



**District of Peachland
2024 Citizens
Survey Results**



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BACKGROUND

The District invited residents to take part in the 2024 Citizens Survey between September 17 and October 20, 2024. The intent of the survey was to poll residents on their satisfaction with a variety of District services and initiatives, to gather feedback from Peachland residents about the District's programs and services, and to help understand their priorities for allocating District resources and budgets.

METHODOLOGY

The 2024 Citizens Survey was prepared in house and provided publicly to all Peachland residents through one of two survey options:

- Mailout to 1,000 randomly-selected Peachland properties inviting occupant to participate by providing a password and link to the survey.
- Open survey – Printed copies made available at all functions/facilities or downloadable from the website. Survey respondents can mail or drop off completed surveys at Municipal Hall.

RETURNED SURVEYS

- Random Mailout Survey - 222 surveys completed
- Open Survey - 190 surveys completed

The 412 survey responses have been combined to produce the following results. Notations have been included on individual questions indicating if large discrepancies were found in results from the different samples.

General themes from open responses to a variety of questions in the survey have been extracted and presented. All open responses have been provided by question at the end of this report.

As part of this survey, 75 respondents provided their email and indicated they would like to be subscribed for e-notification of news and events from the District of Peachland.

Notes For Future Surveys

- Provide a fully open, online survey. Mailout not required.
- Open all choices for preferred methods of communication.
- Provide more response options for home ownership questions.
- Include a privacy disclaimer.
- Offer a prize incentive, particularly geared to demographic targets. ie: ages 19 to 25 years.

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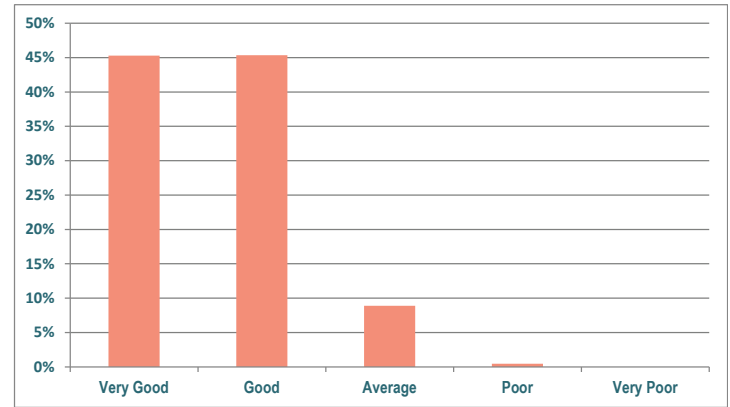


SURVEY RESULTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 1

Taking all things into consideration, how would you rate your overall quality of life in the District of Peachland?

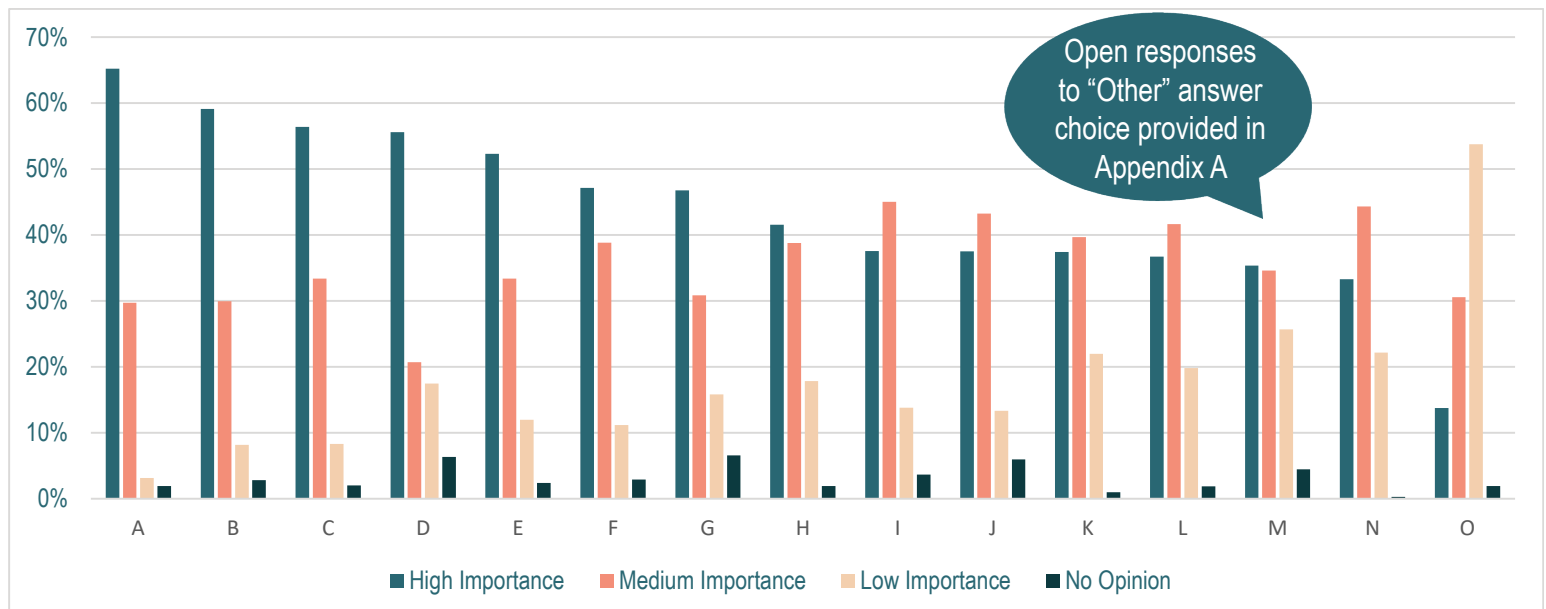
Answer Choices	Responses
Very Good	45.29%
Good	45.36%
Average	8.90%
Poor	0.45%
Very Poor	0.00%



QUESTION 2

Check the option that shows how important the following community topics are to you.

Answer Choices	High Importance	Medium Importance	Low Importance	No Opinion
A Improving roads, sidewalks and streetlights	65.23%	29.72%	3.13%	1.93%
B Protecting environmentally sensitive areas	59.11%	29.96%	8.14%	2.80%
C Growth Management	56.37%	33.39%	8.27%	1.98%
D Highway 97 route through Peachland	55.58%	20.67%	17.47%	6.30%
E Preserving agricultural land	52.30%	33.36%	11.96%	2.38%
F Improve energy and water conservation	47.15%	38.82%	11.16%	2.87%
G Improving sewer services	46.77%	30.86%	15.82%	6.56%
H Providing amenities that appeal to seniors	41.53%	38.75%	17.83%	1.89%
I Providing amenities that appeal to families	37.57%	45.00%	13.78%	3.65%
J Improving water services	37.51%	43.24%	13.32%	5.94%
K Providing more parkland, trails and open spaces	37.41%	39.66%	21.94%	0.99%
L Affordable and attainable housing options	36.72%	41.66%	19.78%	1.84%
M Mitigating impacts from Climate Change	35.33%	34.59%	25.67%	4.42%
N Downtown revitalization	33.27%	44.31%	22.16%	0.27%
O Higher density, multifamily development downtown	13.75%	30.56%	53.77%	1.93%

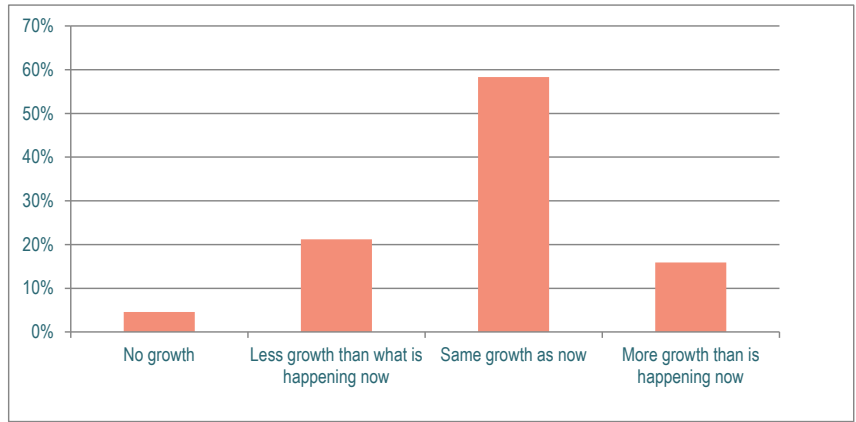


SURVEY RESULTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 3

The District of Peachland had a growth rate of .7% in 2023 (BC Statistics). In the next 5 to 10 years, what level of population growth do you prefer?

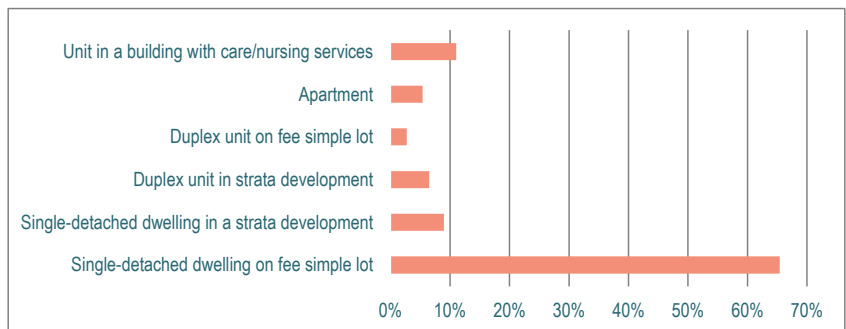
Answer Choices	Responses
No growth	4.57%
Less growth than what is happening now	21.18%
Same growth as now	58.34%
More growth than what is happening now	15.93%



QUESTION 4

If you were to buy a house in Peachland in the next 5 to 10 years, what type of home/lot would you prefer?

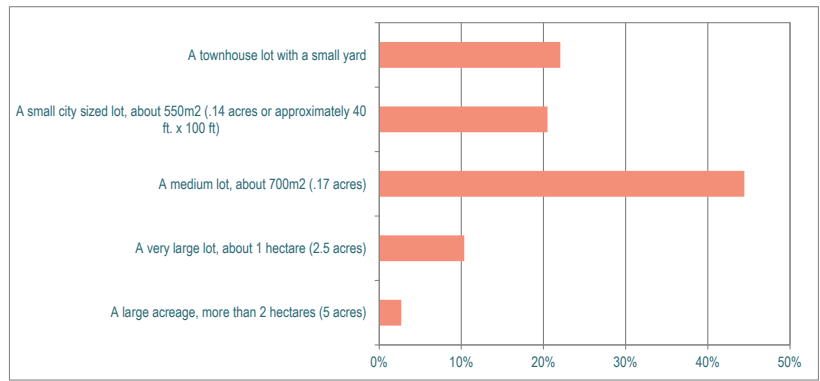
Answer Choices	Responses
Single-detached dwelling on fee simple lot	65.41%
Single-detached dwelling in a strata development	8.96%
Duplex unit in strata development	6.51%
Duplex unit on fee simple lot	2.72%
Apartment	5.38%
Unit in a building with care/nursing services	11.03%



QUESTION 5

If you were to buy a house in Peachland in the next 5 to 10 years, what size of lot would you choose?

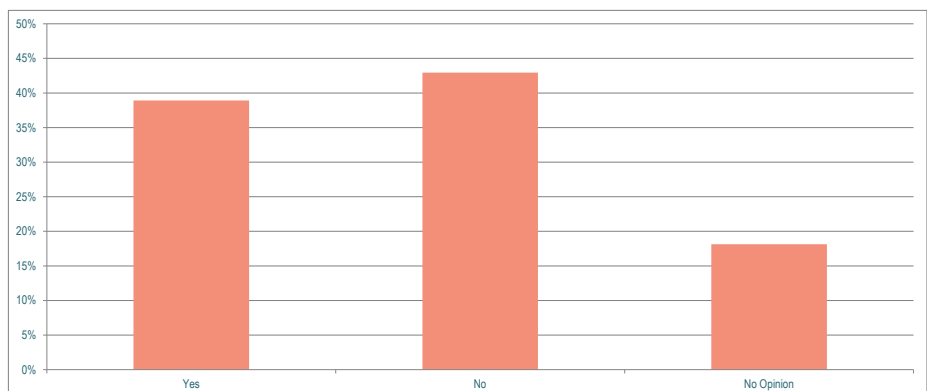
Answer Choices	Responses
A large acreage, more than 2 hectares (5 acres)	2.68%
A very large lot, about 1 hectare (2.5 acres)	10.36%
A medium lot, about 700m2 (.17 acres)	44.44%
A small city sized lot, about 550m2 (.14 acres or approximately 40 ft. x 100 ft)	20.48%
A townhouse lot with a small yard	22.05%
Unit in a building with care/nursing services	11.03%



QUESTION 6

Do you think there are enough housing options in Peachland?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	38.92%
No	42.95%
No Opinion	18.14%

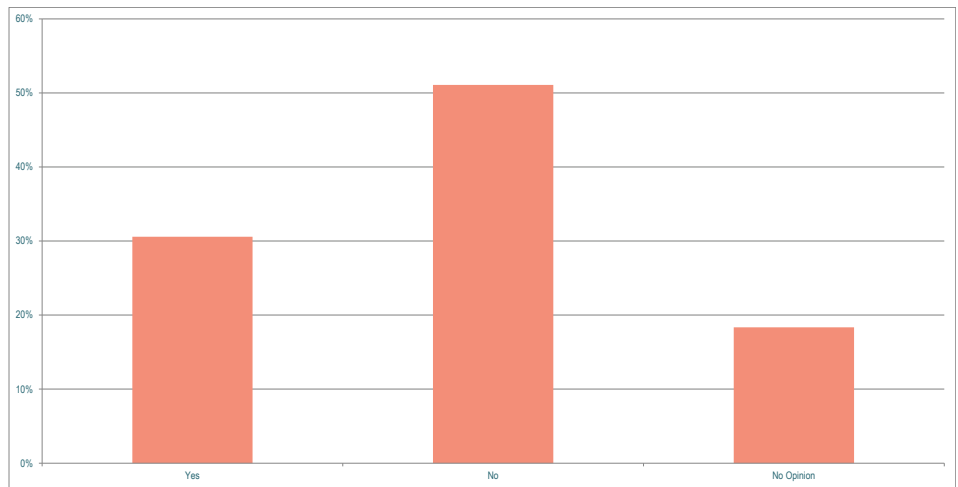


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QUESTION 7

Do you think there are enough housing options for seniors in Peachland?

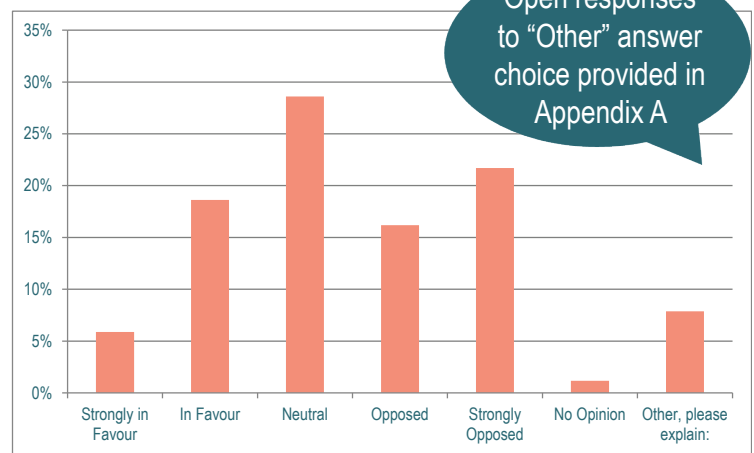
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	38.92%
No	42.95%
No Opinion	18.14%



QUESTION 8

Please indicate your level of support for more housing development in your neighbourhood.

