past. No one knows what local government plans to do. Silence on this important issue can define how people see this City Council and Mayor.
17	Better planning in actual physical layout of the city. Open up Manson Avenue for better highway access. High quality tourist attractions No logging in the city
18	Reduce ferry costs
19	Better educational opportunities fro everyone. Keep trying to attract more medical professionals. Find a way to keep Lot 450 green.
20	Diversify the economy Cleanup of old vacant buildings (as in the old Inn building) and untended boulevards
21	Medical care, using local staff and facilities, without having to go out of town. Broadening locally grown food access. Increased ferry and air trips in and out of town, and more reasonable rates to do so.
22	Of grid affordable housing to rent or buy. . A push to grow more food and a lager job creation sectir that concentrates in fair well rounded jobs that put the employees in a position where they can afford to be happy and provide for thier families.
23	Increase in doctors and dentists. Early retirement package options for older teachers. Increase in bicycle tourism. Close marine avenue to vehical traffic and make it like blackberry fest year round with outdoor cafes and markets. Expand the museum into the community and covert the museum buildings into the Powell River adventure centre. Create a bike path to Lund separate from the roadway and complete with bridges and paved pathways. Create a shipping hub that services all of the major shipping companies and the local business community. Shipping receiving is THE major hurdle for local business serving Powell River and the world
24	Fill the empty storefront buildings. Better bus service to ferries. More walking trails in town.
25	ALL doctors need to be computer literate. Bring in unemployed recently graduated doctors to do a residency. Open an after hours walk in clinic. Employ Nurse Practitioners in every doctor's office. There is enough money to pay them. It is all a question of how The Medical System distributes the money. MSP payments are far to high for the average family (not on Welfare) - were do MSP go? General Revenue? A lot of work to be done on the medical front and I do not think passing the buck to the Powell River Tourist Association will do any good other than looking good on paper.
26	Lower city taxes Support small business Promote healthy living

27	Continue with economic development efforts. Prepare for Catalyst closure. Continue to lobby government around affordable ferry fares. They are currently killing us. Continue with efforts to attract doctors to our area. Folks will not want to move here if they can't get a doctor.
28	- better, more affordable ferry service or other, more affordable means of transportation to and from PR - encourage new industries, like education (fine arts academy, Sino Bright?), eco-tourism, and seniors' care, that are earth-friendly - maintain our green spaces and develop composting and other waste management industries that can also generate revenue
29	1) Continued emphasis on arts, culture, recreation and environmental values is our first priority. We need to ensure that Powell River remains a wonderful place to LIVE, so as to attract employers and industries that value their people first. 2) Strive towards moving towards a 21st Century steady-state economy, not perpetuating 19th Century economic myths about the need for, desirability of, or even possibility of endless growth on a finite planet. For starters, let's scrap the GDP or numbers of housing-starts as measures of our economic success...think "happiness quotient" instead. 3) Create more incentives to encourage knowledge-based industries, local agriculture, value-added manufacturing, and truly sustainable forestry, energy and other resource sectors. Learn what other communities are doing towards making these things happen. When formulating new policies, we need think outside the boxes that we all grew up living inside!
30	1. Invest in education here - we are prime for more universities, etc. 2. Support more technology here - little environmental issues and greater telecommuting will bring more people here to live AND work. 3. Give incentives to developers and builders to provide better QUALITY housing to people. Too many people are living in dives in Powell River.
31	Continued improvement with respect to recycling and composting Smaller more frequent buses Walk-in clinic to decongest the ER at the hospital
32	Encourage more businesses to come to town for skilled workers. Have a city council that is more flexible with new businesses and new business ideas. (The Marijuana Facility is an excellent start, but red tape needs to be cut as well.) Not sure right now about a third suggestion.
33	More good paying jobs. More neighbourhood-centric cultural events and activities. Recreational opportunities closer to home (outside of Westview - classes and sports etc.)
34	Better wheel chair access to bowling alley and all entrances of the main shopping mall.
35	More jobs created, better and less costly ferry service, advertise our city as the place to be and the place to visit!
36	The city should tax the corporations 1% more to give property owners and small business a break. With the extra income the city can open up the Community Resource Centre five days a week and increase public transit for more runs especially south of town. Stop Island Timber from destroying our urban forest and watershed. City Council should stop wringing their hands vigorously call the province to book for their complicity with this rape of the forests.
37	Employment for young adults, environmental issues and sustainability , supporting small sustainable initiatives .
38	1) More alternate energy aquisition. By city and residents. Encouragement of alternate energy by city , provincial and federal governments. 2) More places to buy locally grown food. 3) More acceptance of visible minorities.
39	Reach out more to newcomers by not just being friendly when you see them but by being interested in who they are and inviting them to do things with you Offer more choices for higher education for young people More choices of evening activities for high school students
40	More incentives to attract businesses. More cutting edge businesses and services. More incentives for entrepreneurial endeavours.
41	Co-housing communities, and municipal initiatives to increase affordability for young people to share property for farming. Invest in community owned solar like they do in Cowichan & Gabriola. Expand the VIU campus to offer more programs. Stop logging the green heart of Powell River!
42	Join the battle to reduce BC Ferry costs and reinstate sailings; Volunteer to help someone less fortunate or join a non-profit; Attend City and District Meetings and get involved...
43	More public beach access . More boat launch facilities and free or affordable trailer parking. More pathways in new developments as a part of good planning.
44	Lower ferry fares.
45	We definitely need more good paying jobs so the young people don't have to leave Powell River for higher paying jobs. Better prices and better schedule on BC Ferries. Lower taxes. Whenever I talk to newcomers to town they always say they love it here but our taxes are way too high.
46	More jobs as well as lower cost for ferries, more rentals at a lower cost per month , a better mayor and council. ... Why is it the rich get richer and city as well as it council suck balls at making any good decisions or making our community more profitable and living. ..
47	cheaper ferries
48	We need to encourage people to move here and invest. When we came here we often encountered a clannish attitude that made us feel unwelcome doing business here.
49	Encourage immigration and integration of new, skilled immigrants into the community. Invest in ourselves and our community through Community Forest initiatives - they really make a big difference. Don't wait for outside investment in new enterprise, find ways to fund jobs for Powell River through innovation ideas.
50	more curb recycling for plastics bags etc ,more affordable housing i need two bedrooms but can only afford one
51	Convenient, efficient, affordable public transit Spend some money on beautifying the city and revitalizing Marine Avenue Encourage outdoor activities, food carts, street theatre in the Willingdon area and fast-track the new library (which should have been at Willingdon South!).
52	1. More low income housing to support those in need who are on assistance. Shelter allowance through the ministry is \$375 any above that comes off food and other living expenses. Total income assistance for those on disability through the ministry is \$906 hard to live on that in Powell River these days when rent averages \$600 to \$700 per month alone for a one bedroom place Not including utilities. Food prices have also gone up in Powell River which also makes living more difficult. 2. I would really like to see a Road way built in Powell River to bypass the Ferries. Ferry Cost is ridiculous and we are in need of a highway to get to the rest of the mainland. Even if there was a toll fee for using it. It would still be much cheaper to use a highway then the ferry. 3. For a healthy town economy we need good high paying full time Jobs. We need the younger generation to stay and to get them to stay would be to draw good high paying Jobs and more College options in Power. We are very limited
53	-keep working on the ferry issues...expense and frequency. - need better health care here to keep folks in town. - this is really a wonderful place to live. We will only leave when we require better health care as we age.
54	Involve the citizens in more local discussions concerning the growth of Powell River. Dump the people who always are out there taking over. More parks for children in Westview near The Glacier Street area. Dog parks are fine but children should come first.