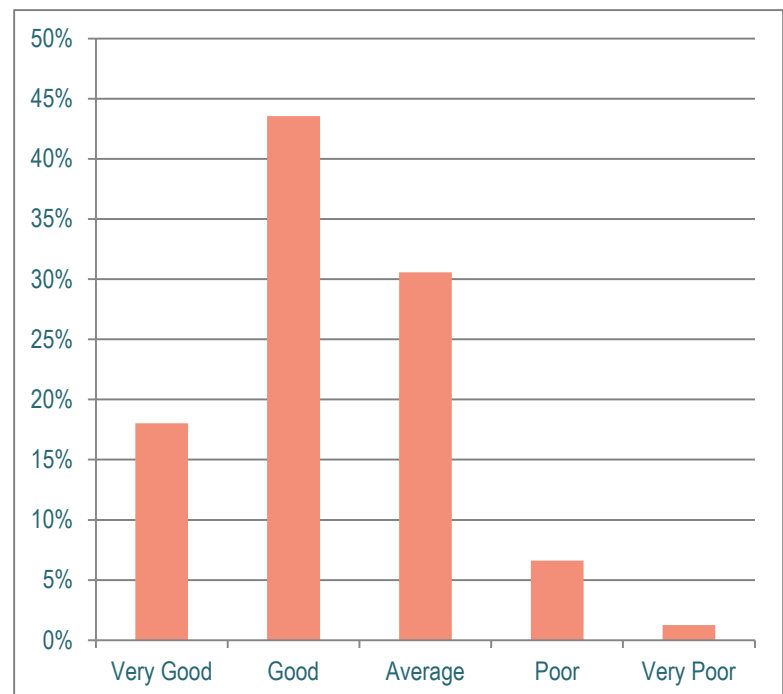
Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly in Favour	5.88%
In Favour	18.62%
Neutral	28.60%
Opposed	16.18%
Strongly Opposed	21.70%
No Opinion	1.17%
Other, please explain	7.87%



QUESTION 9

In general, how would you rate the overall level of service provided by the District of Peachland?

Answer Choices	Responses
Very Good	5.88%
Good	18.62%
Average	28.60%
Poor	16.18%
Very Poor	21.70%



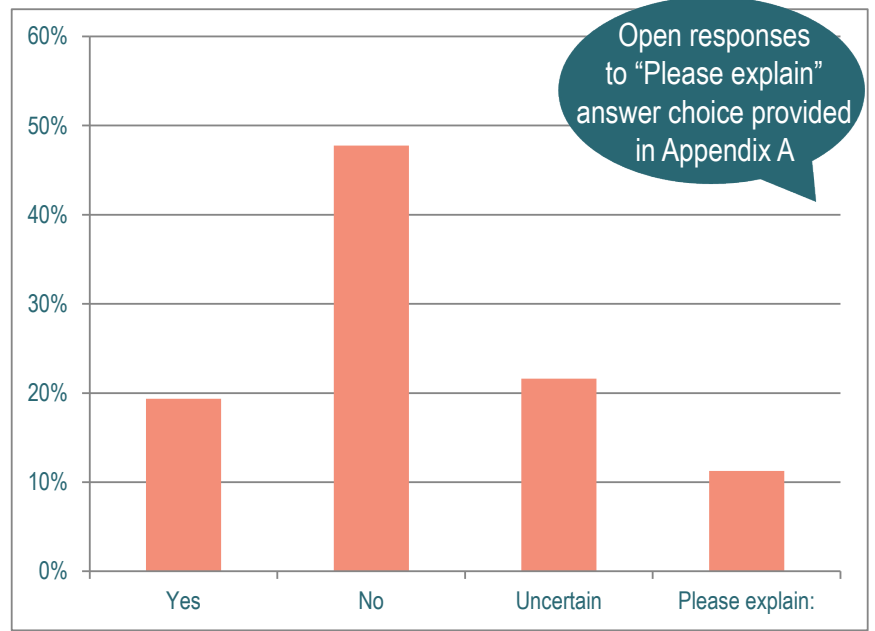
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SURVEY RESULTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 10

Do you feel the RCMP are present and visible enough in Peachland?

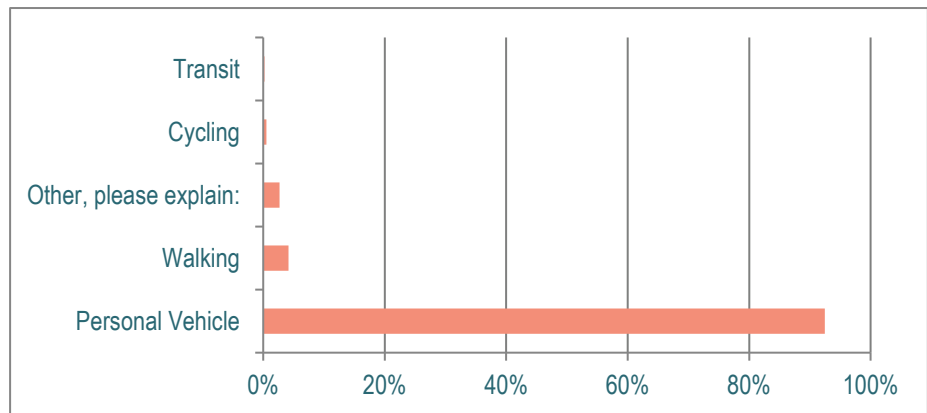
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	22.66%
No	47.39%
Uncertain	20.27%
Please explain	9.69%



QUESTION 11

What is your main mode of transportation?

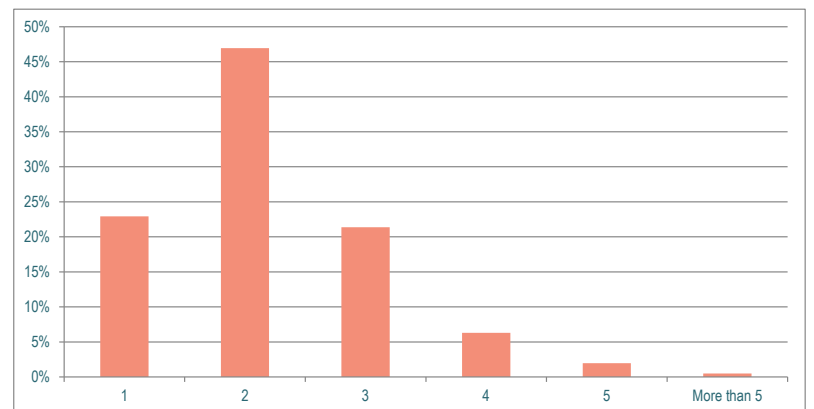
Answer Choices	Responses
Personal Vehicle	5.88%
Walking	18.62%
Other, please explain:	28.60%
Cycling	16.18%



QUESTION 14

How many vehicles are owned by your household?

Answer Choices	Responses
1	22.92%
2	46.95%
3	21.37%
4	6.31%
5	1.97%
More than 5	0.49%



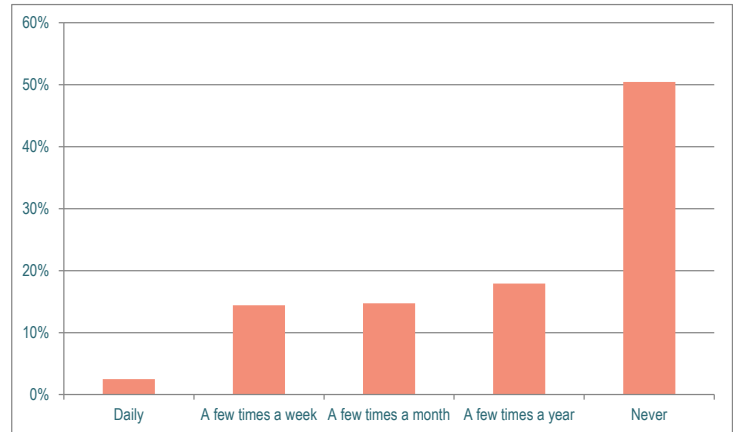
SURVEY RESULTS BY QUESTION

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QUESTION 16

How often do you ride a bike in Peachland?

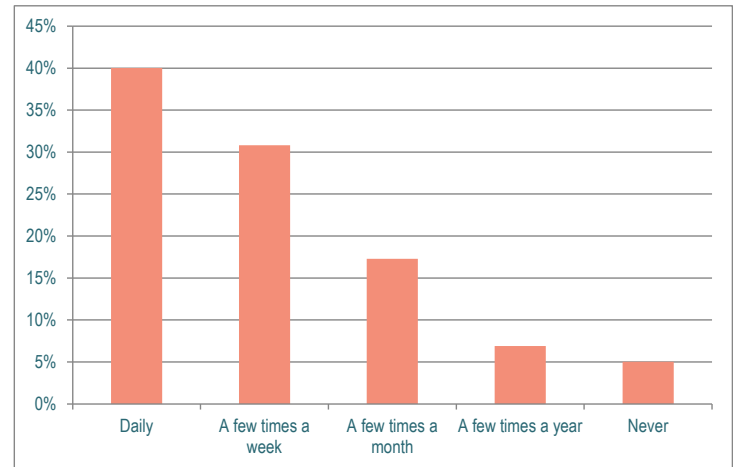
Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	2.49%
A few times a week	14.42%
A few times a month	14.73%
A few times a year	17.93%
Never	50.44%



QUESTION 17

How often do you walk for recreation in Peachland?

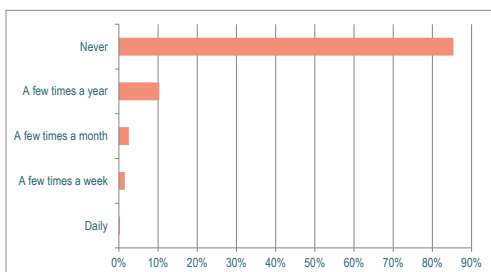
Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	40.01%
A few times a week	30.80%
A few times a month	17.29%
A few times a year	6.90%
Never	5.02%



QUESTION 18

How often do you use transit within or to and from Peachland?

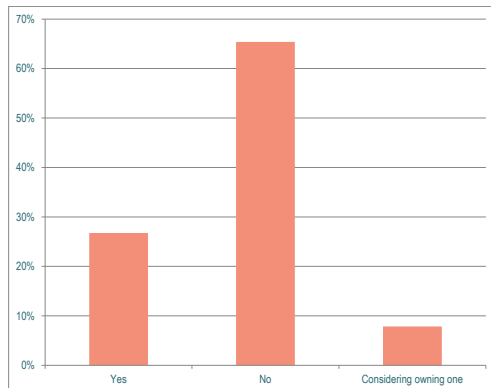
Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	0.27%
A few times a week	1.49%
A few times a month	2.57%
A few times a year	10.32%
Never	85.36%



QUESTION 19

Do you own an electric car or bike?

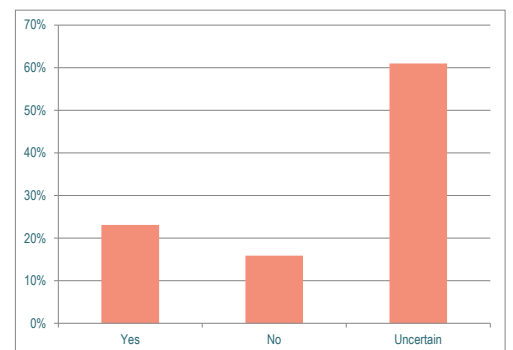
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	26.76%
No	65.39%
Considering owning one	7.86%



QUESTION 20

Does the District have adequate public electric car charging facilities?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	23.11%
No	15.91%
Uncertain	60.99%

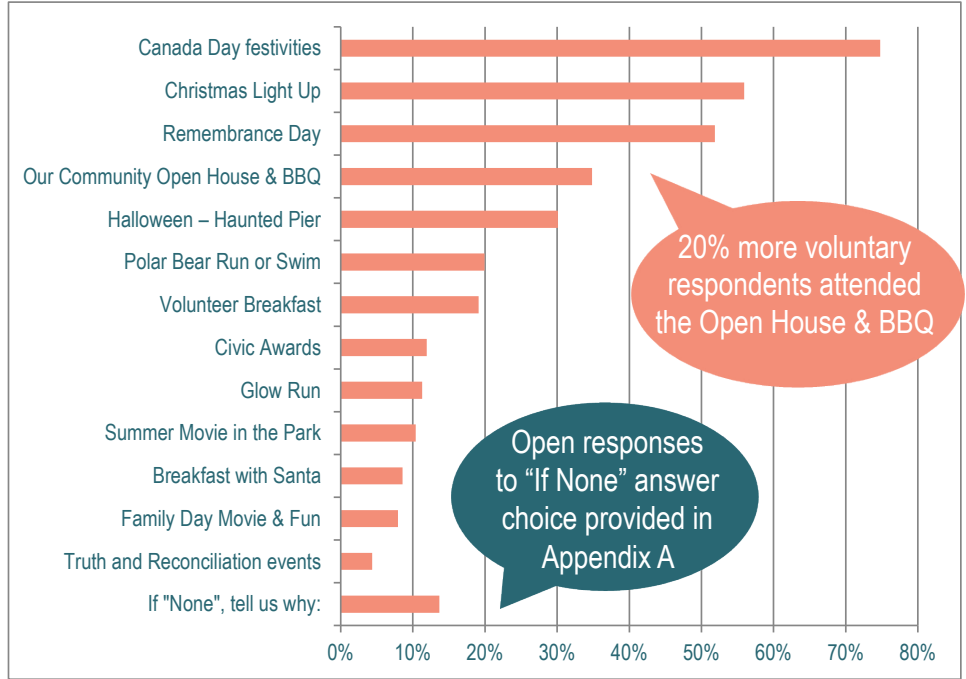


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QUESTION 21

In the past year, what community events have you attended or participated in? (Multiple answers accepted)

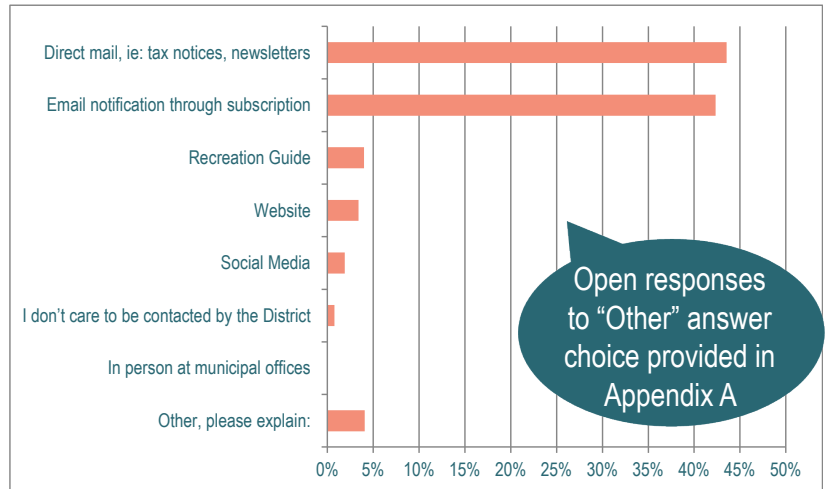
Answer Choices	Responses
Canada Day festivities	74.79%
Christmas Light Up	55.91%
Remembrance Day	51.88%
Our Community Open House & BBQ	34.82%
Halloween – Haunted Pier	30.11%
Polar Bear Run or Swim	19.92%
Volunteer Breakfast	19.11%
Civic Awards	11.91%
Glow Run	11.28%
Summer Movie in the Park	10.41%
Breakfast with Santa	8.56%
Family Day Movie & Fun	7.93%
Truth and Reconciliation events	4.35%
If "None", tell us why:	13.67%



QUESTION 22

How do you prefer to receive information from the District?

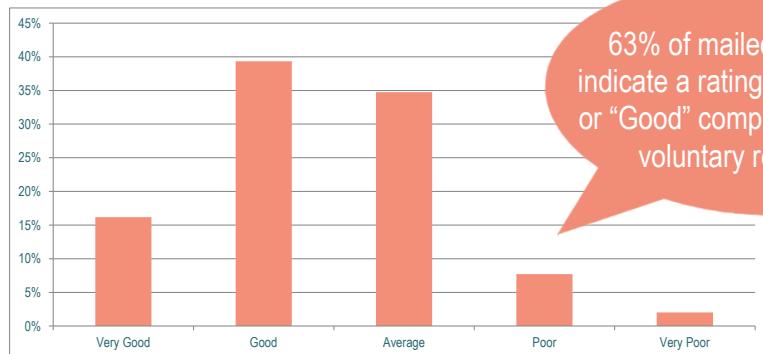
Answer Choices	Responses
Direct mail, ie: tax notices, newsletters	43.55%
Email notification through subscription	42.34%
Recreation Guide	4.00%
Website	3.41%
Social Media	1.89%
I don't care to be contacted by the District	.76%
In person at municipal offices	0%
Other, please explain:	4.07%



QUESTION 23

Please Indicate how you rate the District at keeping you informed about news, events and programs.