55	Big box stores like walmart destroy small businesses. No more please. Reduce property taxes. Ours are too high Do something to attract tourism and new residents. Weed public gardens would be a start and work on revitalizing Marine
56	no idea
57	Better medical for all More industry More facilities for the aging
58	Developing education facilities to offer more diverse programs to draw people here. Expand and develop electric vehicle network, ie infrastructure Open our minds to more outside the box thinking
59	We need a big time fishing derby , with big prizes to draw people in . Encourage the arts and sports teams in this town. A bigger better airport.
60	Create more community based events; focusing on the towns youth. Meaning young adult. Easier access to outside resources and tourism. It will only continue to decline as [BC Ferries specifically] transportation continues to have a chokehold on the town. We need better help obtaining gainful employment. Part time jobs at minimum wage are not enough for someone to survive on, let alone get ahead in this town.
61	Encourage more locally grown food Lower ferry fares Encourage all local businesses to recycle
62	More jobs for younger families Attract more business
63	More rentals for low income seniors More help for special needs students who are capable of learning. More doctors so newcomers don't have to wait so long to have a family doctor!
64	#1- Lower B,C. Ferry prices--- #2 Increase runs , so the Ferries connect more often. #3 Stop Govt. cuts to Health-care and the School budgets.
65	Improved public transportation Push for "living wage" employers Push provincial government for restoration of funding on public education to pre-2000 percentage of the provincial budget
66	Ferry fares should be more affordable and more seniors housing.
67	Shorter wait time for medical specialist services. Safer cycling on main roads. More live theatre events.
68	1. More emphasis on arts and culture that could have even more of an impact on local economy. 2. Circle Farm with all that that entails, including getting students involved. 3. Store fronts on Marine that have more varied options and that would get people down town later into the evening. No more restaurants!
69	- city planning. Stop building more commercial space, suburbs...reuse/rebuild the old,vacant stuff. If you quit zoning more residential and commercial space, the old stuff will have to be used! More biking, walking corridors between developments. -Accept town for what it is. (Quit with the grandiose plans and ideas and focus on improving existing assets/markets) This seems to be an affordable retirement town...focus on services/marketing for that rather than catering to big industry, or attracting businesses and young families that can't make a go of it here long term. -Quit blaming the ferries for everything. We chose to live here, the rest of the province doesn't need to subsidize that choice. Embrace and advertise the fact we are accessible only by boat or plane as a pro, not a con!
70	Allow people to raise more poultry in the back yard. 3 chickens is not enough for most families in residential settings. we should be free to raise our own food in the quantities we wish within reason. The people should have the day in where our tax dollars are wasted. Currently they are spending millions on wildwood hill. The hill was fine. Look around. Way more traffic on other roads that are in worse condition. Dave Formosa should not be mayor because he owns half the town and people seem to turn a blind eye to the fact he does things in the community that positively effect him.
71	A free community recycling and compost pick up. City hall has to stop issuing food establishment licenses. The market is flooded and the business that are running now are just making ends meet. The city as a whole has to be much less reliant on the mill and focus on new industries such as farming, and everything tourism.
72	More career opportunities for young families. To many people work out of town. More diverse, affordable family activities Better recycling / compost options.
73	I'm gonna leave that to the experts.....
74	Doing well as is.
75	- encourage niche investments; invest in artists and art education; artisan and wildcraft foods; farm tourism & apprenticeships; value added use of woods - support young families and young children as a priority - maintain excellent relations with Tla'Amin First Nation
76	As a young person, I must leave to get educated and get a decent job. Powell River NEEDS an environmentally friendly industry to give all the young and working people a wage to live decently. The University needs a HUGE upgrade (possibly one like VIU) with many more professors and degrees so young and working people can stay(not to mention the amount of people who would come to the PR University from all over the world) in Powell River to get educated. The rest of the problems will fix them selves once the main issue has been addressed.
77	1. Maintain greenspace, including Lot 450 and the old golf course. 2. Revise noise by-laws and enforce them to deal with excessively noisy vehicles. 3. Encourage and support green building codes and business investment.
78	smaller more frequent bus service to more areas develop more housing for low income encourage and develop group living schemes for seniors
79	Council needs to focus on aging infrastructure, embrace the Tla'amin FN and their goals as ours, continue supporting recreation in the outdoors.
80	thriving industry to subsidize tax base more affordable transportation options in and out of the city lower house taxes
81	Continue with the many "Festivals" we host. Lobby BC Ferries for affordable fares, especially for youth teams. Persue viable businesses to offer permanent employment.
82	1. More public transportation north and south of town 2. Create a Social Development position at city hall to measure and improve access to everyone in the community to a healthy life. 3. Turn Marine and Willingdon into one way street to encourage a more 'walking' environment downtown.
83	1. Companies offering full-time jobs that pay a living wage - too many part-time and casual positions - impossible to make ends meet on that kind of work 2. Decent, affordable housing - both rental and for sale 3. Reduced utility costs so people can afford to pay for electricity and heat. 4. Drastically reduced cost of transportaion to and from Powell River for both goods and people to encourage tourism and allow residents access to affordable products. (sorry that's 4 :)
84	1) We need more Doctors, we don't have enough medical care. 2) More young people going into owning a business 3)Incentives for new Business into the community.
85	We need a real venue for farmers to sell their goods to the public! without a cost! More bus routes & times from saltery bay ferry to

	Lund Time & money must be used to educate the citizens of our community of how important it is to support our small local business & farms as this would help revitalize our local economy to be more sustainable & diverse for our future.
86	Ferries Council that is accountable Ferries
87	1. Make it more walkable ie bike lanes, sidewalks 2. Create traffic controlled areas ie speed bumps for Manson and Glacier 3. More buy in from businesses into PR dollars
88	Concentrate on our natural environmental beauty; don't log lot 450 on Marine Avenue. Upgrade road and sidewalk accessibility for walking and cycling JOBS!!!!!! for young people
89	More affordable housing, more jobs AT A LIVABLE WAGE (not talking about min. wage, entry level stuff, I mean jobs for adults who would like to not live in squalour, eating naught but top ramen), affordable and reliable ways out of the community (BC Ferries costs a fortune and Malaspina Coachlines are a joke).
90	- Tear down the inn and build a nice city square. - better maintenance of parks and playgrounds, water park - invest in facility at prime locations to capitalize on our surroundings (prime locations are sitting bare that could be fantastic restaurants, parks, hotel, or industry use) - keep fighting for better ferry service thank you
91	1. With the vast number of artists in PR, the City needs to make it a priority to establish a Public Gallery 2. Our politicians need to apply more pressure to Victoria and the feds to support the ferries as part of the highway system 3. With the recent collapse of Malaspina Coach Lines, PR needs to join with the Sunshine Coast & Provincial Gov't to establish a transit service for people travelling from PR and the Lower Coast to and from Vancouver.
92	need to attract more people as tourists and new residents invest some money in making the place more attractive. It looks like a dump. stop logging in town and get rid of those hideous polluting sinking hulks. They are embarrassing. fine the owners of junk strewn properties
93	- beautify Marine Drive (Gibson's, Sechelt have lovely, busy dt cores) - sort out the planned clear cut of Powell River's "Central Park" - if it clear cuts, we are outta here and that is sad; who would want to live, invest, or even visit a slash heap? So short-sighted! - the remoteness us great, except when traveling. Why can't ferries figure out a connecting schedule?
94	Eliminate flat tax Improve local shopping Entice more young families to move here
95	1. Better bus system. 2. More options for youth entertainment 3. Shuttles to Markets.
96	local farming, ski hill, backcountry access lets use our assets
97	Ferry Fares Decrease rental prices for homes Continue to develop local farming
98	1. Diversify, aim for tourism! So much to win. 2. Help self employed local businesses grow, we're losing them every day! 3. Attract (young) families and professionals!
99	More free to attend functions More outdoor music events Lower costs for retired seniors with fixed income
100	Lower entry-level business taxes (many home businesses purposely stagnate growth in order to hide from business taxes). Improved road bike safety (repair roads, build proper bike lanes, pave shoulders at top end of Joyce and along other major arteries). Improve transparency within City Hall, especially within administration and non-elected city officials.
101	extend public transport to outlying districts to encourage more people to come into town without vehicles. Look carefully at Town Planning, in the visual sense, to improve the impression for visitors. So many unleased buildings and the street which looks uncared for along Marine and this is the first view for visitors. Why can other communities invest in hanging baskets, banners and street furniture and we don't think it is worth it? Continue to lobby and argue for reduced Ferry fees for BC residents who rely on Ferries and to bring the system back into the BC transit system.
102	More affordable recreation opportunities. Increased transportation north and south of town.
103	The economic development office needs to wake up.
104	greater economic autonomy i.e. expansion of community currency acceptance at official levels expansion of the community forest idea into other key areas of resource ownership i.e. dams and ferries Increased access to private and commercial freshwater waterfront development on Powell Lake beginning between Mowatt Bay and Haywire Bay also Westlake and Lois Lake,
105	Cheaper ferry fares so that more people visit or move here.
106	Less reliance on the mill and more support of new business opportunities. Let's make use of some of the older, empty buildings in the city. They are an eyesore. A clean-burn waste facility would be a bonus.
107	Improve road safety for bicycles - bike lanes, level the edge of pavement on much of Joyce Ave. Set aside the property containing "Penticon Trails" as park land to allow continued use of trails by residents and tourists. Expand tourism advertising to emphasize and reach those who utilize the outdoors. Educate the tourism staff re. biking opportunities in Powell River, and involve local businesses who advise tourists re. biking options in tracking inquiries so an accurate picture of use by tourists is obtained.
108	Continue with diversifying economic base. Tourism showcasing our local environment including trails, forests, ocean etc Beautify downtown and encourage more interesting shops that will be of interest to both tourists and locals. Eco essentials is a great example!
109	- less obstacles to new/small businesses - lower ferry fares -- I don't know what the answer is and how to get the Liberal gov't step in, perhaps it's impossible with this government - balance development with the need to protect the environment (eg. find a balanced solution for lot 450 - the need to develop [with environmentally friendly projects] while preserving green space) -BONUS suggestion: amalgamate with the regional district to reduce redundancy!
110	-Collect more tax from the mill -make PR the "home" port for the Comox ferry -advertise in Vancouver (on buses or something ---> Powell River: 100 houses under 200 000, highspeed broadband, 2000 km of hiking etc etc. Let people know we're here. - honestly I think the name hurts us. It sounds like a dirty mill town. I realize that it's highly unlikely that it would ever change, but I think the effect would be immediate and positive.
111	Change the ferry fares, build a road to the main land, do not sell our water rights to anyone
112	reduced ferry costs at least one direction should be free similar to securely, Texada, quadra, denman island etc. Have more edu offered at the university so that youth do not need to leave the community. For example BSN, LPN, RPN, commercial diving.
113	- a huge buy local campaign but also infrastructure to make this work (i.e. support and tips on how to make it possible to attain products locally) - value-added forestry products produced here - an art school and public art gallery
114	Lower ferry costs. More full time, higher paying work positions. Better accessibility to family physicians.
115	Recognize the contributions of non-profits and volunteers by giving them support. Better seniors housing choices - not all seniors have great pensions or family members in PR. Find innovative ways to attract more tourists from around the world.
116	A network of smaller, more frequent buses. Safe bike paths. Return recycling drop-off bins at shopping centres.