Answer Choices	Responses
Very Good	16.18%
Good	39.33%
Average	34.76%
Poor	7.73%
Very Poor	2.02%

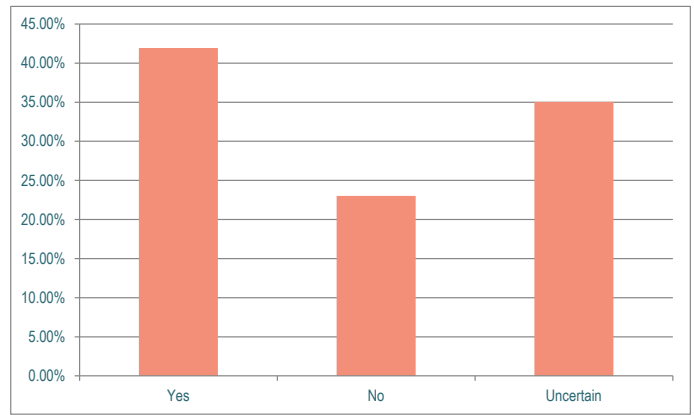


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QUESTION 24

Do you have enough opportunity to tell Peachland Council your opinion?

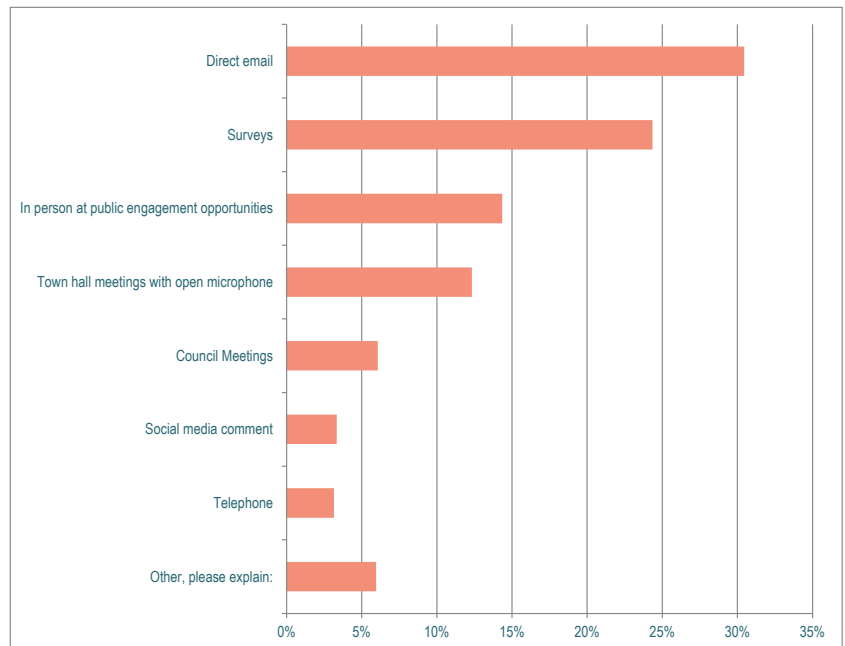
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	41.94%
No	23.02%
Uncertain	35.05%



QUESTION 25

How would you like to provide your opinion to Council?

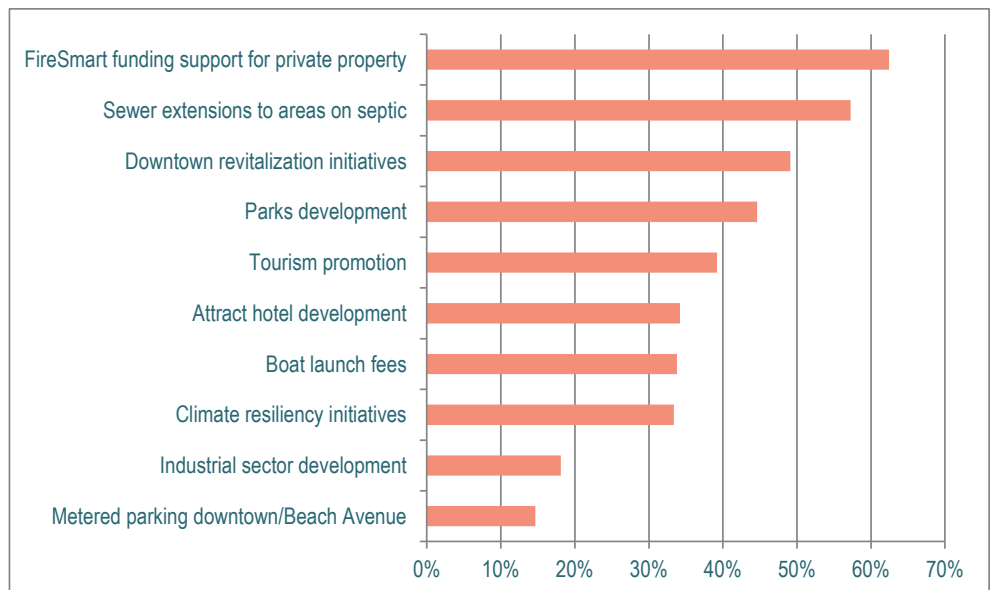
Answer Choices	Responses
Direct email	30.46%
Surveys	24.35%
In person at public engagement opportunities	14.35%
Town hall meetings with open microphone	12.34%
Social media comment	6.08%
Telephone	3.34%
Council Meetings	3.15%
Other, please explain:	5.96%



QUESTION 26

Indicate the initiatives you would support Council pursuing. (Multiple answers accepted)

Answer Choices	Responses
FireSmart funding support for private property	62.45%
Sewer extensions to areas on septic	57.26%
Downtown revitalization initiatives	49.09%
Parks development	44.63%
Tourism promotion	39.21%
Attract hotel development	34.19%
Boat launch fees	33.78%
Climate resiliency initiatives	33.39%
Industrial sector development	18.11%
Metered parking downtown/Beach Avenue	14.68%



SURVEY RESULTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 27

Indicate the level of importance Council's current Strategic Priorities are for you.

Answer Choices		Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant
PRIORITY: INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT	• Sewer infrastructure expansion • Roads and sidewalks improved • Complete Turner Park Phase I • Property acquisition strategy • Construct a new fire hall • Sanderson Park improvements • Planning for City Hall relocation • Asset management • Multi-use transportation planning, watch for grants • Plan for sports field improvements	43.56%	37.54%	14.50%	29.03%	33.28%
PRIORITY: GOOD GOVERNANCE	• Sewer • Community engagement/annual town hall meeting • Fiscal responsibility • Develop partnerships with other governments • Protection of the watershed • Review Official Community Plan • Be environmental stewards and prepare for climate change • Pursue grant funding for Child Care Strategy • Review existing committees	38.78%	37.77%	19.11%	28.94%	33.36%
PRIORITY: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY	• Add communications/grant staff • Research new municipal revenue streams • DCC Bylaw review • Lobby other levels of government for funding • Create a reserves policy • Invest in asset management • Diversify the tax base • Create tax for vacation rentals • Transit service review	30.65%	38.71%	23.18%	26.91%	32.81%
PRIORITY: VIBRANT DOWNTOWN	• Revise downtown strategy • Streamline development application processes • Encourage downtown revitalization collaboration • Encourage mixed use downtown • Transportation demand management study • Connect downtown to other areas	20.04%	37.43%	24.62%	22.33%	29.88%
PRIORITY: INCREASE HOUSING CHOICE	• Update Housing Strategy • Update short-term rental policy • Increase opportunities for gentle density • Consider pre-zoning, density bonuses to promote mixed development downtown • Create a housing fund • Consider land use amendments that increase housing choice and incentives for rental housing	14.10%	31.89%	34.98%	24.54%	28.21%

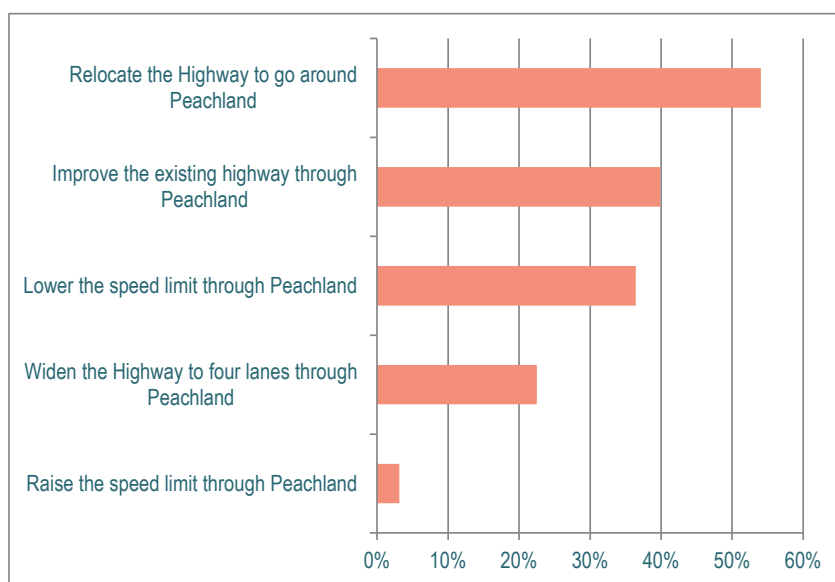


SURVEY RESULTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 28

What suggestions for Highway 97 through Peachland do you support? (Multiple answers accepted)

Answer Choices	Responses
Relocate the Highway to go around Peachland	54.06%
Improve the existing highway through Peachland	39.88%
Lower the speed limit through Peachland	36.44%
Widen the Highway to four lanes through Peachland	22.50%
Raise the speed limit through Peachland	3.15%

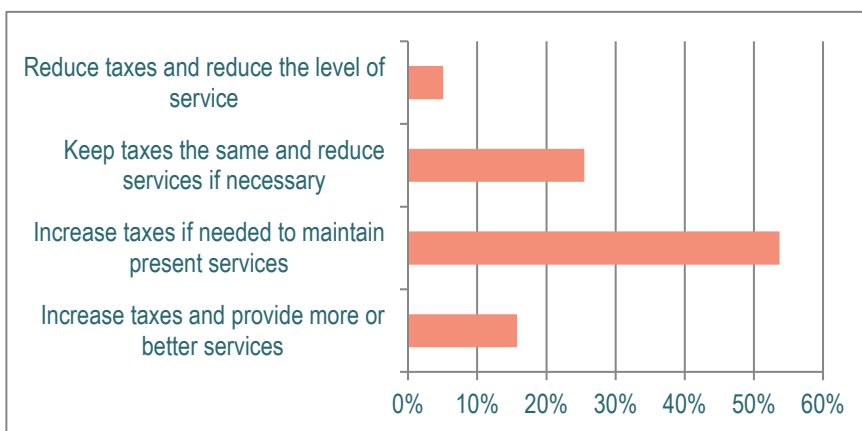


Please see Page ? and ? for Questions 29 & 30 Satisfaction Versus Importance results

QUESTION 31

In general, when faced with increased costs, what do you think Peachland Council should do? hat suggestions for Highway 97 through Peachland do you support? (Multiple answers accepted)

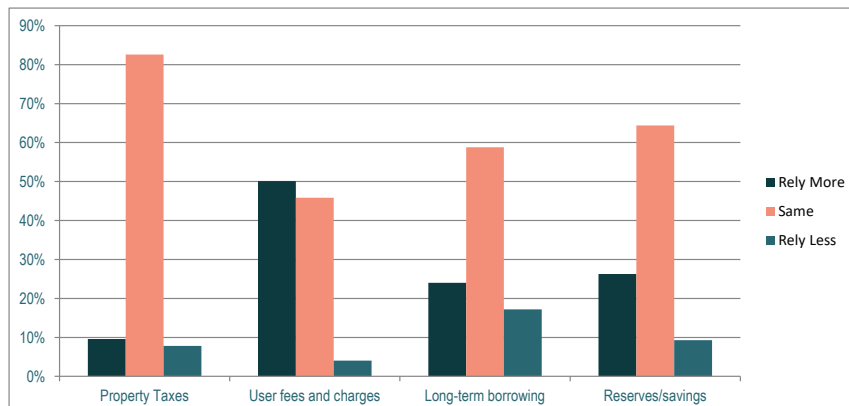
Answer Choices	Responses
Increase taxes and provide more or better services	19.94%
Increase taxes if needed to maintain present services	50.42%
Keep taxes the same and reduce services if necessary	25.38%
Reduce taxes and reduce the level of service	4.27%



QUESTION 32

Please indicate how much the District of Peachland should rely on the following sources of revenue.

Answer Choices	Rely More	Same	Rely Less
Property Taxes	9.59%	80.23%	7.84%
User fees and charges	50.12%	40.34%	4.04%
Long-term borrowing	24.02%	56.65%	17.21%
Reserves/savings	26.29%	65.52%	9.30%



SATISFACTION VERSUS IMPORTANCE COMPARISON

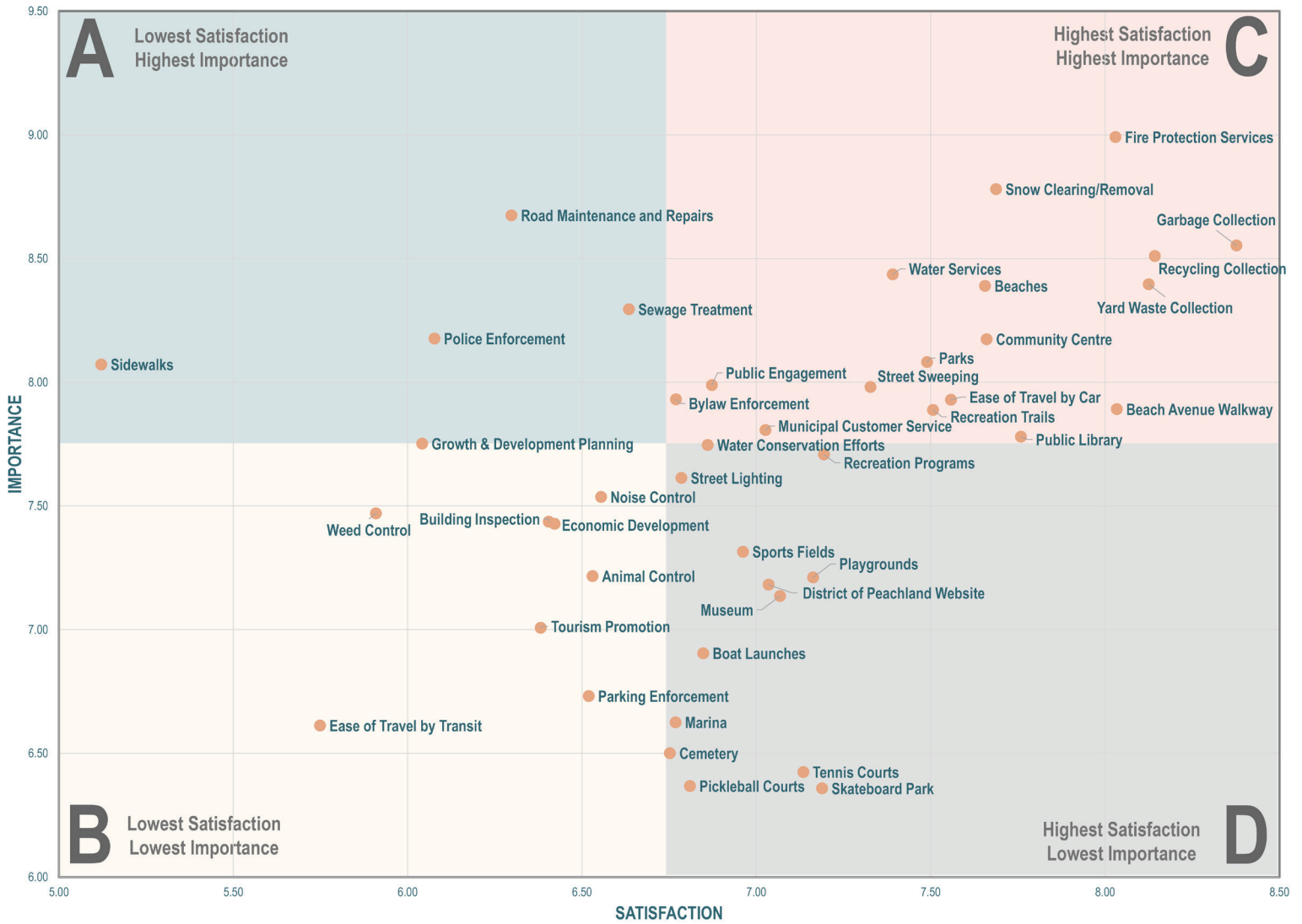
QUESTION 28 & 29

Questions 28 and 29 asks respondents how SATISFIED and how IMPORTANT 32 District services are to them. The results are weighted and averaged to produce an overall SATISFACTION RANKING and an overall IMPORTANCE RANKING. Each service is plotted on a scatter graph based on its Satisfaction and Importance rankings.

Top 10 Satisfaction Ranking	Bottom 10 Satisfaction Ranking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage Collection • Beach Avenue Walkway • Recycling Collection • Yard Waste Collection • Fire Protection Services • Public Library • Beaches • Ease of Travel by Car • Snow Clearing/ Removal • Recreation Trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks • Ease of Travel by Transit • Weed Control • Police Enforcement • Growth & Development Planning • Building Inspection • Road Maintenance & Repairs • Economic Development • Cemetery • Sewage Treatment
Top 10 Importance Ranking	Bottom 10 Importance Ranking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Protection Services • Snow Clearing/ Removal • Road Maintenance and Repairs • Garbage Collection • Recycling Collection • Water Services • Yard Waste Collection • Beaches • Sewage Treatment • Police Enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skateboard Park • Pickleball Courts • Tennis Courts • Cemetery • Ease of Travel by Transit • Marina • Parking Enforcement • Boat Launches • Tourism Promotion • Museum

Service	Satisfaction Ranking	Importance Ranking
Garbage Collection	8.38	8.55
Recycling Collection	8.03	7.89
Yard Waste Collection	8.14	8.51
Beach Avenue Walkway	8.12	8.40
Fire Protection Services	8.03	8.99
Public Library	7.76	7.78
Snow Clearing/Removal	7.66	8.39
Community Centre	7.56	7.93
Beaches	7.69	8.78
Ease of Travel by Car	7.51	7.89
Recreation Trails	7.49	8.08
Parks	7.66	8.17
Water Services	7.39	8.44
Street Sweeping	7.33	7.98
Recreation Programs	7.19	6.36
Skateboard Park	7.16	7.21
Playgrounds	7.03	7.18
Tennis Courts	7.19	7.71
Museum	7.13	6.42
District of Peachland Website	7.07	7.14
Municipal Customer Service	7.03	7.81
Sports Fields	6.77	7.93
Public Engagement	6.96	7.31
Water Conservation Efforts	6.85	6.90
Boat Launches	6.86	7.75
Pickleball Courts	6.77	6.62
Street Lighting	6.81	6.37
Bylaw Enforcement	6.87	7.99
Marina	6.78	7.61
Cemetery	6.52	6.73
Sewage Treatment	6.53	7.22
Noise Control	6.55	7.54
Animal Control	6.38	7.01
Parking Enforcement	6.63	8.29
Economic Development	6.75	6.50
Building Inspection	6.42	7.43
Tourism Promotion	6.30	8.67
Road Maintenance and Repairs	6.40	7.44
Police Enforcement	6.04	7.75
Growth & Development Planning	6.08	8.18
Weed Control	5.91	7.47
Ease of Travel by Transit	5.75	6.61
Sidewalks	5.12	8.07

SATISFACTION VERSUS IMPORTANCE



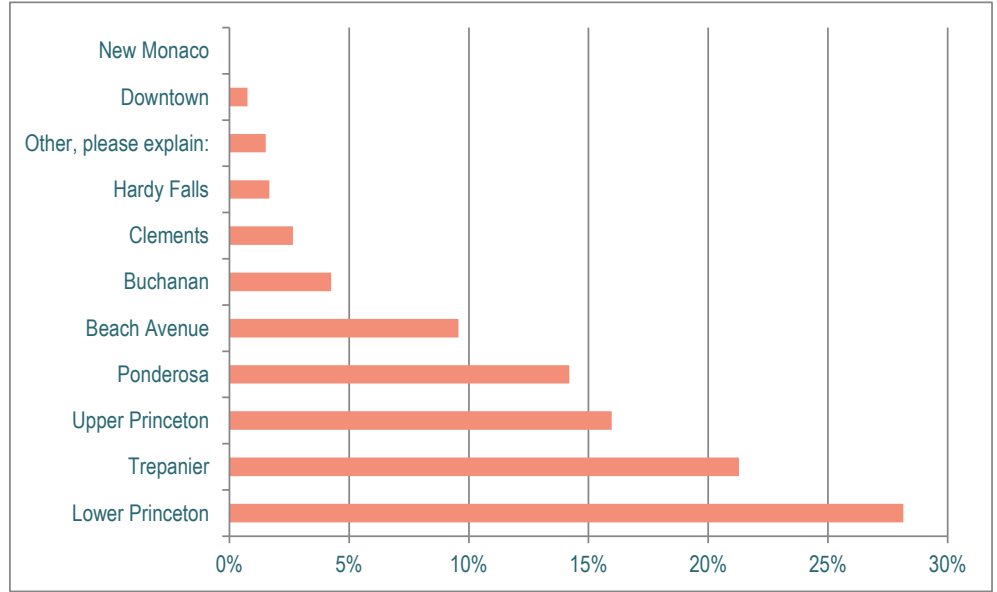
Quadrant A Lowest Satisfaction, Highest Importance	Quadrant B Lowest Satisfaction, Lowest Importance	Quadrant C Highest Satisfaction, Highest Importance	Quadrant D Highest Satisfaction, Lowest Importance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Maintenance / Repairs Sewage Treatment Police Enforcement Sidewalks Growth & Development Planning <div data-bbox="89 1690 389 1953" style="background-color: #005a8c; color: white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Council may wish to consider additional resources for these services </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Protection Services Snow Clearing/Removal Garbage Collection Recycling Collection Water Services Beaches Yard Waste Collection Community Centre Parks Public Engagement Street Sweeping Bylaw Enforcement Ease of Travel By Car Recreation Trails Beach Avenue Centennial Walkway Customer Services Public Library Water Conservation Efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise Control Weed Control Building Inspection Economic Development Animal Control Tourism Promotion Parking Enforcement Ease of Travel by Transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation Programs Street Lighting Sports fields Playgrounds District of Peachland Website Museum Boat Launches Marina Cemetery Tennis Courts Pickleball Courts Skateboard Park <div data-bbox="1299 1795 1550 2005" style="background-color: #005a8c; color: white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Council may wish to limit new resources for these services </div>

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

QUESTION 12

Based on this map, in which neighbourhood in Peachland do you live?

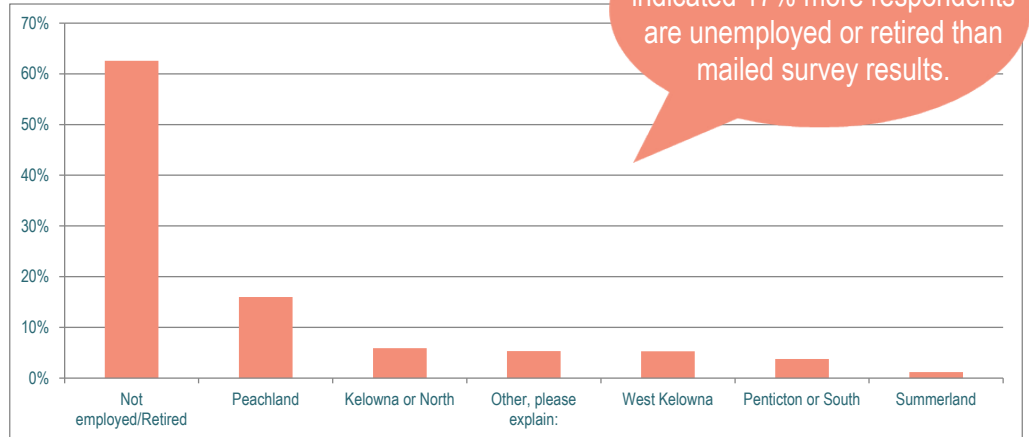
Answer Choices	Responses
Lower Princeton	25.45%
Trepanier	25.00%
Upper Princeton	15.45%
Ponderosa	14.55%
Beach Avenue	9.55%
Buchanan	3.18%
Clements	3.18%
Hardy Falls	2.27%
Other, please explain:	0.91%
Downtown	0.45%
New Monaco	0.00%



QUESTION 13

Please indicate the location of your employment.

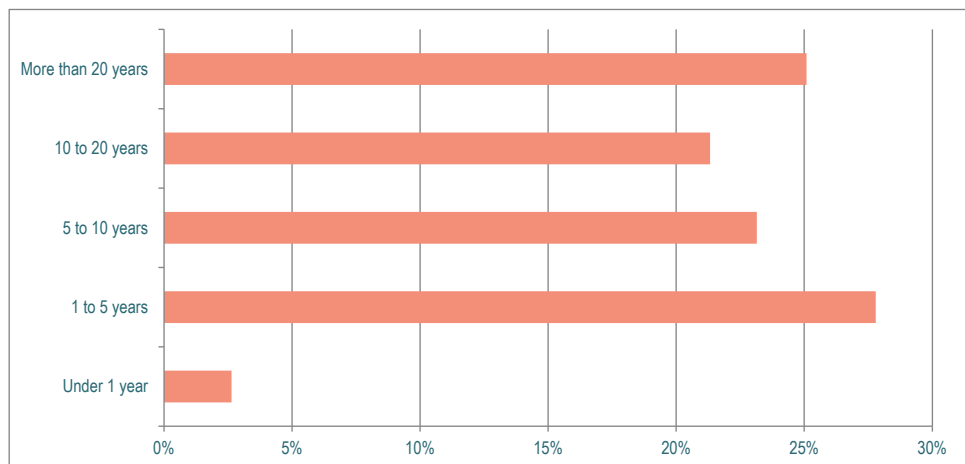
Answer Choices	Responses
Peachland	25.45%
West Kelowna	25.00%
Kelowna or North	15.45%
Summerland	14.55%
Penticton or South	9.55%
Not employed/Retired	3.18%
Other, please explain:	3.18%



QUESTION 15

How long have you lived or owned property in Peachland?

Answer Choices	Responses
Under 1 year	2.64%
1 to 5 years	27.80%
5 to 10 years	23.15%
10 to 20 years	21.33%
More than 20 years	25.09%
I don't live in Peachland	0.00%

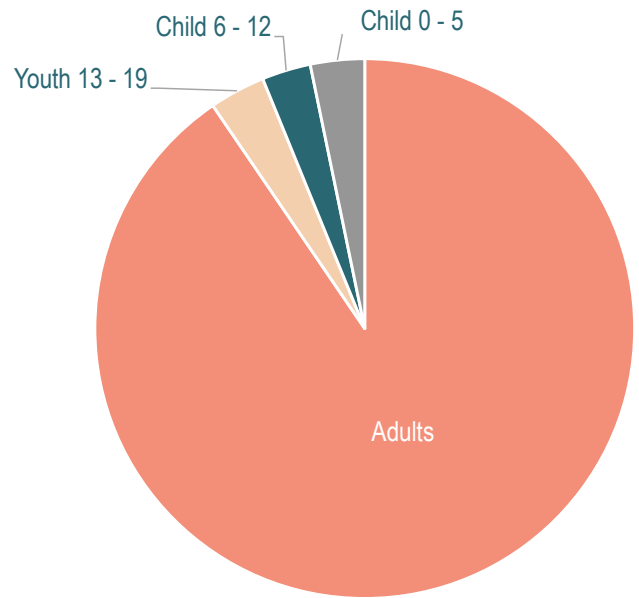


DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

QUESTION 33

How many people are in your household?

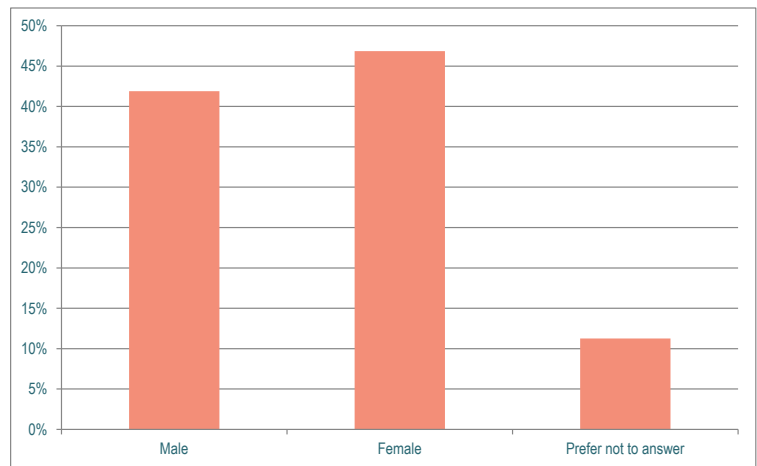
Answer Choices	1	2	3	4	5	5+	Total Household Members
Adults	24	147	24	9	2	1	433
Youth age 13 to 19	10	2	1	0	0	0	16
Child age 6 to 12	7	4	0	0	0	0	14
Child age 0 to 5	5	5	1	0	0	0	16
Total							478



QUESTION 34

Please indicate your gender.

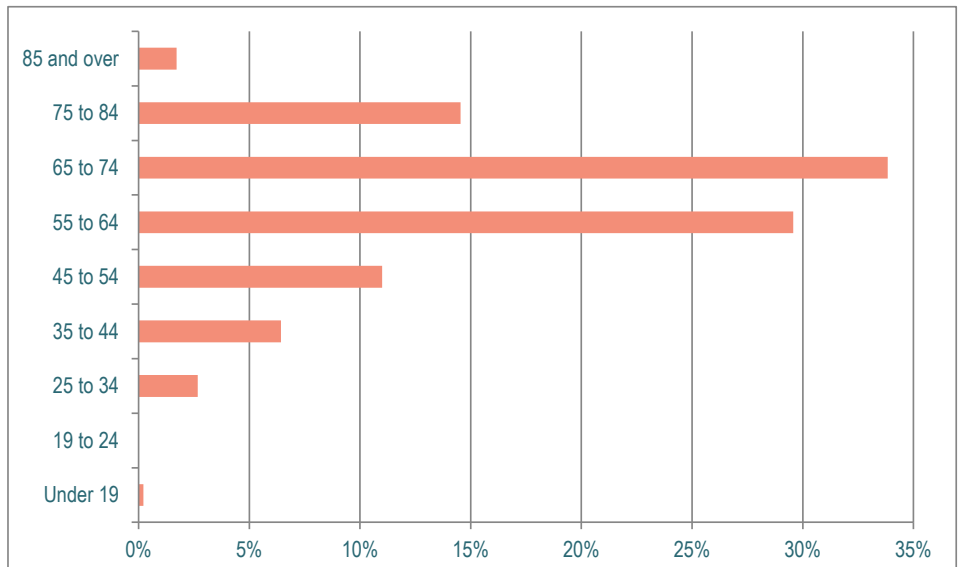
Answer Choices	Responses
Male	42.30%
Female	48.29%
Prefer not to answer	9.42%



QUESTION 35

Please indicate your age group.

Answer Choices	Responses
Under 19	0.23%
19 to 24	0.00%
25 to 34	2.67%
35 to 44	6.44%
45 to 54	11.00%
55 to 64	29.57%
65 to 74	33.84%
75 to 84	14.55%
85 and over	1.72%



FAVOURITE THING ABOUT PEACHLAND

QUESTION 36

What's your favourite thing about living in Peachland?



GENERAL THEMES: What's your favourite thing about living in Peachland?