- 117 Continue to diversify with small business - fill up empty storefronts Continue to develop bike culture and routes, pedestrian and transit options Continue to support, inspire and celebrate local production of food and energy and recycling of waste
- 118 More doctors, increased affordable rental opportunities, higher literacy education outcomes for youth
- 119 Have bus service south of town every day and at times where you can actually use it to get to work. Recognize that the ferry IS our highway. Should be no charge. Better yet, build that road so we can have control over our own travel destinies !!!
- 120 bring the cost of locally grown food down so we can afford to eat good quality food. bring the cost of ferries down so the average person can go to the island more than once every 5 years. and the most important one is possibly more assisted housing for people who want to live properly and eat a little better.
- 121 - Drastically decrease the wealth gap. - Support sustainable businesses for entrepreneurs and young people. - Support for more diversity in the community. - Seriously address the Truth & Reconciliation recommendations locally. - Support local food initiatives and ecological best practices. - Support a shift towards renewable energy. Take examples from other progressive yet isolated communities to create something unique and pride-worthy.
- 122 Be more open for business. Several businesses I know of moved away because of red tape and obstructionist bylaws. Too many empty storefronts. Take the environment seriously and stop selling our trees, water etc from under us. Place more value on a tree standing upright in the ground then cut down on its side. Develop a real vision for the future. Start looking at the tourism potential and get rid of decrepit buildings and structures. Establish architectural guidelines to make commercial areas more appealing. The town needs to evolve, become more walkable. Continue to develop access to the waterfront so that people arriving by ferry feel like they are being welcomed at the front door of our community. Campbell River is much better connected to its waterfront.
- 123 More affordable housing, consistent schedules for use of pool year round and increased public transportation access for further ends of community
- 124 1: More grassroots efforts to give newcomers, especially immigrants, a hearty "Powell River Welcome," including efforts to get them out and onto the water in the summer months, so they can realize how exciting and beautiful it can be to live here. Encourage kayaking, maybe even take them out in a bigger boat for fishing or just to see the Hulks up close. 2: Encourage more dialogue with newcomers so they find it easy to fit in right away. Newcomers are this town's future and they are to be valued. 3: Encourage efforts for Squamish to Port Mellon land route, which will open up the Sechelt area. After that "boost in the arm," there needs to be short bridge over Aggamemnon Channel, a road across Nelson Island, then an efficient cable ferry back and forth to Saltery Bay, making many short trips, without waiting hours between trips. Thanks for the opportunity to add our two cents worth.
- 125 -Better more dependable full time jobs. -More frequent buses... maybe? I mean I have a car and all, but for some reason I think if the buses were more frequent, even twice an hour or once every 45min, that they maybe used more.
- 126 Promote tourism as resource extraction is a limited source of income. Provide better education opportunities to youth focus on improving opportunities for career advancement in powell river
- 127 work for the young people finishing school, and more programs for people in there 40-50 to retrain after being laid of from a job they might of had for years.
- 128 Reduce ferry costs Encourage small businesses
- 129 Save Lot 450 and Valentine Mountain. Council must stop thinking about importing business to Powell River's economy as a priority in favor of thinking about growing our own businesses as a priority. More and better dog parks.
- 130 Charge the mill full taxes. Promote tourism a lot more. Turn us into an arts destination.
- 131 more jobs, ferry price too expensive, food getting costly. So create more jobs so we can afford the good food and be able to afford to leave town.
- 132 Help our disabled, they are suffering greatly. More support for Salvation Army & Food bank needed. Affordable housing needed greatly!!! Stop the Elite from buying up property & renting it back to the good folks of Powell River at twice it's value. Bring more business up here that's not minimum wage employment. Stop the greed up here from those who own this city. People are suffering up here greatly & it's time all levels of Government starts to care for ALL people, not just those with money. Open your eyes & see how our disabled are suffering & stop pretending through Media, etc. that life up here is just so rosey, because it's not. Lets speak the truth & stop white-washing. Powell River is falling apart & families are moving away yet again as you all make it into a Retirement community. May God have mercy on us all...God Bless.
- 133 A ferry card that rewards use with free rides (like one for every 10 trips) A central volunteer website to check on programs (facebook page too would help)
- 134 get bus service to complex for elderly an bus to hospital in the morning
- 135 1. More Low income housing for those who have a disability who are single and not with children and not elderly who don't fall under inclusion PR . As someone who doesn't fall under some programs I am forced to live somewhere I barely can afford 2. Industry we need more Industry something that pays well not just some fast food job or young people 3. Get those on drugs and alcohol serious help instead of methadone get them back working and leading productive lives
- 136 We need BC Ferries and the government to recognize our frustrations over the cost and limited service. We should be treated as part of the mainland and only have to pay one way to get to the lower mainland and/or Vancouver Island.
- 137 More small business Less bureaucracy and lack of momentum from City Hall- waste of resources, time and slowing progress More welcoming community - still a very hard community to break into if you have limited means and connections - we say we are friendly, but the reality is this is a VERY old boys network -it is still more important how long you have lived here vs what you do in the community
- 138 Better transport connections with Vancouver
- 139 3rd crossing road
- 140 low income senior housing-more choices bus service to Vancouver that is consistent and affordable ferry schedules that connect
- 141 Clean up Marine Drive. Make it more esthetically pleasing Make it something visitors are Wow"ed" by instead of disappointed. This City is one of the most beautiful in Canada. We have a lot to work with (see Port Townsend). We need to offer visitors something to see and do. Marine Drive esthetics and businesses are a good start Develop our waterfront with economically sound businesse. Encourage "Granville Island" like businesses with tax breaks. Oyster Bars, Gift Shops, Scooter Rentals, Bike Rentals, Kayak rentals, Retail of all kinds. Small affordable spaces. repair our failing infrastructure. For us to move forward we need to fix what has been left in disrepair. Water Systems, Sewage Systems. I will also include the mill site which will inevitably be empty soon
- 142 actively pursue increased foreign immigration,economic and cultural gains would follow. more incentives for local business start ups
- 143 Making our land affordable to companies who want to come and bring jobs. Be a welcoming community to immigrants. Offer tax breaks to people who take pride in their homes and property and community

144	Lower prices so more low income people can enjoy life Lower ferry prices Stop the "clicky" groups from running this town Get our current council out and a new one in Make people follow the by laws by getting the inforcers out there doing there job Keep jobs for local Canadian born people
145	1. Affordable, convenient ferries 2. Support and encourage initiatives such as SOPA, Let's talk Trash Team and local agriculture in general 3. Expand educational facilities to become an educational hub.
146	1.) Expand the city boundary to increase tax base. 2.) Definitely affordable ferry fares for residents. 3a.) An industry to keep our young. 3b.) Expanded tourism (this is likely our future)
147	Lower ferry cost because we have offer to tourists & outdoor enthusiasts, but it is costly to get here
148	Better education Easier to get to/ shuttles, bus service on both sides of the pond.
149	More access to recreation activities within my.own neighborhood. Fair and reasonable ferry fees Access to community based health care prevention programs so we don't have to leave Powell River.
150	Offer more classes at VIU More bike lanes especially through Townsite Keep taxes low so retired people can afford to stay in their houses.
151	Better shopping if you want people to shop in Powell River and not out of town New industries especially hiring trained young people Better ferry systems.....smaller quicker cheaper fares
152	Easy access to small business startup support. Financial support to people producing food for the region. Alternative passenger transportation across the Strait other than ferries.
153	Not sure
154	better sewage treatment more small local farms cheaper ferry phares
155	More industry products (small businesses, cultural products etc.) to attract more working people to come here to stay. Make ferry service equal to highways, INCREASE SERVICE AND CONSIDER THE USER ABOVE COST CUTTING ie., reduce fares drastically Concentrate on increasing quality and number of services that make life easier, facilitate services.
156	1. Another option besides ferries and flying-we need a road. 2. Bring business here. 3. fight the government for all the services we keep losing for our most vulnerable populations.
157	Lower ferry costs would help residents plus make it more affordable for tourists. Clean up some of the eye-sore properties, more beautification projects. Encourage/lure more big businesses here, manufacturing? Not just businesses that sell to the public. Promote powell rivers low real estate costs to make more ppl consider moving here
158	Cut Lot 450. Dont let asians invade. Build more places for children ex. water park/ rock climbing.
159	Reduce ferry fees, add bike lanes, finish the new library!
160	comprehensive transportation: smaller buses with bigger routes city composting system taxes: reduction of tax break to the pulp mill, elimination of the flat tax for the more expensive properties, reduction of commercial property taxes for the small businesses
161	1. Reliable ferry schedule and service levels that benefit tourists and businesses. 2. Lower Taxes 3. Transparent Council and Mayors office
162	Lower ferry fares A new mayor More business incentives
163	More university/college opportunities--university town would be awesome. Looking forward to SALSA--great idea. We're a great mushroom resource, how about a centre for learning/teaching mushroom medicine/uses for recycling, etc. ; we could be cutting edge. More emphasis on our being an important coastal douglas fir system---rare spcies, medicinal plants, huge range of anti-oxydent plants--we're very lucky..
164	CUT BACK THE HIGH WAGES THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND SENIOR STAFF ARE MAKING AND WE WOULD HAVE LOTS OF MONEY TO KEEP OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL HAVE THE ROAD ENTERENCES TO OUR CITY DONE UP SO WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CITY AND WOW THE PEOPLE COMING HERE, THAT THEY NEVER WANT TO LEAVE.
165	1. reduce the level of Municipal Spending - contract out some Municipal services to small business. 2. Add some higher end multi family hosing - change zoning reduce development costs. 3. Have the municipal government stop looking at how to increase reveues and start looking at how to reduce expenditures
166	Embracing newcomers, supporting local shops as opposed to shopping elsewhere. I have ideas but don't know the routes to make them happen
167	base the comox ferry in PR prevent the logging of lot 450 in the heart of Powell River explore innovative low cost housing for seniors
168	Curb side composting Bike lanes Dealing with BC Ferries
169	Retool the mill to produce sustainable green products or technology to carry us in to the post-oil age, elect a dynamic council and regional board that includes more women and people of colour and who never goes in camera, build a strong and genuine relationship with Indigenous People, deferring to their leadership and recognizing their sovereignty over this land in any and all issues regarding natural resources, education, and economic stimulation
170	1---improve ferry access to all 2---give retail shop keepers tax break 3---Make the young people aware of the responsibility of raising a family. It cost nothing to have a child, but a great deal to raise.
171	Affordable housing, A steady doctor
172	Encourage more doctors to move to Powell River Keep organization that help local people such as the Academy of Music and Therapeutic Riding alive and vital Enhance the beauty of our community with flowers etc get rid of the ugly empty buildings etc.
173	More aggressive and real economic development, not just studies. Perhaps we need to take a chance and leave much of the past behind and look to what is the future...for the next generation, for the city and for the country.
174	A few roundabouts for those area's where no one stops at the stop sign More neighborhood watch programs Council needs to be seen more, and interfeated so people know who they are and what they are doing
175	Develop more full time jobs with a livable wage Create more opportunities for people to start their own businesses Work on ferry fares
176	Centralized online/searchable information for our community like places to compost, community dinners, non profits, volunteering etc.
177	Comox ferry stationed in Powell River as it is to serve Powell River. Lower ferry costs will give more traffic and that will make up for the lose per car. Burning regulations are unreasonable to keep property clean when there is trees on the property, and a wood stove in a building should be legal to use. There are more and more restrictions on the books every month. This make people want to leave the municipality.

178	More locally produced food and other goods to reduce our dependence on importation. Better access to basic medical needs in Powell River. Subsidized ferries.
179	Increased health services-not necessarily doctors Continue to provide support for new small businesses More educational opportunities-high school students would benefit from a semester in a large city-plenty of capacity in many school districts, in return city kids could do a semester here. Full two years of university general arts and science courses at VIU
180	more local farms
181	Give the residents of Powell River a commuter card which would allow them to travel the ferries at a reasonable price. We need a high end retirement home We need to put a cap on foreign investment, before our town becomes unaffordable for our children to own their own home.....like Vancouver.
182	Reduce ferry costs Social opportunities that have minimal or no cost to attend Accessible,decent and affordable housing for seniors and people with low income
183	More doctors, I've been without a family doctor for three years now. Better buss schedules for North and south of town. Such as offering busses south every day of the week. Reduce wait time in emergency room.
184	Stop the Liberal government and the conservative government from turning BC and Canada into a Corporate run dictatorship, OH Darn,to late!!!!
185	Get Powell river To understand they're not entitled, Powell river is a great place to live but it is made up of a population of mixed demographics and is driven by what goes on in the rest of the world. It's only special because of its isolation. All isolated communities have a special demographics that makes them unique.
186	Changes in ferry fares and scheduling. More young families moving here and more post secondary educational facilities or trade schools.
187	Lower Ferry costs Dependable ferries Lower Ferry costs
188	Support farmers, support small business, protect our trees in town, more affordable daycare.
189	Punch in a road so we don't need the ferries
190	Bike rentals Reduce property taxes Put baffles on new senior crntrer to reduce noise on Saskatchewan and Abbotsford sts
191	Encourage more industry. More health care providers, to use existing facilities, bring specialists in for the day so people don't have to travel out of town for medical appointments. Encourage/create a more inclusive community, we are seeing more Asians in town now, but don't see them at local cultural events? Why not?
192	Improve ferry schedules by bringing back what we used to have. Reduce fery costs to entice tourism.
193	Need more Physicians, many people do not have a GP Need more nature/fitness groups/clubs for all ages to join, learn and appreciate these great outdoors I would like to see an improvement on recycling
194	More residents More entrepreneurs lower cost, more frequent ferries to Vancouver Island and the lower Sunshine Coast
195	1. maintain our surrounding wild spaces and forests for our health, our well being, and the sake of the ecosystem. 2. revitalize Marine Ave. so it's more pedestrian and business friendly 3. boost and diversify the economy by attracting people in their 20's (active, expendable incomes) by developing more focus on arts, cultural events, education and outdoor sports (mtn biking, skiing, paddle boarding, river kayaking, rock climbing).
196	- figure out a way AS A COMMUNITY to resolve the waste mgt conundrum - sewage and garbage! - support, encourage, develop, get creative about food sustainability locally, agriculture in general, farming in particular and how to make it possible for young people to make a life in that area. - improve public transport within the region in general and to the "outside world".
197	Create a vibrant and useful library with plenty of community space for events and meetings.
198	1) Look creatively at easing the shortage of affordable housing for low-income families, and improve infrastructure for safe cycling in high-traffic areas. 2) Continue building our momentum and reputation for cultural events, locally produced foods and outstanding variety of accessible, exciting wilderness/outdoor activities 3) Community Forest: look at ways to drastically improve sustainability of forestry practices used, moving away from mono-culture short-cycle clear-cutting towards a management of more mature, diversified forests, re-establishing habitats for varied species of flora and fauna (including salmon).
199	More successfully battle Fee Seas Ferries Through community activism remove the 'good 'ol boys' from elected office and inject more relevant ideologies Tax the mill and then raise the taxes on the mill
200	#1 more good paying jobs that can feed and sustain families #2 the city should get involved in and behind increasing tourism and outdoor recreation in Powell river #3 the city should increase street vending,public preforming and market economy (a street market would be great for economy and community)
201	more towns support of events,clean streets not the high tax ones,beautifaction of towns upper core
202	Keep families here. Nothing for young children to partake in.
203	1. Connect Powell River to the rest of the province with an all-season road 2. Build a road connecting Powell River with the rest of the province 3. Connect Powell River to the rest of the province with an all-season road
204	Promotion of local business (especially tourism) Promotion of locally grown food Promotion of job development
205	More low income housing Yearly curb side of household goods that no longer r usable Better bus system ex. getting to Van when u do not have a car
206	Property tax system isn't progressive. Mayoy owns half of town, and therefore is a walking conflict of interests. Not enough long-term thinking in general.
207	1. employ locally 2. more rental units 3. easier and cheaper ferry travel opportunities
208	Get the library up and running at Crossroads Village. Offer tax breaks to low income individuals on property taxes. Develop additional low rental housing & government-funded assisted living developments.
209	New doctors, safe affordable rentals, improve public transit.
210	More safe bicycling lanes another movie theatre
211	More industry More affordable clothing stores Walmart super centre
212	Have the ferry berthed in Powell river. More courses offered in sports, arts and culture. Incentives for more small businesses to open.