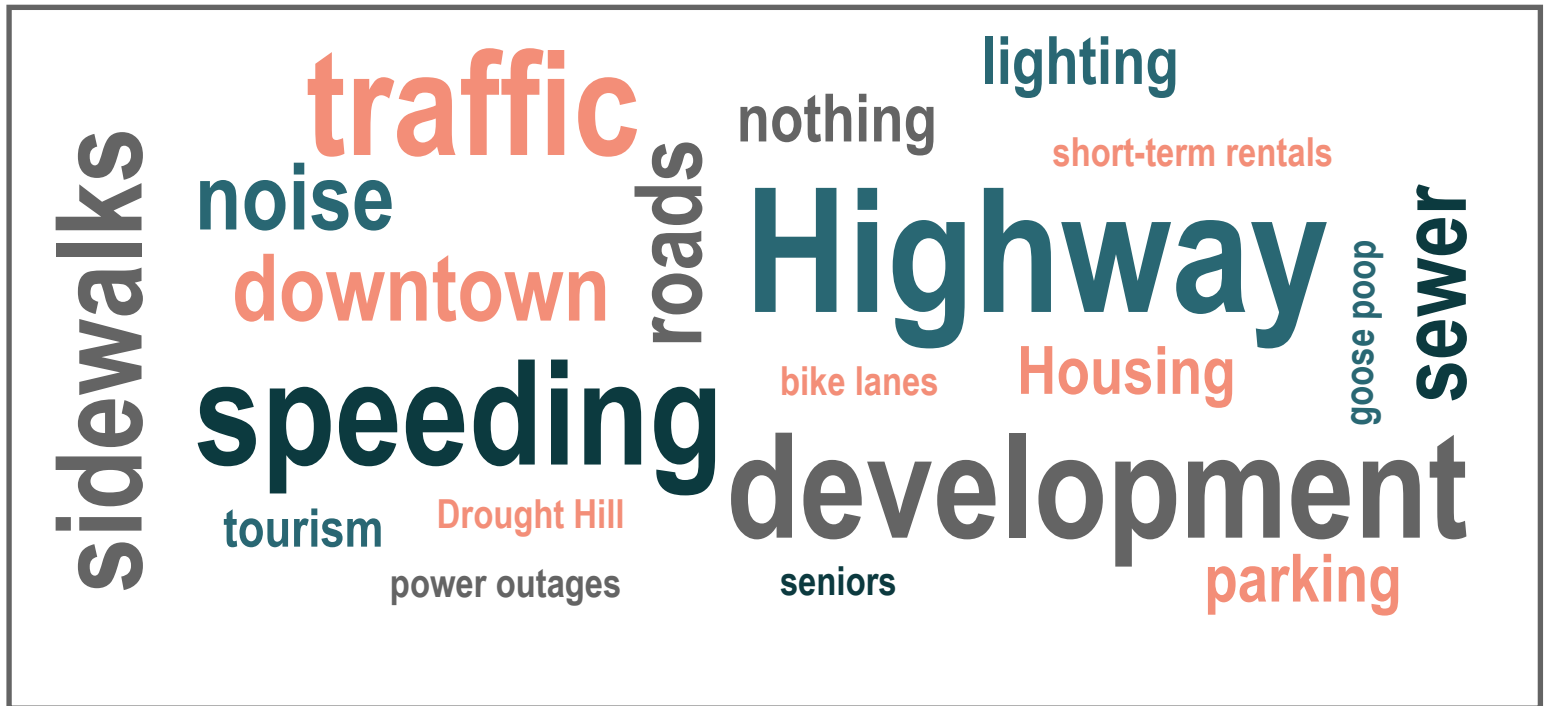
- The most common answer provided was “small town” described in a variety of ways by over 100 respondents; “small town vibe” “small town character” “small town feeling”.
- Okanagan lake and the waterfront were the second most common answers provided.
- Respondents indicated “the beach” or “beaches” as a common favourite.
- Walking on Beach avenue, Centennial walkway, walking in Peachland were common phrases.
- The views and beauty of the natural surroundings of Peachland was commonly indicated with many respondents encouraging preserving natural areas.
- Restaurants and the downtown were commonly mentioned as positives.
- The good weather or climate was repeatedly indicated as a favourite.
- Respondents commonly reported the quiet and peacefulness of Peachland as their favourite thing.
- Welcoming community feeling, friendliness, neighbourliness were commonly mentioned.
- Community events were mentioned and encouraged.
- Peachland's proximity to other Okanagan cities was mentioned as a positive.

All responses
provided in
Appendix A

MOST FRUSTRATING THING ABOUT PEACHLAND

QUESTION 37

What's the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?



GENERAL THEMES: What's the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

- Highway 97 was mentioned as the most frustrating thing by almost 90 respondents. Common comments include encouraging a bypass around Peachland, lower speed limits and improved intersections, particularly for left turns onto the highway.
- Lack of sidewalks, particularly on Princeton Avenue, was one of the most common frustrations mentioned.
- Traffic in town, particularly during the summer months, was mentioned repeatedly.
- Speeding and the lack of enforcement was a common comment.
- The state of the District's roads and raised by main respondents, and some mentioned maintenance as an issue, particularly snow removal.
- The need for sewer extensions was raised by several respondents.
- Issues with noise were raised often. Some took issue with traffic noise, particularly motorcycles on Beach Avenue, and Highway 97 traffic noise, but noise from motorboats was also raised.
- Development was an issue that was raised in a variety of ways; some took issue with growth and want less, some feel the small town is stagnating, some feel frustrated by rezoning and development applications that don't come to fruition.
- A lack of short-term rental accommodation or a hotel in Peachland was mentioned by some respondents as a concern.
- Tourism was raised often, although opposing views on the need for promotion were expressed.
- Conflict with wildlife including geese, particularly related to beach aesthetics and water quality, and bears, mostly related to garbage.

All responses
provided in
Appendix A

OPEN COMMENTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 2:

Other community issues facing Peachland.

- Safety and security, fire response and mitigation, consistent BC Hydro supply (no outages).
- From Antler beach to top of Drought Hill is probably one of the most dangerous roads in the province. Someone should be working to make safer!
- Lack of sewer facilities for septic users.
- Highway bypass route above Peachland.
- Fire suppression/mitigation, more boat anchoring abilities, replacement, refurbishing of existing docks, campfire rings for beach.
- Keep the beaches between 13th and the bridge as it is for the continued enjoyment for families in the summer. Leave it alone and spend that money on something important like sewer or sidewalks outside the downtown areas.
- Roads turn into lakes after rain. Sensors at some lights should be installed like IGA light.
- Expansion of sewer services up Princeton Avenue.
- Maintain the 'Welcome to Peachland' signs. Preserve the Ray Kandola Heritage Pier by removing hazardous splinters and use dark stain to minimize graffiti. Pier needs to be maintained for future generations. Residents should have access to a medical clinic in their community. It is wonderful that a dentist clinic exists.
- Providing more amenities for youth.
- Wheelchair accessibility - high importance, a way pedestrians can cross highway at Huston/Buchanan intersection - high importance (such as a tunnel like on the south side of Peachland).
- Keep the left/woke agenda out of Peachland.
- Need to clear more brush buildup along the side of roads that impedes sight lines of traffic. Example Somerset and Princeton intersection.
- Beach Avenue weed maintenance! Not the pretty little town that we moved to 8 years ago.
- Improvement of hydro services; too many power outages.
- Traffic lights at Trepanier and Hwy 97.
- Lack of maintaining landscape maintenance. Sidewalks and curbs look like we don't care about our town. Difficulty walking on sidewalks without weeds (sharp and spiky) scratching body and dogs. Lack of garbage cans around the neighborhood to keep the town clean. This town is not dog the dog park is not safe for dogs and not dog owner friendly. Hard to access, no benches and ground is rocky and full of weeds that little dogs do not want to run in.
- Firehall – build a firehall respectful of our Fire Dept, one located away from exclusive downtown area and one that isn't a 'make due' building limited by property size. Include space for firemen trainees who help during real fires. City Hall – sell the prime beachfront property that our aging, unimpressive City Hall sits on and put funds toward a new building that would be built for Firehall and possibly a leaseholder, like a library or ambulance and/or RCMP station. Weed control – weeds in upper PL areas uncontrolled, encroaching on the roads and sidewalks. Grants & funds – spending priorities - money being spent for benefit of small groups rather than ALL residents (EG: waterpark, Turner Park, rainbow sidewalk upkeep). Paid parking– collect funds to cover tax dollars going toward tourist upkeep including extra garbage runs, bathrooms upkeep, toilet paper, doggy bags, etc. Paid boat launch – collect funds to cover tax dollars going toward upkeep of boat launch docks. Paid car w/boat trailer spaces – collect funds to cover the free all-day-parking – even \$10.00 a day for using 2 spots, would help pay for tourist costs to taxpayers. LifeGuard – we can't afford to hook up residents to sewers nor build sidewalks for resident safety and yet we are the only community on the lake that provides free lifeguard and swim lessons. Upper Peachland development - stop spending money on Beach Ave until there is a person who can actually create a viable downtown revitalization plan that makes a difference and doesn't just spend funds/ grants for the sake of spending. It is good enough for tourists as is. Spend the funds on revitalizing Peachland neighborhoods even to show some kind of progress mile by mile. Outside the Box – Surely one of our Councils will take off blindfolds and see that there are other areas to develop, other than Beach Ave. (developers excavate hillsides to make room for subdivisions so PL could do same for new Municipal/FireHall Bulding).
- Safer road access from Trepanier and Buchanan roads to Hwy 97.
- Improving Highway 97 for safety of all users. We have a lot of gravel roads in Peachland hire a grader contractor or buy a grader, using a front end loader to smooth the roads is a waste of energy and money.
- Fire safety for the overall community (fire barriers) help to get trees taken down for seniors.
- The upkeep of some buildings downtown that are looking quite shabby such as Sunnyside Market. It is such a beautiful downtown and buildings falling into disrepair are an eyesore. Is there a way we can contribute to their upkeep if owners can't afford it?
- We need city sewer desperately! We pay for sewer but still no option to utilize it.
- Transparency in Council decision-making is abysmal. The town is run by an old boys club that makes all decisions before council meetings. Disgusting and lacks ethics.
- Supervision of empty lots or neglected properties to encourage owners to maintain it & keep it aesthetically pleasing!
- 1. Maintaining existing landscaped features (walkways, lighting, rock & plant beds, trees), 2. Shift town climate initiatives entirely away from "mitigation"(reductionist strategies) toward strategies/initiatives that facilitate/enable "adaptation"(pragmatic preparation of community/ citizens for omnipresent, inevitable changes), 3. Prepare a proactive strategy now to address eventual issues in crime, homeless camps and immigration dispersal that are all advancing to higher future prominence within small communities (presently lacking capacity, funding, measures to manage).

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QUESTION 2 Continued: Other community issues facing Peachland.

- 4. Abandon the notion of securing management control of the upper Peachland watershed basins (a small scale town administration simply lacks the means in significant budget, expertise, regulatory jurisdiction and baseline data infrastructure necessary to offer any viable prospect in operational management and monitoring such a landscape-scale initiative).
- 5. Higher attention to increasing the town's capacity (capital equipment, personnel) to respond to large-scale wildfire and multiple-structure threat contexts (the status quo is not acceptable, we should be innovating outside-the-box, lobbying and advocating for higher annual funding).
- Need to find a way to increase commercial and industrial development to support the tax basis to fund infrastructure.
- Development of town area (waterfront) to attract more tourists and commerce with perhaps entertainment/restaurants and possible by promoting art as Peachland is rich in artists, potters etc.
- Fire prevention.
- Urban trail connectivity between town and neighbourhoods.
- Increase speed of building permits, and follow through on building codes.
- Proposed bi-weekly garbage pickup could impact wildlife interactions.
- Keep the property taxes reasonable for seniors.
- Road safety: traffic light or roundabout on Trepanier/Desert Pines is crucial. Urgent need for bear proof garbage bins.
- Completing walking trail to Westbank and preserving existing access to the beach for residents and visitors, but NOT extending the paved lakeside walkway from Bliss to Trepanier Creek.
- Better fitness facility.
- No highway though Peach land only option is a bypass for me.
- Having dog friendly facilities/parks.
- Keeping the car show.
- Bylaw and or fire station staff of dead and down organic materials on private properties. Homeowners need to be responsible for clean up.
- Sidewalks or path on Ponderosa Drive.
- Minimising height of buildings.
- Getting rid of new housing regulations for part-time owners, b&b, tourist oriented community.
- Completing community projects expeditiously.
- Please consider all home owners on septic pay sewer on there tax bill! Why not consider a small grant for septic cleaning for individuals?
- Government should facilitate not initiate/Climate mitigation seems not to be supported by the community. PS Climate Change has left us with marginal harvests 2 years in a row: it was the cold that caused this damage; FTR: The Believe in Global warming is not founded in objective data. Dont bow to pressure groups with marginal support within the district please.
- Heights of buildings in town.
- Slow.
- Food waste should go into its own bin for curb side pick up.
- Lack of streetlights from 14th Ave to Trepanier Creek.
- Allow for golf course, improve road safety onto HWY 97 from Trepanier.
- Upgrades to Desert Pines Road, push hard for HWY 97 bypass winter road clearing send drivers to a northern town to learn how to use their equipment ie Kitimat. Better cleanup of the community by district workers not just beach ave.
- Speed bumps on Princeton Ave.
- Forest fire planning and mitigation.
- Add multi-use pathways from neighbourhoods to downtown, for walking, cycling, scooters etc - foster less reliance on cars, less "traffic congestion" (although I feel current traffic is not a hardship), consider implementing a "Peach Pass" allowing residents free parking, and boat launch, since they have paid through the years to support this infrastructure, have the tourists, visitors etc, pay for parking, boat launch and other fees for service.
- Outdoor pickleball courts need maximum group play time. Ppl play for 4-5 hours and others can't get on the courts.
- We wish to emphasize the Highway 97 route through Peachland. Speed reductions and new traffic lights at highway intersections are essential for noise reduction within the District boundaries.
- Need the traffic light at Trepanier & Hwy ASAP.
- Get rid of septic.
- More amenities for working class (evening programs).
- I dont believe in catering to minority groups, rainbow sidewalks and parades are disgusting and influencing our younger generation.
- Better communication on issues under consideration.
- Daycare is needed, but putting a daycare in a low income/rental property will just mean that those families get daycare and non of the existing ones do. I like the idea of affordability, but I'm not sure that you've considered the clientele this will attract. This is an ugly thing to say, but it is also very true. So far, we're very isolated fr all that comes with affordability, but that won't be the case with a big rental building on flatlands.
- Speed and increased traffic flow on Ponderosa Dr. We NEED a second access.
- More recreation programs offered in the evenings for fitness.
- Main concern is growth is happening too quickly and not enough being done or thought of to accommodate the growth.
- Terrible noise from hwy 97 for residents who live nearby. The speed limit should be lowered to a residential 50-60km it's so bad I'm considering relocating elsewhere as sleep is vital. You spend over a million dollars to listen to 24/7 highway noise which is a shame as the views are spectacular.
- Eliminating swimmers itch by eliminating the huge colony of geese, egg addling or shotguns.
- Dog owners too much voice.

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QUESTION 2 Continued: Other community issues facing Peachland.

- Beach area improvements should continue over the next few years, annually, some areas still need to be beautified (water side). Geese removal earlier in the season as I suspect their defecation contributed to the e-coli problem in the lake water in 2024. Re-building and expansion of some more docks along the beach and some widening of narrow sections of the sidewalks - water side. Planting of more trees to provide more shade in the future, water side. Outdoor showers in at least four locations along the water side of beach avenue wo people can rinse off after swimming. Any new multi story buildings should incorporate commercial space units on the ground floor so more businesses can occupy. This is all great for locals as well as for tourists.
- More garbage cans along beach ave and bottle racks are needed in particular by picnic areas. a vibarant down town would help with tourism. We also need to have b&b's options to keep a sustainable tourist trade to make sure businesses can afford to locate and stay in Peachland. It would also be beneficial to have a hotel Growth is only possible and desirable if we are able to support local business.
- Green bin recycling.
- Hwy 97 bisects the community. Impossible to get onto highway to go to Kelowna. Speed zone down to 70 in the whole community.
- Power outages, commercial services.
- Sidewalks on main road i.e.: Princeton.
- Bus service.
- Keep Peachland quaint while other nearby cities grow.
- Make other amenities on the upper side of Hwy. Developers should be putting up a bond until complete.
- Sidewalks, bike lanes.
- No over development without adequate infrastructure.
- Highway 97
- Tennis courts – keep them / no pickleball lines or play on tennis courts.
- More amenities for teens i.e.: basketball court instead of pickleball court.
- Highway traffic/noise is excessive.
- Technology – surveys should be done ONLINE!
- Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks.
- Re-routing traffic (bypass).
- Leave short term rentals alone we bring in tourism \$\$\$.
- Extending walkway to Todd Rd. is ridiculous.
- Extending Beach Ave walkway to Todd Rd. “Ridiculous”
- Take measures that will improve safety for cyclists.
- Pothole and road maintenance.
- Better access for handicaps. Few restaurants are easily accessible.
- Drought Hill, turner Park, Golf Course.
- Parking on Beach Ave.
- Speeding is a serous problem; residential speed limits should be reduced/enforced.
- Better policing & traffic enforcement (speeding).