213	Ferry fares must be reduced for tourism to grow and to attract new residents. Need more opportunities for young couples to earn a living here in order for us to attract more newcomers. More efforts to include our First Nations neighbours in our community development plans.
214	We need more industry or new businesses that pay on par with the mill, municipality, government jobs, etc., to keep our young people employed so they don't have to leave Powell River to find work. Lower ferry fares and a better schedule to attract more people and help our tourist industry and to allow the locals on lower income to be able to leave town once in a while. Everyone needs to be able to get away at some point! Stop raising our taxes! Real estate here is affordable but there are a lot of retired people living in this town and on a pension. We are taxed way too much and it needs to stop!!
215	More affordable clothing and item options. More activities for youth. More policing (our drug problem is out of control and there is very little traffic law enforcement).
216	Strive to create more full time jobs by encouraging economic growth in our city. Make sure we are serving the community as a whole by ensuring the bylaws of the city are enforced! Lobby to have the ferry system made part of highways!
217	Fix it up it looks like a shit hole. Make it easy for new business with tax incentives. Fix the roads.
218	(1.) Province should make BC Ferries part of the provincial highway system, use (gas?) taxes to provide FREE fares, eliminate private management corporation forever. (2.) BC Hydro should eliminate private management corporation (Accenture) forever (3.) City of Powell River should be much, much more supportive of small business (read: lower fees, faster licensing), especially start-ups. (4.) Street Food Vendors should only have to pay a tiny licensing fee, because they are very supportive of tourism, when they can AFFORD to provide lunches. (5.) Powell River should either change its name or market itself as "The Upper Sunshine Coast" (6.) Both, old & new marketing slogans need to be trashed, and a better one selected. (7.) Tourism needs a more integrated & comprehensive marketing tool, both on paper and online, highlighting hiking, cycling, climbing, lake kayaking, ocean kayaking, sailing, diving, snorkeling, camping, music, art, eating out, shopping, market hopping, etc.
219	Lower ferry fares which means more tourists More businesses in Powell River; especially Marine Avenue (good for tourism) More affordable housing
220	Housing affordability, more businesses, resident card program to lower ferry rates for Powell Riverites
221	Have a some sort of vehicle to come collect compost in the neighbourhoods of Powell River. It is already offered in cities like Victoria and Vancouver. Improve BC transit for Lund and south of town. Also maybe instead of having the town centre mall as the last stop, have all the buses do a full loop of the city including Wildwood, Townsite and Cranberry. Improve Marine Avenue with either decorations or something else to attract more tourists. It is missing some vibrancy.
222	More people getting out and working for the community. Less complaining, if you want change become that change.
223	Try to increase jobs in tourism and farming Decrease ferry fares to make it more reasonable for people to travel out of Powell River Build low-cost housing for people on a limited income
224	The welfare office and disability office needs to be separate. Ppl with disabilities get treated like welfare bums when you go to that office. There needs to be automatic doors at ALL mall entrances. We should encourage the college to offer more courses so kids don't have to move right after high school. There needs to be a reliable bus service to Vancouver. Fix the beach trail from leaning, hard for disabled to walk on without veering over. Speed limits and more speed bumps in mall lot. More enforcement for wearing helmets. Mandatory licencing for motorized scooters.
225	Diversification of industry Education, seems like a closed community.....people in other parts of BC have no idea who or where we are. Google Sunshine Coast and you do not automatically get Powell River. My son lives in Vancouver because there was no high speed internet available for his work.
226	1. Reduce ferry fares 2. More support for local farmers 3. City-supported initiatives to make better use of empty buildings ... arts and culture venues, even renovations for affordable housing
227	Lower Ferry fares----- Increase Ferry runs----- increase NEW BUSINESSES AND CREATE JOBS
228	-Attract 5 - 10 mature female doctors and encourage them to work full-time to help the women who prefer a female doctor. Due to changes in types of practice for one doctor and pregnancies for another my wife now does not have a doctor. A few more male doctors would probably be good too. -Somehow get cheaper ferry service. -Put a double movie theatre in Westview.
229	better access for bicycles and pedestrians. just try and walk to the hospital with out walking on the road. or from wildwood or townsite to westview. the bus is too expensive for me to use regularly
230	Develop a resource recovery centre to help divert discards. Implement municipal composting. Foster community and government efforts to stop the garbage incinerator that Vancouver Island is attempting to impose....this will result in air quality effects and will have many people moving away from the region if it goes through.
231	Ferry fares! Infrastructure improved New employment opportunities
232	Ferries, tourism, supporting local business first.
233	Reduce ferry fares increase the ferry schedules and make recycling easier for those who do not drive.
234	1) Beyond our control but, if it was possible, lower ferry fares 2) Welcome new citizens and businesses, regardless of their nationality 3) Understand that locally grown, organic food is out of the price range of many of us. It may be more healthy, tasty and superior in many ways but it's also beyond my budget's ability to purchase
235	1-Clean up the kinsmen' s park at the shingle mill and make it the beautiful place it could be 2-offer the old hospital site to the gardening club so that it isn't just an eyesore 3-find a load of logs and make a natural set of bleachers at willingdon beach, the old area a site, and turn that site into what the community wants, parkland. You will also benefit from this by shoring up the bank and stabilizing the road above and it will be a lovely place to watch the sunsets or eat your lunch on a non-rainy day,in short more accessible to more of the public
236	Ferry at Westview needs to dock overnight - People could commute daily on first boat to island. Have our youth stay living in Powell River by creating good paying jobs. A more vital community is created by including the community - however the PR Regional District Directors don't get out and mix with the community, therefore they are closed off and not actively participating, thereby no vitality.
237	More value added wood products, expand post secondary education, develop learning centers to bring more people into the community with a focus on sustainability. Continue to promote local trail systems. Encourage more home based businesses with a focus on producing useful products.
238	More housing alternatives - ie cooperatives Much stronger environmental [rotection and sustainability initiatives More small business start-ups
239	ferry,ferry,ferry
240	More activities for young people that do not revolve around drinking. (young people can be defined as anyone under 35ish...it is difficult for people to meet others in this community) A bigger focus on sustainability, teaching people to grow their own food and food to share

	with others, teaching people to work with the abundance our local region has to offer at little or no cost. More community events throughout the year that appeal to a wider audience.
241	self sustainability more farmers independent businesses
242	stop destroying the natural habitats around the city which aid wildlife and promote well-being of the citizenry and promote tourism. Encourage local businesses and shop locally. **Improve ferry links - more sailings and cheaper fares **
243	decrease ferry fares and improve sailings without affordable access to this community we will not be able to grow and attract new business
244	1. Reduce taxation within the city. 2. Encourage entrepreneurs wanting to start businesses. 3. Encourage beautification of our business and residential .
245	More skilled professional jobs More education and awareness about locally grown food More attention to a transitioning economy. But no one can say transitioning to what?
246	Deal with the over worked Doctor issue, perhaps consider a single walk in clinic facility. We can have a much better composting policy if we put the effort and resources into it. Consider donating land for Community Farm use.
247	1. Get more high paying/industrial jobs. Can't rely on the paper mill forever. 2. Figure out better public transit. Too much time for people standing around wait for a bus that may, or may not, show up. 3. Get rid of garbage tickets. Garbage pickup is part of property taxes, why should I have to pay twice for something like that?
248	Raise minimum wage, cheaper ferry prices, and more ferry trips.
249	Offer more sciences, forestry courses at VIU to keep some of our potential environmentalists/forestry workers in town.
250	make sure there is a balance. We need industry as much as we need environmental stuff. Realize that we are a community that was built on the forest industry and fishing.
251	More focus on our youth. Work at getting the youth involved that live in poverty and in challenging homes. Initiatives that interest them and help them. Improve Marine Drive as a focus for tourists and an area that is a pleasure to be. Widen the sidewalk, change traffic flow, more flowers, music, etc. Increase local food production and support jobs in this area. Education about this too.
252	Better transit. A dog park or section reserved for small breeds. Keeping lot 450 the way it is now.
253	Encourage economic growth, attract new industry. Fight to lower Ferry Fares. Implement a bus schedule to the Ferry terminal and work with Gibsons/Sechelt to run a bus to/from the Langdale Ferry.
254	Government should lower ferry fares. Subsidize if needed. Freeze or even lower property tax. Help seniors by not charging medical exam, as required to get their driver's licence.
255	- More community involvement when deciding important projects, and less letting City Council decide what is important (like maybe sidewalks connecting Cranberry to Westview, instead of hosting another one of the thousand music arts shindigs that PR seems to keep coming up with). - More work on infrastructure and keeping good jobs here (not just the few that come from small local businesses), and less wasting money on stuff that the whole town doesn't utilize. Arts are all fine and dandy, but there's too much of it that we spend our community dollars on - how about more directed towards fixing and maintaining the roads, and creating more physical and educational opportunities for our youth. - Make it easier for businesses to come to PR, with less red tape and roadblocks. It's hard enough getting their products here, make it easier for them to find and afford space to occupy - there's enough empty buildings in town, let's help bigger companies get in and start making revenue on them.
256	Better jobs so families can raise their kids and afford a house Better service from bc ferries for tourists Lower ferry costs for residents
257	More jobs for younger people with families More night life for young people
258	Fine as is.
259	employment is a huge factor for skilled and unskilled. We need more industry, who knows when the mill will close, its been unstable for so long, the workers have already taken huge pay cuts which in turn affects the economy here in PR. Many people have to work away from home in order to live here. Also a huge complaint of mine is the fact that we are always being told to buy local yet when there are jobs such as a new care facility or other projects, the work always goes to non union out of town companies. I understand that the work may be cheaper, but if we could have some kind of a law that enforces that these companies must hire local first.
260	Bicycle paths in town Walking/ bicycle trail Lund to Saltery Bay Better/ later shopping hours on Marine and for coffee shops
261	COMMUTER PASSES FOR RESIDENTS JOB TRAINING IN GRADE 12 FOR STUDENTS HIGHER PAYING JOBS FOR THE COST OF HOUSING OR LOWER HOUSING FOR THE LOWER INCOMES THE MOST OF OUR YOUNG TOWNS PEOPLE GET
262	decrease ferry rates diversify economically focus on building a retirement community as a economic plan
263	-Do something about ferry costs. They are something that people *have* to take to leave Powell River if they don't wish to take an airplane, and the prices are ridiculous. It's understandable that the ferry wouldn't exactly be cheap when gas prices and maintenance are taken into consideration, but the fact that the ferry prices continue to rise is the problem. They were considerably lower a few years ago. -Provide more opportunities for youth to leave Powell River on trips. The isolation can be incredibly stifling and lack of introduction to the variety of peoples that British Columbia offers can set the youth up for open discrimination against those that aren't like the kind of people found in Powell River. -More doctors/nurse practitioners, and maybe a walk-in health clinic. The amount of people in this community that don't have a doctor is ridiculous, and the emergency room is currently being used as a walk-in clinic by many.
264	More professional associations for social opportunities work working professionals. We need better child care options- there is no availability of qualified care for babies under a year. We need the university to offer 4 year degrees- as long as you can't get educated here our youth will continue to move away.
265	affordable, decent housing for marginalized persons youth activities transportation so families can access local food, sports and club events for their children and cheaper ferry fares
266	1. Need a more diverse economy - we can't rely on jobs to come from just a few major sources. 2. Need to be either more self sufficient as a community, or better access to outside resources. Being a landlocked community, we need to decide which option we want to follow, and work toward it quickly. 3. Education options for kids are limited here. Its great that there are French immersion options, and a couple private school options, but it would be even better with another secular private option (e.g. Montessori or Waldorf for example). Post-secondary options are also very limited.
267	Keep the trees and focus on tourism way more. you can have people enjoy the same tree over and over again if you leave it in the forest. Fix the roads. Realize that our water is going to be precious and start planning to conserve it better.
268	Council needs to make major decisions! And fewer costly studies which gather dust. We elect you to make decisions!
269	publicize opportunities to meet and work with others on community projects support new local businesses