QUESTION 8: Indicate level of support for more housing in your neighbourhood. Other, please explain:

- We lack the road system to support more housing development.
- I live near ALR land that is productive. Never let that be changed for development. Do not let developers come in and take over those types of properties for their profit. This seems to happen way too often.
- Infrastructure needs to be improved before more people move in the area.
- Prefer current developments proceed and complete.
- It would depend on height restrictions! Daily, we look out our window to see that eyesore of a building that should have never been passed by our previous council.
- Currently not possible on our Law St. as the only services we get are garbage and recycling.
- NEUTRAL - Council should better review the neighborhoods they are approving developments in and consider the residents safety (not only how impressive Mayor looks by obtaining the housing numbers dictated by Feds). Refer to Stuart Crst being continued, North to South. Urban Systems in 2004 indicated that Bulyea, Renfrew, Lipsett, Heighway are narrower than MOTI requirements for local roads. In most areas, there are no shoulders, only a drop on one side and a rocky mtn wall on the other. Few lights. Cars/RV's always parked on sides so driver needs to enter oncoming lane including areas where hills and curves hide oncoming traffic. Add avoiding people walking dogs, dodging garbage cans on garbage day and losing 3' of road when the snowplow comes. Yet the Mayor insisted there would be no road work done to improve these roads. Add weed overgrowth, holes and ground water issues damaging roads...
- In a developed single family area, wouldn't want existing zoning to be amended.
- This is a fairly new area that is developed or there are plans for development.
- Lake views abound in Peachland. Allow existing residents to retain the view they have - that's why they live at that location. Do not impede the “quiet” and visual enjoyment of their space.
- Strongly in favour, but specific to fostering development opportunity that targets much less “luxury” grade developments (high-priced, 1800+sqft sized strata housing) and more opportunity for accessibly-priced middle-class income projects (\$550,000-\$750,000 price-point, \$1200 sqft).
- Need more single family home neighbourhoods outside of the downtown.
- Provided it is not multilevel dwellings as that just brings trouble.

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QUESTION 8 continued:

Indicate level of support for more housing in your neighbourhood. Other, please explain:

- Development cannot occur in my neighbourhood because the sewer utility has not been installed.
- More development would be okay if it doesn't impact space for wildlife and road improvements are crucial to be able to access HWY 97 SAFELY.
- Only if it would be for seniors.
- High density in rural areas does not make sense.
- Not until the roads, lighting and sidewalks are improved. This section of Peachland cannot handle any more development until these issues are resolved.
- There's no room up here, but development is good. To an extent.
- Developing on top of Ponderosa when older properties do not have sewer. At least one more access is needed. With fires the way they have been over last 20 years we've been very fortunate that no one has been blocked on Ponderosa in an emergency.
- Neutral because there will be no choice because of prime land surrounding my neighborhood. I can't support it because I will have to move.
- Slow steady growth with the public involved regarding their input to any larger developments, greater than a single house.
- It depends on the type of development.
- Depends on design and integration.
- Strongly opposed, not until we get a second exit off of Ponderosa Drive.
- Depends on type of development.
- Depends type.
- It's okay for small towns to stay small.
- oo much uncertainty with Prov zoning restrictions. Opposed to one size fits all with multiple units on one lot.
- Sustainable development valuing water, sewer, green space.
- Opposed to med-high density.
- No land available.
- Strongly opposed; approval of multi family units with our current roadways is a serious problem.

QUESTION 10:

Do you feel the RCMP are present and visible enough in Peachland? Other, please explain:

- We have lived here now for 6 years and in the absence of Remeberance Day I have never seen a police officer in Peachland.
- I hear RCMP sirens, but rarely do I see RCMP present in the community.
- I have never seen a cruiser driving around the streets. Been in Peachland 25 years.
- Need speed control on upper Princeton Ave.
- Never see them.
- Not at all. The speeding along the highway through Peachland is out of control as are the accidents because of the excessive speed. No one worries about speeding because we have rarely ever seen police presence to reinforce speed limits. It's a huge problem for many of us.
- Virtually never see a cruiser.
- A more visible presence is preferred, not baswed on population funding.
- No – only those that live here!
- Simple no station here and limited presence.
- Room for improvement and innovative new approaches. RCMP presence appears to be occasional, but routinely missing key periods when speeding, nuisance vehicle noise, and vandalism is active. The Community Volunteer Policing initiative offers questionable, dated value and efficacy as a cost-center, because without Peace Officer status in today's context of public security needs, it is arguably not a strong visible deterrent nor is it routinely operational at night because of limited volunteer base. It would be better to elevate the equipment, personnel and official status of our town Bylaw officers to in-situ trained Peace Officer or Sheriff status as occurs in Alberta to provide supplementary policing effort to RCMP in small communities.
- For the size of our community we get great service.
- Speeding control on 97.
- I would like more visibility in the evenings.
- How would a person know the answer to this? They are here when needed.
- I do see bylaw occasionally in the downtown area. I barely see RCMP.
- Never see them.
- The level of crime is consistent with the presence and response by police.
- Never seen.
- I do not ever recall seeing a RCMP officer in Peachland other than speeding trough on Hwy 97.
- Right now, yes. If we have a major rental building, they will need to be more present.
- I very seldom see a police car on Ponderosa.
- Not on the Princeton speedway. Should get what we pay for.
- Rarely do we see RCMP cars travelling off Highway 97. There is a fairly large area to patrol up the expansive hillside above and below highway 97.
- Living at tope level, do not see them unless there is a drug house.
- We need our own detachment.

OPEN COMMENTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 11:

What is your main mode of transportation? Other:

- Walking, cycling, vehicle and if available regular transit.
- Personal vehicle but I would like to be able to walk to more amenities need safe sidewalks.
- And we are walkers.
- Multiple: Personal vehicle and walking are our primary daily modes. Cycling secondary.
- Would walk more if Princeton rd had sidewalks.
- We walk 90% of the time in peachland. We do have a personal vehicle, if we need to carry anything that is heavy.
- Wheelchair, personal vehicle.
- No transit in our area!
- I have a car and I would prefer walking but don't feel safe walking on Princeton w/out sidewalk.
- Cycling and personal vehicle.

QUESTION 13:

Please indicate the location of your employment. Other:

- However, currently working from home.
- NA.
- Travel throughout BC.
- Traveling Territory Manager.
- Traveling Territory Manager.
- Self employed; work from home.
- Okanagan Valley.
- Home, Self employed.
- Alberta.
- US.
- All over BC.
- Work from home.
- Work from home for an employer in Vancouver.
- Remote worker.
- Work from home.
- Work remote from home.
- Work from home.
- Out of town.
- Work from home.
- Work from home, self employed.
- Remote.
- Self Employed.
- Lower mainland; remote.

QUESTION 21:

In the past year, what community events have you attended or participated in? If "none" why?

- Not well advertised.
- Annual car show.
- I go to the farmers market in the summer. Why is this not listed?
- Participated in Peachland Car Show.
- Health.
- We don't have kids yet and don't do much of that stuff on our own.
- Too many people.
- N/a
- We go to the car shows.
- Renovating our house, trying to get it done.
- Haven't made plans to attend. Sometimes they conflict with pre-existing plans or we've found out about the events too late to attend.
- We are only here part time.
- Not around for some.
- Absolutely love the Peachland events. This is my biggest rave about Peachland. Keep up the amazing work!
- Busy with other.
- Busy.
- Had other plans.
- They're more geared towards kids. Events more attractive to adults would be nice.
- Work.
- Not interested.
- Work.
- None appeal to us given mobility issues.
- Travelling.
- No time.
- Varying schedule and spouse is away a lot.
- Attended the Car Show – love that and Sunday Summer Market.
- Scheduling conflicts; prior engagements; no children.
- I work weekends...but plan to attend events when I retire soon.
- Attended car shows and market. The Sunday market was very good!
- Not my thing.
- Health concerns.
- Scheduling or not knowing.
- We travel a lot and aren't always available.
- Too crowded.
- No events that appeal to me.
- I have a disabled husband that is not keen on being out. We have a great deck for fireworks!
- Not sure why.
- Car shows & motorcycle shows and art shows.
- Also attended the fall fair.
- Never that appealing – they seem more family focused than senior focused.
- Just new to the community.
- Tired of events that are all about the mayor.
- Handicapped, no parking.
- No reason.
- Mobility issues.
- Parking.
- Spouse ill & spouse broken hip.
- You didn't list 1. Car Show 2. Art Fair 3. Fall Fair.
- Don't appeal to me.
- Not interested.
- Moved here in November.
- Primary car giver, no time.

OPEN COMMENTS BY QUESTION

QUESTION 22:

How do you prefer to receive information from the District? Other, please explain:

- Recreation guide and email subscription.
- Community info board (no electronic) ie poster etc.
- I already receive emails from the district which works for us, plus some documents via Canada Post.
- Email - keep costs down. All these colourful newsletters cost money.
- Mixture of above, depending on need or purpose.
- We need an independent community newspaper again.
- The current Peachland letter is very nice. The current Peachland News is not bad!
- Information on news and events not updated – not adequate at all.
- Seems no consistent way to receive information – new & events not updated. Needs improvement.
- Texts for emergency situations.
- Newsletter as you do now.
- Cut down on costs, remove paper notices sent via mail.
- Website and social media
- Please bring back a weekly newspaper – hard copy.
- Weekly newspaper please.
- Direct mail, email, recreation guide.

QUESTION 25:

How do you like to provide your opinion to Council? Other, please explain:

- At their informal council meetings at Bliss every morning.
- Council meetings, open mic, in person, telephone, surveys, direct mail, etc.
- At the Bliss.
- Should be several means.
- Just stop the “only person that can comment is the mayor bs. ALL elected and should be answerable.
- Surveys that are not constructed with a pre-determined outcome.
- Both direct email and periodic surveys.
- Email to council via Peachland website.
- Town halls, public engagement, surveys, email.
- Why can't we have councillors that represent each neighbourhood, (ward system) then we can speak directly to our councilor about issues, initiatives who can then advise the best way to bring it to council? Absent this, email or a direct meeting, one on one, informal, or delegation to council.
- Direct mail.



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QUESTION 36:

What is your favourite thing about living in Peachland?

- The lake The end without the walkway were it is left natural.
- Community spirit, small town caring feeling and sense of connection.
- The geography: the natural beauty that surrounds us never fails to stop me in my tracks. We are so blessed.
- Peachland is community minded and a wonderful place to have raised my daughter and she her children. It's the jewel of the Okanagan with great amenities for all. We have great beaches and restaurant patios that give us that holiday vibe.
- Living in Peachland.
- Beaches, nice small community, clean and maintained public spaces.
- Peaceful living good weather and nice people.
- Love that we have commercial frontage along Beach Ave, and that it should be expanded for more shops, stores, restaurants, marina slips, free parking spots, outdoor entertainment areas.
- The Lake, small community, clean.
- Maintaining the small town character. Avoid tall and large developments along down town and Beach Ave.
- Bliss and walking, the parks, the lake.
- Waterfront walking, quiet.
- Relaxed lifestyle.
- Every one is for the most part, very friendly.
- Recreation trail and beach access.
- A small community perched right on the edge of Okanagan Lake with easy access to beautiful beaches and walks along Beach Avenue. At present we have a variety of restaurants to be able to enjoy an evening out with friends and guests.
- I have a feeling of belonging.
- Beaches. Small town vibes. Beautiful.
- The view. Peaceful. Beach walkway.
- The people that live here. The views and trails.
- Small town ambiance but big enough for important services.
- Enjoying the scenic views in this small and peaceful community.
- The people.
- Dog park and friendly residents. Walking trails and workout machines.
- Progressive small town by the lake.
- The lakefront.
- Quiet less hectic lifestyle. good neighbours.
- Small and safe.
- Small town vibe + beach and views, but close to everything a small town doesn't have.
- Small town feel, close to majority of what I want without the crowds
- The outdoors, the views, the people, the weather.
- The walkways & the beaches.
- Quite.
- It's a small town with limited growth potential because of geography keeping it a small town.
- Location and mostly the people. Lovely.
- Quiet.
- People are happy to live here.
- View of the lake.
- Easy access to outdoor activities.
- View of the lake.
- Small community vibe.
- It's peaceful and serene.
- It used to be how quiet and quaint it was.
- Nature and beautiful. Friendly environment.
- Peaceful (quiet), not too many people, and the views.
- The peace and quiet, natural beauty. Small community feel.
- I like the beach area..!
- It's out of the Kelowna hussle.
- Walk along the lake Small town feeling.
- It's quiet, small, and clean.
- Community, recreation, climate, mostly quiet community, unobstructed beaches and quaint downtown.
- The small community feeling, access to the beach and the view.
- The People, community experience and the environment.
- Small town feel, friendly neighbors, lakefront downtown accessibility; quiet and minimal change to housing.
- The amenities and sense of community.
- A sense of community! The warmth and joy of the people.
- Enjoy small town feel with enjoyable lakefront.
- The central location, distance from big cities, the lake and mountain views.
- Lifestyle based on our geography, community and reasonable cost services. Walking access to a variety of commercial services and health services.
- Our view.
- The sense of community.
- The Lake and the views.
- It's a quiet quaint village.
- Beautiful beach and quieter pace of life.
- Community events.
- Love the entire community.
- The rural lifestyle with access to hiking trails. Community neighbourhood we live in.
- The beauty.
- It's uniqueness but close to a major centre.
- Small town atmosphere in beautiful, relaxed setting not overrun with tourists or dense population.
- The lake, the beaches the members of the community.
- Small town friendly atmosphere.
- The natural beauty, the community events, and the people.
- People, beach, weather, kindness of others.
- It's paradise, heaven on earth. Outstanding views, active lifestyle options, peace.
- Small town vibe.
- Walking the downtown "boardwalk."
- very quite place to live.
- It's halfway between Penticton and Kelowna. We can actually afford a house in a quiet neighborhood that isn't overly congested.

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QUESTION 36 continued: What is your favourite thing about living in Peachland?

- Small town feel.
- The weather!
- The peace and quiet.
- Nature.
- It's where I was born & raised ... it's my home My ancestors walked the streets.
- Boardwalk and more events for residents off season.
- Small town feel.
- Distance from West Kelowna and Kelowna.
- Beautiful Small town.
- Has enough for everyone in some capacity for a small town.
- It is a town.
- Quiet, property taxes are low but are increasing!
- The lake, the lake view, the quaint downtown with a small town feel. Keep it that way.
- Lake life.
- Being rural yet close to the city.
- Proximity to the lake, beautiful waterfront, small community.
- The beautiful landscape.
- It's breathtaking beauty.
- Sunshine.
- It quietness.
- The atmosphere offered by a lakeside, mountain valley with seasonal tourism, interior-BC warm climate, ample forested green-space, beachfront access unrestrained by private residential properties, walkable, immediate access to grocery/restaurant/shopping services all in a quiet small community with a view of protected wilderness space (Okanagan Mountain Park).
- The waterfront.
- Friendly small town feel. And love being entertained by "papa thom" lol.
- Love the small town feel & friendly people!
- The friendly people.
- Downtown amenities and ease of access to the lake and boat launch and the lake view from our house.
- Outdoor living.
- Quiet. The surroundings. The lake.
- Quant and quiet and set in the hills.
- Walking along lakeshore daily. The beautiful view, the beautiful town.
- Proximity to, beaches / the lake and also the Backcountry. Literally all the restaurants on the waterfront are amazing.
- Quiet, friendly, safe small town along the lake. Not having the crime, and disorderly conduct of bigger towns.
- Living on Beach Avenue and being able to paddle board from my home.
- The quiet and the space. Escaping the city, being able to enjoy our home without high density housing surrounding us, and with that, less traffic.
- The wonderful downtown, great restaurants full of choices, water front and very walkable.
- This town adopted me in 1990. This town is my family.
- Beach ave.
- Peace and quiet living in rural residential, proximity to nature, healthy distance from other residences.
- Small town friendly, quiet, community oriented.
- It is a beautiful small town on Okanagan Lake. The Municipality takes very good care of everything it is responsible for.
- Close to water.
- Small community living Peachland is perfectly located with parks, beach access and stores/restaurants all in one spot. I am happy with the water improvements; the water tastes much better.
- Small town feel and a good lifestyle for active seniors.
- Weather
- Quiet.
- The small town feel.
- Views, people, small town vibe.
- Small community feeling Services already provided.
- The community and the setting for the town. We moved here for a quiet life with fewer people and like that it is not crowded and built up.
- Too many to mention! Although the killer view never ceases to amaze us, and make us happy we live here!
- Great place to live in.
- How quiet Peachland is.
- Small town feel
- Beauty of natural resources and sense of community.
- Quiet.
- It's a beautiful, vibrant community.
- A peaceful small town environment.
- Its unique geographical location with amenities.
- Quiet street, lake view.
- Great view, quaint town, adequate services, can park anywhere along beach ave and just enjoy the beach without meters.
- Views and restaurants.
- The weather and scenery. Good Neighbours. Little crime.
- Small town feel, lake view and lake access.
- Small friendly community, nature/animals/lake all within close proximity.
- Sense of belonging that comes with living in a small community
- Recreation opportunities - Cycling, walking, swimming, car show & Farm Market.
- Walking along Beach avenue.
- The people and the events.
- The small town feel.
- Beaches, downtown, relaxing community.
- Walkways/Parks/Beaches.
- Community and landscape.
- The small community feel and how many exciting events and volunteers this community has. Living here feels like a vacation!
- The view.
- Community.