270	More projects to make more full-time employment above minimum wage. More to increase amount of visitors year round, not just a few events throughout the year, but a constant draw. (Deepsea port?) Road project to connect us with Lower Mainland. Route through to Squamish. BC Ferries is crippling the town with fares.
271	More events for family's at the complex. Bus route to complex. Waterslide at complex.
272	Don't turn it into "Richmond", BC
273	Stop putting resources into the mill and work on real economic diversity. Support initiatives and programs that preserve and improve our environment, like the ALR, parks, sustainable forestry and conservation. Housing developments are pointless without economic development that will draw new people to Powell River. When the new people do come, they must be welcomed not just for the money they bring, but for their fresh perspectives and ideas. The "You're not from here so you don't get a say" attitude has to go. With economic diversity, the town and council need to welcome the 21st century and the diversity of points of view.
274	Road access to lower mainland More industry for well paying jobs (tourist economy jobs are min wage crap need \$16-18/hr plus jobs)
275	Righteous peace joy
276	Affordable housing City taxes/Property taxes are outrageously high, lower city taxes Attract friendly people to dilute Powell Riverites sense of importance
277	ferries! Not affordable for families...for anyone! I used to travel to the island about 12 times a year...now...3-4...to Vancouver sometimes up to 4x a month...now...maybe 4 if I am lucky and most of that with TAP Forms! Want my kids to do sports but can't afford the travel to get places... More medical professionals with specialities so we don't need to travel out of town! childrens sports are expensive...some registrations are cheap but the programs become expensive when you have to travel out of town...you can only beg for bottles for so long! I understand the coaches/groups have to make money too but it is only the wealthier that can afford...some programs in town charge high city rates...really? for what? we get limited hours and less benefits that the city...no competition here...
278	Better youth centre and community youth services needed Major reform of bc ferries needed Environmentally sustainable industry needed
279	lower property taxes lower ferry rates more doctors
280	more low income housing for people with disabilities especially better bus system into outskirts of town ferry costs lowered for residents
281	1. Full Time Good Paying Jobs Not min wage or near min 2. Equal College Programs the same as whats available on Vancouver Island 3. More Low Income Housing. There is not enough in Powell River to meet those in need. Its very hard to find affordable rentals these days. Those on Disability through the Ministry of human resources only have \$906 a month to live off. Its a real struggle for them to live and manage when the average rent in Powell River for a one bedroom is \$ 600- \$700 monthly. As you can imagine its a real struggle to live off the remainder 200 or 300 for the month for food and monthly bills like Hydro, Gas or even phone. Poverty is growing at an alarming rate in Powell River due to Rental Prices sky rocketed to the point where the low income people or people on disability are struggling to live or unable to live with the basic necessities in life.
282	Industry! Stop with the tourism bs. You can't compete with the island. Stop funding music crap and get some real jobs to this town before its to late.
283	Ferry fairs and a groing community
284	Well paying secure employment for young people: 22-35 years Higher learning opportunities - perhaps, enticing other young people to enrol here as well (boosting economy) Sustainable practices, continue to improve recycling - see other communities for ideas to improve
285	Support the people who continue to work hard to make Powell River a wonderful place to live. Help to make "negative thinking people into "positive" thinking about this great place we are so lucky and blessed to live. Encourage people to get out and volunteer.
286	Give us one way ferry fares for residents - same as peninsula residents Help the lower income people get good housing Offer grants to employers for creating full time jobs
287	Promote STRONGLY the sales of fresh seafood at the Government Wharf and elsewhere. Spend more on tourism advertising - look what the Okanagan has done. Actively promote scuba diving again.
288	1. Better ferry service at a lower cost. We are isolated and the ferries are our roads, it should be subsidized. We should not have to pay so much. It is unaffordable!! 2. We have a lot of vacant storefronts. They should be leased out at a very reduced rate for at least a year to let new business people see if they can make it a go with a new business. It would give them a chance and it would also give Powell River a better look from a tourist point of view. If someone wants to start a new business PR should help them. It is for the benefit of all. 3. Clean up Marine Ave, it is the first area people see when coming off the ferry. If you look through the eyes of a tourist, it doesn't look very nice.
289	Lower ferry prices Bring in more businesses- we must be more diverse in order to attract people to PR. We need more jobs for younger people. PR should be a university town!
290	Better transit/taxi services Larger parks Reliable bus to and from Vancouver
291	the ferries are a nightmare - they are a crucial part of our highway system yet we are paying more and more. the ferries should not be run by a for-profit company. it has taken 3 years for me to get a new family doctor, (i had one in town, she moved away and it took forever to get a new one) I have ongoing medical issues and this is a serious issue for many. Then add the horrible ferries for my trips to specialists and healthcare has not been a positive in PR.
292	Arriving by ferry, passengers are greeted by the ugly, filthy dirty fuel tanks. This is a newcomer's first impression of PR and it can be lasting, especially if they are doing the circle route and that is one of their only impressions. This continues to worsen year after year. The council can easily enact bylaws to fix this situation at no cost to the taxpayers. The derelict Powell River Inn is another example of this inattention and again could be just as easily remedied. Put the onus on the business and property owners and let's get this done. Thank you.
293	Support repurposing Center ie restore style shop for building material recycling Promote food sustainable agriculture in the area Update evergreen theater into a working theater and have a manager to promote live music/ theater.
294	Increase accessibility for disabled people in public spaces Expand recycling options and add composting Introduce a newcomers program
295	Reduce municipal supervisors at City hall and the Complex. Introduce some sort of plan to have residents improve their yards. Make it cheaper for small businesses to stay in business.
296	lower ferry fares more help for local farmers
297	Better rental housing for low income families
298	More public transit for rural areas, a more central and accessible youth centre, continue developing relations between Powell River and Tla'amin in every way possible.

- 299 The largest issue for Powell River is it needs a secondary access such as a road. Powell River will have a difficult time attracting new businesses or industries with the ever declining service and increased cost to ride BC Ferries. Also it is a safety issue, if there we ever a disaster we have no other exit other than a ferry.
- 300 Lower ferry fares
- 301 1. Internet infrastructure to the rural areas (Lund!) that's affordable 2. More comprehensive recycling to include things such as "zip lock" bags, broken glassware, compost 3. Ferries should be affordable for everyone including businesses and treated as part of the highways system in BC.
- 302 More local food production A locally owned food coop store that buys and sells local food and merchandise An alternative to the BC owned ferry system
- 303 Turn the community into a medical service society - ie - MRI center, cancer clinics, research facilities and similar services.
- 304 -more affordable ferry rates and scheduling for residents and out of town visitors -increased city transit times and routes
- 305 1. Improve the airport, it is an important link. More so as the ferry rates increase. Supercomputers will live here if viable travel options to the world exist. I commute 1200 Kms to work. 2. The city needs to improve it's curb appeal. City properties, sidewalks, and parks are looking shabby. Summer students to clean paint and weed? 3. Attract small business with progressive policies.
- 306 More affordable rentals for lower income. Cheaper ferry fares. Better recycling.
- 307 attract young families make ferries free like elsewhere in the province
- 308 Willingdon Arena area developed as a P.R. Income to attract Boaters & tourists Two story building with secured tenant parking off Marine ave Maybe leased office spaces on the upper Small Coombs style shops leased on the lower Weekends etc. bring in the Farmers Market & musicians in the appropriate seasons Ding dock & stairs or walkway out front with Anchor buoys so boats can tie off to ! " But keep this to make money for other developments in our town only" & " Never allow it to be sold " This will really help Marine ave Shops as well:) 2) the old barge terminal off the South Harbor could house not only the Coast Guard station etc. as well as similar development with upstairs Restaraunt etc. ,laundry for boaters.....
- 309 Public Transit and bike friendly roads to and from the city, and pleasant, safe, walking corridors within the city. No more paved malls, instead a public 'heart' to the city. I really enjoy shopping in Courtenay, where the retail centre has a 'main street' feel. Green space within the region needs attention and protection. Hooray for Millenium Park! Now lets try to negotiate a park space at Stillwater Bluffs.
- 310 -better urban planning! Green corridors, communal green space, bike routes (that have safe shoulders), denser housing, centralized shopping areas, more consistent zoning... planning for the post-carbon future -a better library (ideally in the Willingdon Beach gravel pit site) -better formal recognition & protection for the important natural sites (e.g. stillwater bluffs, valentine mountain, eagle river, etc.). These draw in tourism and improve everyone's quality of life!
- 311 As a new resident in Powell River, I feel ignored. I can't find a meaningful job or meaningful part-time/contract work even though I have a lot of experience in my field and have a lot of education. There are very few mid to high-level jobs available and the competition is very fierce for any of those jobs when they become available. And there seems to be a bias towards hiring locals over new people to the community. Even for simple tasks like finding an apartment, getting a mailbox key, and volunteering for local service providers has been extremely frustrating. People don't return phone calls, don't return emails, are too busy because it's summer, or they procrastinate or make excuses. It's not possible to regulate individual behaviour, but I get a sense that many long-term residents of Powell River have a bias against newcomers, and do their best to ignore them or give them third-class status. This has been confirmed by locals saying "we don't want too many new people moving here"
- 312 more inclusivity more public art priority on outdoors
- 313 Lower ferry fares Real bike paths, separate from cars Advertise the fibre optic cable (create tech immigration)
- 314 More industrial wage employment More support for the Arts programs More opportunities for our children to stay in Powell River - including education programs and JOBS
- 315 Better pro-business attitude coming from the business licensing department at City Hall. The Mayor is doing a fantastic job but I hear about road blocks that are put up when a business actually wants to start. Cheaper ferry fares, of course, that will encourage more visitors. More dog parks! because people with dogs are active people who socialize and communicate with each other while their dogs are playing.
- 316 more city council meetings & members elections
- 317 1. More available scheduled bus service south of town so that adults and youth can commute to work on public transit and youth can more easily access infrastructure in town. 2. Our local and national government need to bend to the will of the people without a huge scene (i.e. Lot 450, ferry schedules and fare management). 3. Less geo-engineering/chemtrails. They are heating up the planet, causing weather mayhem, costing huge \$, and poisoning the earth and everything on it. This is not a theory.
- 318 Improve safe bicycle access to core areas, especially along Joyce Ave. And Marine Ave. Ensure the next sewage processing plant works properly and relocate it from current site where it impacts a very public waterfront area.
- 319 - Continue to encourage, promote and support local businesses - I'd like to see a compost collection service or some sort of community compost centre - Promote volunteer relationships in the community (ex. seniors in schools, students in extended care home, etc.)
- 320 Powell River needs to attract large industry in order to employ our young people, keep them in our town and give families the stability and good paying jobs they need.
- 321 Reduce Property Taxes Bring in Industry Focus on growth and development along with ferries
- 322 Take practical action right now about climate change Take practical action right now to support small business and the self employed Support people in the art of self reliance and reciprocity
- 323 Stop having the same old time Powell Riverites run the show (City, Regional District, PREDS, etc.), and stop the "you scratch my back, I scratch yours" type of decision making. The people need more of a voice. Be more open to the newbies (although this is slowly improving) that end up leaving because they have a hard time making connections or finding work. This town should also make ferries the number one priority. Comox ferry should overnight on this side and we should be treated like any other gulf island, and BC Ferries should again offer large discounts to residents. It should be put back in the hands of gov't. We also need to focus more on encouraging tourism as the mill employs less and less people in order to keep our economy viable. And keep up with creating more bike routes and extend the Paradise Valley one. VIU also needs to improve it's post secondary programs to better suit community needs and offer more variety of 1st yr uni courses through utilization of new technology.
- 324 Better ferry service more attention to tourism potential encouragement of small & new business
- 325 Preserve the Green Heart of Powell River - no logging of our urban forests. Institute a progressive property tax and building permit scheme that puts a premium on vacation or second homes and "investment properties" that are not being occupied by their owners and funnels that money into a rent subsidy for low income folks - defined in this case as anyone who is spending more than 30% of their income on housing. Strengthen public transportation, especially to the rural areas and to coordinate with ferry connections.

326	Improve the ferry service and its affordability
327	Ferry prices need to go down to accommodate low income families .Also, the new ferry schedule is very poor in regards to wait times between ferries. Co-ordination is lacking. Job creation with adequate salaries are an absolute necessity to keep the average income steady. I see in some sectors, the same people run the show, with little fresh input to revitalize things. It's rather sad for example, to see this happen at the Academy of Music where things have been the same for many years at the top level. It gets stale after some time. There are other areas as well in P.R. where this is also the case.
328	Less expensive ferry fees for PR residents. Encouraging business growth that offers better paying jobs. Offering more free or inexpensive services to youth, especially teens. Not all parents can afford dance, hockey, soccer etc.
329	1. become a welcoming community that offers sponsorships to refugee families seeking a new place to live 2. a real youth centre, open every day, with creative space along the lines of the Purple Thistle model in Vancouver 3. A real art galley, exhibition, performance space that is non profit and allows for a variety of mediums.
330	- more affordable housing - more jobs - more casual gatherings
331	Better opportunities for higher paying employment. More frequent, reduced fare ferry travel. Stop logging in Powell River, no logging Valentine Mtn., Lot 450!!
332	The future of farmers is threatened by the Full Circle farm initiative. Farmers have made an investment into serving the community and building relationships with clients. The project gives one small, unrepresentative group, an unfair advantage over those who have worked hard to build up business here for years.
333	Opportunities (special interest groups) for people to participate in that will help them build supportive healthy friendship networks. More events that will encourage people to fit in and feel like they belong and are a part of a healthy vibrant community things that foster connection and a sense of belonging. Developing more events and special interest groups that promote health and well-being for everyone in the community.
334	Can't determine top 3, all of the below seem equally important: - More employment opportunities with living wages - More affordable rental housing - More community support to buy local - More frequent bus transportation ie. every half hour, running in town and North and South of town, and on Texada Island, running later at night as well (ie. to 10pm). Advertise to gain greater community support. - More medical specialists available in town (so that people don't need to go outside the community for medical help) - More affordable ferries
335	Less expensive ferry fees, this should be classified a highway. More rental, low income housing. More inclusive and welcoming of outside (immigrant) jobs, factories, to replace the slowing down of our mill, we need industry badly...
336	more employment opportunities increased utilisation of our deep sea port increase in opportunities for visitors
337	Though logging is viable entity in Powell river it does limit access to our many lakes and river's. I believe we could do a better job in promoting our back country as to its many lakes , quad trails and over all beauty. Particularly as it is becoming less available on the lower sunshine coast due to their increased density.
338	-Lower cost housing is desperately needed - rental and purchase. -Job opportunities that can sustain a family are needed but must avoid industry that will damage the environment and tourism. -hiring new comers rather than the "in" folks is an important step to promote
339	More rental housing More waste bins and dog litter bag stations ie. Shingle mill beach More small business shopping opportunities
340	Get rid of privatized recycling and make it a community issue. More funded housing for lower income family's. Most important to me is that we need a Hospice so that people that live in Powell River do not have to leave the town with their friends and family to get adequate care. Spending your last days in a hospital or old folks home should not be your only option.
341	There are some slight improvements, but there are agencies around who care more about the money than to keep a family together without concerns about the children's health and welfare. Many children are not being cared for properly while in care of the local agencies.
342	Both the City and the Regional District need new, modern vision to lead us into the uncertain future, where global warming and global economic forces will play havoc with our old assumptions and old ways of doing things. Building genuine democracies, where local government listens and attends to the voices of all, especially the disadvantaged and disenfranchised, would help to create this new vision. Everyone must make ready for the transformation of Tla'Amin into a self-governing nation. We must adjust our beliefs and our attitudes to welcome this long overdue restoration of First Nation rights and entitlements.
343	- less focus on the mill as *the* source of good jobs - recognition of the importance of tourism to our economy - infrastructure rejuvenated...better accommodation for tourists, fewer empty/unused buildings, better signage, bike lanes, sidewalks, places to sit....
344	More living wage jobs. More educational opportunities for young adults. More family centered activities (we have many for early years but not much at all for families with older children)
345	1. All organizations need to be more open and willing to accept new people and ideas - the old guard must make room for the new. 2. Encourage and support more diverse small business' to start up and thrive. 3. We desperately need more support and access in the field of mental health. Affordable help for people suffering from the many forms mental illness can take. Usually the people most at risk are the ones who can least afford to pay for help. What happened to the grief counselling program that helped so many? What happened to the parenting group that was recently shut down to lack of funding. Vital services that are no longer available.
346	More well paying jobs, more affordable housing, lower ferry fares
347	Fix the ferry fee issue, make it affordable. Improve physicians in both ER and radiology, both have horrible reputations in the community. Keep our green space, hold regional accountable for decisions made.
348	More opportunities for youth Expand offerings at VIU Encourage opportunities for seniors and youth to meet and communicate
349	Separate cars, cyclists and pedestrians. No more big box stores. Encourage locally industry like aircraft overhaul at our airport.
350	Less immigrant workers, more jobs that you don't need to know someone who knows someone to get, more doctors this is pathetic
351	there should be more focus on promoting powell river as a retirement community, it's a safe, affordable community with a hospital, (lacking sufficient number of doctors as in most other communities) and the boomers are just beginning to enter retirement increase focus on more bicycle safe lanes not sure that recent changes in our recycling program have been beneficial to those who do recycle and more should be done to encourage more folks to recycle also not familiar with a composting program in powell river
352	Economic growth in local manufacturing Less government bureaucracy for business seeking development opportunities Return ferries to public ownership; should be part of highways.
353	Have a Council that acts rather than referring to a committee for more study, Make sure contractors use local labourers. Make housing projects functional rather than fancy.
354	1.Make a survey that is not so general. It does not represent the community as a whole when different ages have different needs.