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QUESTION 36 continued: What is your favourite thing about living in Peachland?

- The beaches and Beach Ave. Don't work so hard to change a good thing. Welcome tourists.
- Beaches.
- Quiet lifestyle.
- Daily walks along the walkway, beaches, free parking and boat launches (it keeps the tourists coming), hiking trails.
- The lake.
- Small town feeling but with all the resources needed just up the hill.
- Beaches.
- I love Peachland because we are a small, friendly and safe community by the water.
- The water view and small town feel.
- Nature.
- Quiet, relaxed.
- View.
- The view.
- That Peachland is "away from it all". I am a police officer in Kelowna and value the peace in Peachland. The construction of apartment buildings and other "affordable housing" initiatives will invite crime to Peachland. I am willing to pay more in taxes to preserve the beauty of living here. I am willing to pay more in order to have grander spaces (ex, Turner Park can rival the parks you see in the Lower Mainland). With the low availability of ice arenas in this region, the District may be able to see one as a revenue generator? Even a curling and/or 3-on-3 rink?
- The small town vibe. Peace and quiet.
- Everything I need and want is within a 10 minute drive, or 30 minute walk. Small enough to feel part of a true community, big enough to have amenities (doctor, dentist, community events, lake, wilderness, hiking, community groups, sports), and friendly, supportive friends, residents and neighbours.
- Nothing.
- Climate, lake, location.
- Small town appeal.
- The lake and the people and the quiet nature of Peachland.
- It's peaceful and beautiful.
- Walking the waterfront and all the care providing clean walkways and trees and shrubs.
- Views.
- The beach walkway.
- The noise level being less than that in a city.
- The amount of recreation in this beautiful lakeside town.
- Quiet lifestyle.
- Beach, mountains, cute town.
- Its natural beauty, the ease of walking through town, the restaurants and coffee house, access to the water, beautifully maintained downtown.
- Views and access to the lake.
- Affordable, small community and proximity to larger centers.
- Small town atmosphere, not too congested, proximity to hospital, airport, grocery stores, the lake and the beauty of the Okanagan.
- The Community Atmosphere - Can run into people you know.
- Our view of the lake and our reasonable quiet neighborhood.
- Location and tranquility.
- Small town atmosphere with access to nearby large city amenities.
- I enjoy walking along Beach Avenue and also the numerous hiking trails such as Fur Brigade, Gladstone and Trepanier Creek. And the beautiful lake views.
- Calm. Peaceful Friendly.
- I like the fact that Peachland is a small town close to larger cities.
- Beach and waterfront walks.
- The beauty/nature, Beach Avenue, the quiet and the safety. You can get everything you need in a pinch in Peachland too. It's great that IGA and the library have better hours now too.
- Small town atmosphere.
- I enjoy community atmosphere.
- Small town with easy access to larger centres.
- Small town friendly connections. Community groups and events. Beauty of nature around us.
- Peaceful with good municipal services.
- The beauty and my view of it.
- The views, the beaches, the quaintness of the downtown, the walkway.
- The small town feel.
- The relatively low population numbers.
- Low density, friendly people.
- Beach avenue sidewalks and restaurants.
- Being on the lake.
- Weather, lake and central location in southern BC.
- Relaxation and walk-able areas (beach avenue).
- Walkable with my dogs, friendly people, favorite coffee shop,
- It was a small town feel that made me move to Peachland, would love to see Peachland stay small town.
- The views and beach avenue.
- It's location, its beauty, peace and lovely people.
- The lake and friendly people.
- Backcountry hiking trails.
- Slower Pace.
- That I can live and work in such a place.
- Beautiful view quiet streets friendly people.
- Views/Small town feel.
- A more relaxed living pace, friendly people & stunning lake views, along with lots to do.
- Small, neighborly and quiet.
- The fact downtown Peachland still has character and the people.
- Beach, quaintness, sense of community.
- Peaceful quaint town Beach and lake access.
- Proximity to Kelowna, Penticton, Vancouver.
- Quiet Community.
- Small community, friendships.
- Nature surrounding us, activities - Many!
- Library and 2nd is cheap gym membership.
- Small town Atmosphere, Centennial Walkway & Beach.

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QUESTION 36 continued: What is your favourite thing about living in Peachland?

- Access to the beach.
- Tranquility, and 10-20 minutes to West Kelowna - Kelowna.
- People and location.
- Close to everything.
- People, scenery, lifestyle.
- small size, unique character.
- The view, the sense of community, friendliness.
- Small town feeling.
- Small town.
- Friendly people and beautiful scenery.
- Bird watching, clean air, lake view, lots of sunshine.
- Nature, Lake.
- Small town in a beautiful location, surrounded by nature, close to big city amenities.
- The people and watching kids grow up.
- The quietness and beautiful land.
- When I travel down draught hill; beautiful scenic view. Giving thanks for living here.
- Lake walks, quiet, views, community.
- The beauty. Quaintness. Services available in town. Proximity to bigger centre. We love it here.
- Access to good trout fishing.
- Its the best small town around.
- The lake, beach, views, services, tennis, library, bus system.
- Location and lifestyle.
- Quiet town.
- View.
- Lake/Nature/all of it.
- Proximity to Kelowna & West Kelowna.
- The view and people.
- People, view, weather.
- Beach Ave Waterfront.
- Likeness of people (similar) view/climate.
- Weather.
- Community feeling, lake access.
- The beauty, the people, small town stuff.
- My view, low crime, community events/music.
- My view, my neighbours, some wildlife, low crime, quiet, community events, close to beach.
- Small & friendly.
- Quiet, large lots with a view.
- The people, the character, & the views.
- Small town, access to amenities.
- Small town tight knit community in a beautiful okanagan setting.
- The view and tranquility of the town.
- The view, the pace, the beauty.
- Small town feel and peacefulness.
- Quiet, scenic. Small - not good location overly developed.
- Beautiful, quiet, not too congested except summer traffic on highway - please do not overdevelop.
- Quiet neighbourhood.
- Far enough away from the city but close enough to get to. It's quiet here.
- Quiet small community.
- Location.
- Beach sidewalk.
- Unique downtown on the water.
- The small town feel & Charm, like small areas of Europe, near lakes unspoiled by over building.
- Small town feeling.
- The small town feel, look after one another, the lake view.
- The lake being part of the downtown.
- Lake access & view Quaint Downtown Access to trails.
- Location Atmosphere People.
- friendly people, beach, parks.
- Services, parks, beach.
- The small town atmosphere and quaint feeling. Friendly People.
- Beautiful Beach, safe; friendly community.
- Small town feel & friendly Quieter - not rushed Tourist Place??
- Really beautiful small town feel.
- The beauty, beaches.
- Small community.
- The small town feel with having everything you need within a short drive.
- View.
- The peacefulness, and community spirit.
- Safe place to live.
- Beautiful public beach.
- Centennial walkway, small town feeling.
- The people.
- Location/Love the town.
- Access to waterfront, sidewalks, bike paths.
- The close proximity to the lake.
- Quiet, hiking trails, people.
- Social Opportunities.
- Outdoor activities (hiking, cycling, kayaking) rec center activities, weather, scenery, friends.
- Friendliness, weather, scenery, rec, opportunities, sense of community.
- Peace and quiet, little traffic, close neighbours.
- Quiet, tranquil, friendly.
- Friendly, small town, beach walk, activities.
- The lakefront, Beach Avenue Centennial Walkway.
- Great community spirit & events. "Small Town" feel.
- Community feeling.
- Close to the lake, nice neighbourhood, climate.
- Restaurants, Beach (off season) hiking, tennis.
- Quiet with proximity to shopping in Kelowna and Penticton.
- Abundant and easy access to the lakefront/beach. Friendly small town vibe. Best fireworks on Canada Day!
- Community.
- Location, Climate, Community.
- Community.

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QUESTION 36 continued: What is your favourite thing about living in Peachland?

- Sunrise over the lake. Community Centre, Gym, small town feel.
- That everyone can enjoy the waterfront.
- Small town feeling, quiet, welcoming folks, lots of recreational activities available.
- The view and that it is NOT a big city.
- Beautiful, small town with friendly people.
- Small town feel, the lake, everything we need is here and available.
- Beach walk, restaurants, trails, fitness centre, safe feeling environment.
- The peace and quiet and the space.
- View.
- I feel safe, I love the boardwalk, people are friendly, love the fitness class.
- Okanagan Lake and the dry climate.
- Peachland recreation is great. I enjoy the smaller community and connecting with people I know.
- quiet small town by the lake. Moderate weather.
- Rural life, quiet but close to services in other communities.
- Beach Access, Friendly People.
- The small town feeling. Please don't destroy it.
- Beauty/relaxing.
- being able to walk along Beach Ave. A quiet community, friendly people.
- Beautiful small town. Please keep it that way.
- View and the size of town.
- Small town living but not averse to development.
- Small town feel, ease to trails.
- Community.
- Greenspace, quaint small downtown, arts/culture/volunteerism.
- Trails, view.
- In my view, Peachland is a lovely small community, with tremendous natural beauty. I believe that Peachland has the potential to be a highly desirable travel destination if it was not simply a traffic jam on Highway 97. The relocation of Highway 97 out of the community (a bypass) would make Peachland a quaint, beautiful, lakefront location, that would likely draw thousands of tourists. To achieve that, however, Council needs to recognize the need to prioritize the relocation of the highway, and must also be realistic in its approach to population growth.
- Its a beautiful small town with a lot of good people. A good WASP environment.
- Hiking trails, clean outdoor living, small town close to big city shopping.
- Views/peaceful/people The fact we have guests from all around the world at our AirBnB and we contribute.
- Outdoor activities.
- Ease of outdoor activities access.
- Quite and Friendly.
- Nature, the walking trail, beach avenue.
- The views.
- Close to Westbank, no parking meters.
- The beauty.
- Small town, landscape and weather.
- No comment.
- Wonderful people with sense of community.
- Lifestyle.
- Small town atmosphere.
- Weather, lake.
- The lake, small town feeling, the people, nature.
- Lake, views, weather.
- The surrounding environment (eg beaches/mountains/lake etc) & people who live in this small community.
- The serene beauty and friendly caring people.
- Centennial Walk, Okanagan Lake.
- The small town atmosphere. People know each other. Proximity to the lake.
- Small town feel.
- The small community, feeling peace and quiet.
- Waterfront, close to West Kelowna but you don't have to live there
- Quick access to services, shopping, nature & hospitals while living in a rural setting.
- Small town with limited growth.
- Waterfront, small town feel, nice services.
- View of Lake and Mountains.
- Views, beach parking for visitors, events.
- Medical service.
- Freedom & access to our public beaches.

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QUESTION 37:

What is the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

- The fact you pay our CAO that ridiculous wage! Just think of the money that would be saved if you hired someone and stopped paying contract wages! 30km on beach Ave during off season- be like Sylvain lake and have a different speed, for example 50 from October to May.
- Need better administration of tax dollars and partnerships to create safe roadways, sewer capacity and age friendly / older adults as well as family-oriented community.
- Entitlement mindset and lack of regard for the rules of the road and the safety of others.
- As a business owner downtown, the parking is a major issue especially this past summer with the c-can and construction at the museum which is still not complete. Clients drove around and ended up by the Gausthouse to park. This affected all the downtown businesses.
- Lack of a hotel such as a best western. Huge huge opportunity lost of tourist dollars. We would have weddings non stop, conferences ect. We have the view the restaurants but nowhere for people to stay. You would get more tax revenue than you can imagine.
- The most frustrating thing is how our green spaces are being developed , these should be available for all to enjoy with multiple activities of their choice- Lambley Park keep our green space!
- Nothing.
- Wider roads and with sidewalks to support growth here in Peachland.
- Risk of wildfires, no though development re the topography, lack of sidewalks, hwy 97, the speed on side roads, ie Princeton, the amount if RTA's many fatal. Unapproachable councillors.
- The OCP has been changed to accommodate developers. Approvals by Council do not have the community members considered. Zero based budgeting should be considered by council and CFO. Putting "parcel taxes" into general taxes was wrong as they lose their identity and create an easy avenue to add future parcel taxes.
- On septic no sewage.
- Increased traffic noise and more traffic on highway.
- Still no traffic light at Trepanier and Hwy 97.
- Turner Park being jammed down our throats and high-density housing being provided to seniors in the downtown core when it is understood that this population typically does not provide too dramatically to the community economy after the age of 70. This development should have occurred in more of a greenspace area.
- Recreation trail access being cut off by new development. Lack of easements that allow you to walk between neighborhoods.
- Lack of short-term rentals/hotel to support the much needed tourism by this community to keep our community businesses and services viable.
- Roads and lack of maintenance and general care of areas outside the Downtown area.
- Highway 97 through town. Having to drive Drought Hill.
- No sewers. Not enough accommodation for visitors.
- The high taxes. Getting on the highway most days. Driving in the lake on some roads. Spending our tax money on things with no thought. Like the washroom that was removed. Art work that you paid a fortune to move and damaged most. Wheel chair access for one or two people I no about. You spend money like we live in a city not a small district.
- Lack of sewer.
- Waiting for the sewage connection at my residence.
- Summer traffic.
- Lack of youth support. Drug users and anti-social activities behind behind library (public urination,breaking glass,etc).
- Significant quality decrease on snow plowing service last winter and big transportation trucks speeding on hwy 97.
- Lack of jobs in Peachland. Dealing with certain staff at municipal hall is frustrating. Need customer service training. Community centre staff Ben and Janice are much better.
- getting on the highway. housing projects started with few completions. Peachland feels half baked.
- The Huston/Buchanan intersection with the highway, and all the accidents on drought hill. I hate how often people die so close to my home on that hill. I hate that people have to risk their lives every time they enter the highway from Huston road.
- No sidewalks and traffic on weekends in summer.
- Not enough sidewalks and no traffic lights at TREPANIER and Hwy 97.
- The noisy motorcycles on Beach Ave.
- Hwy 97.
- Lack of sidewalks on busy streets making it a hazard. Example is Princeton Ave!!!!!!
- Closes down pretty early. Even in the summer months. Sometimes hard to order a meal past 7:30. I'm hoping that the concession at our beautiful Swim Bay will be open more than it was.
- Too much time spent on special interest groups instead of population as a whole. Why do we need more pickleball courts for the 50-75 Peachlanders that play? Why is there some arts group in the old primary school (the nicest public space in town) when it would be a perfect space for pretty much anything else (city hall, council, boys and girls expanded).
- The slow or non-construction of approved developments.
- Summertime traffic.
- Lack of sidewalks on Princeton and Trepanier.
- Summertime traffic.
- Not sure.
- Paying for services not received - Sewer.
- The way the current council is handling the development and their willingness to go along with NDP short term rental initiatives.
- The highway traffic speed. Hard to get on the highway safely.
- Hard to turn left onto highway 97 from desert pines in the busy summer.
- Power outages and lack of sidewalks and bike lanes. Lack of police presence.