2. Education regarding energy, recycling, and pollution needs to be in K to University all year long. Can't teach an old dog new tricks.
3. No one wants to rent their investment when it gets damaged or destroyed. We sold ours.
- 355 Bridge to island and a road to the interior. A healthy flow and mix will come from it. We are close to becoming 'Ocean Falls of the south coast. Ferry fares will kill us.
- 356 Because we are a retirement community and more seniors are in wheel chairs I feel there is a very great need for buses to accommodate these citizens. My husband picks up and drives a few friends that need this service as he has access to a wheel chair van. The handy bus shuts down at four o'clock and many wheel chair citizens need a ride after this time. It would greatly help these ones if they go home for a family dinner or attend other events. It is also very hard for them to book the bus so that there is room for them. Many of us will need this service in the future. Now is the time to put a better system in place for these ones. I am sure they would really appreciate it.
- 357 If the idea of inclusion for those who have support needs, which Powell River does well; could be extended to those without the Powell River birthright, this would allow for a more vibrant, flexible and vital community. Without this, individuals may visit, move, but not stay nor "root" in Powell River. This results in an opportunistic community, with a diminishing gene pool, which will not sustain itself. There is such potential to create an inclusive, diverse, eco-friendly community for young people/families to own their own homes, contribute/build the economy. Perhaps changing this attitude and the focus of "luring" cashing out city folks will encourage individuals with the depth and quality Powell River is seeking to attract. I remain hopeful, and continue to work to this end.
- 358 Put more focus on making Powell River an arts and culture centre to attract visitors and new residents. Use public funds to support a more diversified economy (not just focus on getting a "big thing" to save the region). Adopt cutting edge ideas - like free or low-cost mini-busses to make it easy to travel without cars - to use the character of Powell River, such as the fact that we are disconnected from the mainland and very self-reliant, as an incubator for innovations that will excite people.
- 359 Keeping the monthly events happening The out door trails and the New School
- 360 1. Review & support the revitalisation of Marine Avenue to create a vibrant small business community. It is the first thing most visitors see & it needs some attention! 2. Apply for provincial assistance in upgrading the condition & width of Hwy 101 North. There is a growing community of full-time residents north of town & many recreational areas. A safer & more user-friendly Hwy would promote greater access. 3. Increase signage for all area points of interest. The Sunshine Coast Trail signs are an excellent start.
- 361 1. Greywater and rainwater reuse to conserve water. 2. Mandate social and low cost housing into developers building code. 3. Lots more mental health services!!!! If the provincial and the federal governments won't provide them....we need to as a municipality
- 362 Provide benefits to people moving or starting businesses to Powell River. Place more emphasis on beautification of the downtown strip and Joyce shopping area. Find ways to work with BC Ferries to reduce the high ferry costs for travel to and from Powell River.
- 363 1- lower ferry fares(much lower) 2- road to whistler area 3- revitalization program for the marine ave. commercial district
- 364 Decrease ferry fares and have reliable ferry routes. Lower property taxes within the municipality and make the property taxes in the regional district more fair
- 365 Improved transit. Less expensive recreation options.
- 366 More Jobs Cheaper ferries Better economy
- 367 Turn the hospital into a teaching hospital to attract more health care professionals. Utilize the University to its full capacity and offer courses relevant to coastal communities. Powell River needs another industry that can offer full time professional employment.
- 368 use the university more there are very few courses offered at this time, and the use of mechanical viewing from Nanaimo is not very good. there are teachers in Powell river that are qualified to teach at viu, but are not being used. it's a shame to see that huge facility mostly empty.
- 369 -reduce ferry costs and travelling restrictions -create more full time jobs and less part time -expand post-secondary education options
- 370 -More affordable childcare -Easier access to the back country, for people lacking ATVs/4x4 vehicles/boats -Urban design that encourages walking & biking, including bike lanes and grocery outlets in more neighbourhoods
- 371 Reduce ferry prices and improve their schedules Improve the amount of medical doctors, upgrade hospital Do a better job of promoting our community to the rest of the world
- 372 Reduce Ferry fares! This would certainly bring more people here.
- 373 1)Our schools need economic support to offer healthy breakfast and lunch programs. Every public school in Powell River has children who come without enough food which has negative short and long term effects. This is a problem for the whole community not just the schools. 2)The ferry system is so expensive and inconvenient that it puts our town at risk in so many ways. It is incumbent upon our political leaders at all levels to advocate for reduced fares, increased runs and the Comox ferry to be berthed in Powell River. 3)I strongly feel that there should be a program that picks up compost and garden clippings, etc. Many people do not own trucks and trailers so they need to have this service. As the amount of seniors increase, this service becomes more and more necessary.
- 374 1. A greater amount of manufacturing and/or services tied to manufacturing. 2. Diversify the economy, less dependence on the Mill for good paying jobs. 3. Create programs to encourage entrepreneurship of all age groups and categories.
- 375 more job for the young , getting companys to hire with the help of the government paying part of the training ,
- 376 Identify the low income seniors who could benefit the most from the food tokens (to be used at the Farmer's Market) and find a 'real' way low income seniors could benefit by delivering food to their door.
- 377 more affordable ferries
- 378 - better public transport to Lund, SALTERY Bay and between the two ferries - lower costs on ferries -more jobs!!
- 379 Attention to watersheds - why is there logging still in urban/rural watersheds? Air quality is poor here especially outdoor burning in rural areas. Two of the regional board directors are outdated and regressive - limit time directors can serve.
- 380 The people here are wonderful; the natural beauty is astonishing. We need better government nationally, regionally, locally: more progressive, environmentally conscious.
- 381 - more diverse economy - better access for aging people who can no longer drive - more Dr.'s.
- 382 1. move the Farmer's Market to Willingdon Beach for ease of access for tourists and seniors using the bus. 2. Have the Market be one day - all day.
- 383 _Diversify economu -Living wage - Affordable, safe housing
- 384 1. Keep the green belt intact 2. Teach environmental practises in school 3. Keep support of farmers
- 385 - Develop access for people with disabilities - Support PR Academy of Music and PRISMA - Encourage agrislulture

386	1. Need to know people more 2. Allow dogs in rest/bars 3. mix different streams
387	1) Lower ferry costs 2) Cheaper local food 3) More free music venues or buskers. Most music is in restaurants = \$\$.
388	- Improve ferry service - Diversify economy even more - More marketing abroad
389	- Fix up lakes and beaches - More money to Mowat Bay and Lindsay Park
390	- Outdoor pool by playground - more events/activities for families with children, like fun in the sun
391	- High speed internet for all regions - Lund, Texada - lower cost - Develop bike lane on hydro right of way.

21. How old are you?

	Responses	Percent
15 - 24:	11	2.31%
25 - 30:	19	3.98%
31 - 40:	76	15.93%
41 - 50:	79	16.56%
51 - 65:	190	39.83%
65 or older:	102	21.38%
Total Responded to this question:		477 89.16%
Total who skipped this question:		58 10.84%
Total:		535 100%

22.
What gender are you?

	Responses	Percent
Male:	150	31.25%
Female:	319	66.46%
Other:	11	2.29%
Total Responded to this question:	480	89.72%
Total who skipped this question:	55	10.28%
Total:	535	100%

23. How long have you lived in the Powell River regional district?

	Responses	Percent
Less than 1 year:	9	1.85%
1 - 5 years:	69	14.2%
6 - 10 years:	101	20.78%
11 - 20 years:	92	18.93%
More than 20 years:	215	44.24%
Total Responded to this question:		486
Total who skipped this question:		49
Total:		535
		90.84%
		9.16%
		100%

24. Where do you live? If your main residence is not in Powell River (e.g. you are here temporarily or seasonally), please choose Somewhere Else.

	Responses	Percent
City of Powell River: 	299	69.7%
Regional District - North: 	43	10.02%
Regional District - South: 	73	17.02%
Sliammon: 	3	0.7%
Texada: 	3	0.7%
Somewhere else: 	8	1.86%
Total Responded to this question:	429	80.19%
Total who skipped this question:	106	19.81%
Total:	535	100%