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QUESTION 37 continued: What is the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

- I would like to see a sign put up on HWY 97 South bound. For trucks using there engine brakes.
- Turning left going East off 97 or onto 97 going East. One of the exits Huston or Trepanier should have a light. Sometimes sitting there for up to 15 minutes just trying to access the highway.
- Need lights at hwy 97 and trepanier. Quite dangerous intersection.
- Lack of sidewalk up Princeton. Lack of turning lane off southbound Hwy 97 onto Princeton. Inability to use the Turner Park baseball field. Disappointed that council approved the 3-story condo building along Beach avenue.
- Seen plans made, and agreed to by council and not being completed in a timely way, golf course is a good example.
- busy highway and highway access, especially in the summer. No traffic light at Trepanier. Lack of law enforcement, especially on our highways and streets.
- The thought of once weekly garbage pickup and kitchen scraps in the yard waste - reason being bears live and belong in the same area that we live. Do not want to see more bears being put down due to the carelessness of the residents.
- Lack of property use due to lack of sewer. The planning department.
- This town is not dog friendly as it expresses itself to be. Off leash park is full of divets and boulders that can injure dogs and dog owners. The yards are not maintained and too long and full of weeds especially for the small dogs. Dog parks should include water source , and seating. And accessibility to park (I.e. path from Seymoure to Sanderson Park. Also the lack of weed control is unacceptable. It makes the town appear to not be taken care. Also thorn bushes produde into sidewalks making them injury prone and inaccessible. Having to walk on the roads with little dogs can be dangerous.
- Projects aimed towards growth that are not completed or at a standstill.
- Stuck in the past.
- Hwy 97 thru town!!!
- Tourists! Why promote it, if it doesn't bring funds into the District? Restaurant turnovers indicates that tourism isn't bringing in enough profits to survive. Taxpayers are footing the bill for everything free to them. Being so 'cash poor', PL should follow millions of other municipalities in adding parking stations (one at each end of town), charging for all day parking for the boat & trailer spaces used, and charging for boat launching to start with. Growth! That in 25 years and millions spent, no council has had the vision/insight to revitalize PL downtown. The only change downtown is a redundant water park and a mish-mash of buildings thrown up and in 25 years no council has even considered developing and revitalizing the upper town neighborhoods, only focusing with blinders on, on Beach Ave.
- Driving to Westbank. For us near the highway, the noise from motorcycles and trucks.
- Highway access.
- How unsafe it is to cross the highway 97 at the north end of town.
- The amount of traffic in the summer. I also like to ride my road bike and to go anywhere, it's a busy highway. I know bikers are a small minority, but completing the bike trail to West Kelona would open up and bring in a lot of people to the Peachland area and would allow Peachland hours to get out without risking their lives on the highway.
- Recycling collection should be every week.
- Sidewalks and safe bikeable way to get into town from Princeton is lacking. I'd drive less if I could walk safely down Princeton.
- Lack of sidewalks. I need to drive down to the lake to safely go for a walk. I wish I could walk out my front door.
- The bad decisions that many councillors have made.
- Urban sprawl into the rural neighbourhoods. Developers that make promises to get the zoning they want then look to sell or never complete the improvements that were agreed too.
- No change.
- The inability to get developers and developments across the start line. le golf course and others.
- Lack of sidewalks.
- The talk of a hwy 97 bypass and pandering to residents on beach ave.
- Access onto hwy 97 heading north from Trepanier. One should not have to roll the dice and ask themselves do I feel lucky today.
- The complete lack of lighting along our stretch of Beach Avenue. The crazy high speed limit along Drought hill and through our town and the lack of even enforcing that overly high limit.
- Wifi, power outages, lack of shops fir basics.
- Whiners, nay-sayers, old people with entitlement attitudes and negativity. Geese and their crap everywhere. Speeders and stupid drivers. Lack of short term places to stay for guests and tourists. Short sighted short term thinking.
- Small town mentality holds back beneficial development.
- Nothing.
- Developers thinking that building townhomes up Princeton is a smart decision. Densified homes make more sense in walkable neighborhoods. Walking up Princeton is extremely unsafe. HWY 97 needs to be widened or a HWY around Peachland linking to 97 needs to be built. The current 2 lane HWY doesn't support the amount of traffic and is extremely unsafe in areas.
- Traffic.
- The isolation.
- A council that runs like an old boys club.
- Newcomers complaining about unimportant things.
- Slow completion of projects.
- Traffic.
- Traffic! Bypass needs to happen now, as it will never be less expensive or feasible. We have the West Kelowna example of waiting too long to show us what waiting does.
- CRITICAL NEED FOR LIGHTS AT HIGHWAY 97 AND TREPANIER
- Feel the city caters to seniors.
- Do not grow municipal government we need less not more and make developers pay the cost for infrastructure.
- The traffic - Trepanier and Huston intersections.

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QUESTION 37 continued: What is the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

- Highway traffic.
- The overall reluctance it seems to embrace change and development.
- Highway noise, lack of employment opportunities. Too focused on providing services for seniors, need to focus more on attracting young families.
- Having mobility issues i'm not able to get across the rocks and access the lake. Beach & 14th. Would love to see a pathway or ramp for people with disabilities to be able to enter the water
- Getting to talk to people about issues, nearly all the drains in Peachland are blocked or not working, can you get anywhere, no, By gsr the biggest mistake you can make is introducing payed parking, it would have a catastrophic impact.
- Noise from boats and vehicles.
- Anti-industry (not-in-my-backyard) sentiment, and housing trending dominantly toward elite luxury property price-points.
- The amount of money spent/wasted on the recreation department with over staffing.
- Lack of competitive commerce requiring travel to west kelowna or penticton.
- Highway 97 traffic through Peachland.
- Nothing.
- Too much traffic especially in the summer.
- No commercial business space and lack of employment.
- Lack of Sidewalks and sewer.
- Accessing hwy to west kelowna options for transit to kelowna.
- Too many old people afraid of change. No local brewery. Not a lot of events for adults without families (19+).
- The few sidewalks we have in town are too narrow to walk side by side, have shrubs intruding onto them, and are not cleared of snow and ice in the winter. Depending on developers to install curbs and sidewalks 100 feet at a time results in new sidewalks being nearly useless because they are discontinuous. Depending on the adjoining landowners for snow removal makes most of our sidewalks impassable for much of the winter. We should focus more on shared use pathways that are cleared of snow in the winter.
- Lack of enforcement of speeding vehicles.
- The push for higher density housing. Given the location of Peachland, people come here to escape the development happening in more population dense communities. Peachland has long been a community for quiet and having time away, it is disappointing to see the push to try and merge into west Kelowna and expand on larger developments. We totally understand the need for affordable housing, but high priced town home developments are not helping anyone and are just depleting the quality of life and value for surrounding homes.
- Building permit process, and making sure building by-laws are enforced.
- Lack of control to cease traffic speeding in residential areas. (Beach Ave mostly).
- The prospect of incoming high density housing.
- The front counter people at the town hall - try being happy and helpful.
- Having a sewer line one street away from mine with no plans to extend it to include my street.
- Council doesn't prioritize developing outside downtown core. There are many of us living outside beach avenue and we want services too. Plus I hate that I have to drive to Kelowna for my children's sports. Plus we need revenue, encourage development and industry to keep costs low.
- People's safety is at risk everyday when trying to get on Highway 97 from Trepanier/Desert Pines. This should be a top priority. The wildlife/bear issue is a continuous problem and not every household has the option to safely store their garbage (no garage or shed). The District of Peachland should provide bear resistant bins (for a fee to reduce the cost to the District). Suggestions for revitalization: Whistler has a really nice (European like) atmosphere that Peachland may be able to incorporate. I like the murals but they are really tucked away in not very appealing places. Community programs (classes etc) are often offered during business hours and don't work for people that work during the day.
- The lack of sidewalks on many of the roads.
- Constant bickering about silly items (3 or 4 stories) example. Lack of development example golf course.
- Traffic to enter and exit hwy 97.
- How long it takes for permits to get approved, very expensive property taxes, trying to build too many houses on Renfrew Road when it's too much for our little neighbourhood.
- Water quality.
- Out of towners parking for free, launching boats for free, residents should get stickers to park and launch, out of towners should pay to use.
- We are a professional couple, have no children and are not seniors, living in Upper Princeton. We understand the need to pay taxes for the good of the community but don't feel that we can take advantage of the benefits of a lot of the programs and our part of town is largely ignored in district planning (we will likely never get sewer or sidewalks in our lifetime).
- We thought we'd be able to enjoy Beach Avenue more in the summer, but then all the tourists arrive and take over. We understand the income it generates so are more forgiving, but it does mean that we often go out of Peachland for our outings, which means we're spending that money outside of Peachland.
- Developers are trying to ruin this area. They can get building permits revised whenever they can.
- There are no traffic lights at the bottom of Trepanier Road for safe access onto Highway 97. This poses a safety risk for residents and travelers. I urge the council to take a more fiscally responsible approach in addressing essential infrastructure needs. Residents cannot continuously absorb increasing costs, and it's crucial to prioritize projects that directly impact safety and quality of life.
- One way in and one way out of princeton.
- Poor walkability in areas outside of the downtown core due to

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What is the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

- lack of sidewalks and lighting. Poor progress on sewer expansion which limits/inhibits development opportunities that could help with densification of neighborhoods. Inconsistent development on Beach Avenue has led to eyesore single family mansions towering over tiny ranchers, with no consistency in aesthetic or function. Beach Avenue is an embarrassment - look to communities like White Rock and Leavenworth where consistent development policies has led to revitalization of their downtown cores that have improved access to services, stimulated tourism, and densified housing (expanded the tax base). I love our support for seniors in this community but to increase services we need to increase tax revenue. Seniors with maximum tax grants is not the way to do that, we need to attract families. Also please rename the 50+ Center - for the first 5 years of living in Peachland I had no idea people under 50 could actually access the building - it sounds like a seniors only center.
- Traffic on 97, cannot get out of treater going north.
 - Speeders and reckless drivers I on the Highway - Beach Ave and other main streets. Lack of sidewalks and lighting in certain areas.
 - High speed traffic on Hwy 97 along with the motorcycle and transport truck noise (ie. Jake brakes).
 - Highway 97 running through it ruins its quaint atmosphere and it's getting worse.
 - Vehicle accidents on 97 in close proximity to Peachland.
 - Summer traffic, lack of sidewalks, wasting time on developments only to have them resell, lack of police presence.
 - Highway noise and no safe way to walk up Ponderosa Drive.
 - Lack of sidewalks, traffic on 97, speeding on all roads.
 - Speed of hwy 97 lack of side walk on Princeton Ave - Very dangerous.
 - Speed on roads...no safe place to walk on hillside main roads.
 - Volume of traffic and noise on Highway 97.
 - Uncontrolled highway 97 interesctions - Trepanier, Huston, Renfrew.
 - How long it takes to follow through on development plans.
 - Geese and dirt dog park.
 - The highway.... Needs to desperately be moved around Peachland!
 - HWY 97.
 - No sidewalks.
 - During the summer months traffic on Hwy 97 and trying to get from Trepanier Bench Road onto the Hwy can be a challenge.
 - Lack of sewers.
 - No overpasses on the highways.
 - Nothing here.
 - Lack of proper sewer services having to rely on septic.
 - Having to drive to everything.
 - That traffic turning into hi way 97.
 - Having a fire hall so small that it doesn't have enough room to walk between the trucks.
 - Highway 97 congestion and high speed on drought hill.
 - Nothing aware of at the moment.
 - Septic not sewer on Morrison Crescent and RV parking on Beach Ave.
 - Traffic.
 - Poor management, road access (highway 97).
 - High speeds on Princeton Ave.
 - Lack of a downtown core and good food establishments.
 - That Highway 97 does not have center barriers. I was a Collision Reconstructionist for ten years where I routinely investigated fatal collisions, and I feel it is unacceptable that Highway 97 from the 97C interchange through to Greta's Ranch does not have this simple and effective safety measure. Frankly, how many more serious injury and fatal collisions are the Province and District willing to accept before change happens? How much longer are you willing to put yours and your loved-one's lives at this senseless risk?
 - The highway through town.
 - The constant push to "grow", too much emphasis on increasing the population- every person i speak with says they came here for the small town vibe, and close community connections. Not all places are meant to be big. Peachland will become just another suburb, bedroom community if we grow any further - it will lose its chararcter/charm, and quiriness. KEEP THE TOWN SMALL.
 - Infrastructure.
 - Not enough services.
 - Living on a hill.
 - Highway noise and highway traffic.
 - Not having sewer and the power outages.
 - Tourists taking over Beach Ave and waterfront with big RVs and not spending a dime in Peachland.
 - No sidewalk on lower Princeton.
 - Traffic on the highway through town.
 - Only having one access road or highway. We have had many shut downs from the south.
 - The small town mindset that things have always been this way, and information isn't spread easily. For example detours or water issues or fire information.
 - The way people drive not respecting speed limits, Lack of road repairs.
 - Septic and traffic.
 - Lack of sidewalks on Princeton.
 - Failed developments and lack of downtown revitalization.
 - Lack of recreation opportunities for working people, no connection between neighborhoods, power outages and highway closures.
 - The cost of living is high as with most BC manicipalities, compared to other provinces and towns with the same services. I understand people are moving to Alberta and Sask. to escape the unaffordable costs here.
 - That there is only school from grade 1-5. Could also use better sidewalks on princeton and up the mountain roads.
 - Goose poop and people who don't pick up after their dog.
 - Hwy 97 traffic into West Kelowna and through Peachland.
 - Too much energy directed to large scale developments that do not enhance the community (New Monaco & Ponderosa-Pincushion).

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QUESTION 37 continued: What is the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

- I don't like the noise levels coming mostly from highway 97 as some people drive very loud vehicles (Harley Davidson motorcycles, deisel trucks and sports cars). Also some of our wonderful views are spoiled by above ground power lines that often are knocked down by trees.
- Noise from motorcycles.
- The noise, congestion and traffic of Hwy 97 through the town. A by-pass is clearly needed and should have been resolved decades ago.
- Maybe that sometimes jobs are done but on a smaller scale than could be done. The spray park is absolutely fine for the kids in Peachland - no complaints there. The pier is great, but the wood is already warping... making upkeep an expense that maybe could have been avoided by being proactive. Turner Park looks like the playground will be good, but it also looks like it's smaller than it should be. I'd say that it's frustrating that the focus is maybe the interests of boomers and not young families, but I also see my contradiction in speaking the truth about what will happen to Peachland (or the flatlands) if we have a major rental building in order to meet daycare needs and attract young families: more crime. We're pretty isolated from that right now in Peachland, but we won't be soon enough.
- Highway congestion due to hwy 97 being 2 lanes.
- Lack of sewer in my neighbourhood, load motorcycles and speeding on my street.
- The dangers of Crossing highway 97 where there are no stop lights. The District CEO who makes over \$260k/year. His salary is grossly overpaid compared to other municipalities, those funds can be better used for the people and our services.
- Tourists should have to pay a small amount for services provided by Peachland.
- The growing highway noise level and the Princeton drag strip.
- The highway 97 fast pace and the terrible highway noise 24/7. Three fatal in two weeks ! The fitness center is not sufficient. I have to go elsewhere.
- Nothing really.
- The lack of sidewalks/safety for pedestrians and cyclists on the streets of hillside neighbourhoods like Ponderosa.
- Swimmers itch: I have been unable to swim in Peachland for 14 years.
- Dog owners.
- Lack of promised light control intersection at Trepanier Bench Rd. and Highway 97. Very difficult to get onto highway 97 either from Trepanier Bench Rd. or at the north side, off Huston Rd. I am very concerned that we will experience fatalities at both of these dangerous Highway 97 uncontrolled intersections.
- 1) Geese and the mess they make on the boardwalk 2) Not enough garbage cans and bottle racks on beach avenue. We walk and pick up garbage every single day. 3) we need 30 KM speed limit on beach avenue more visible (speed painted on the road in particular from the Buchanan area to the Bliss).
- The speeders up Princeton Ave no real enforcement. Noise from dump trucks speeding as well engine brakes used in residential areas.
- Lack of Police or Bylaw officers deal with people parking over night with campers, boat trailers in the wrong spots. Lack of staff cleaning garbage cans, weeds over growing along Beach Ave. Restaurants taking up parking spots with there tables and chairs in downtown.
- The traffic speeding along beach avenue.
- Lack of sidewalks.
- Lack of sidewalks, especially Princeton Lower & Lack of Bylaw enforcement. No mention of improving efficiency of operations.
- Too many power outages, not backup source.
- The unfinished developments.
- No easy way to get onto the road for Kelowna from my house. I have to go the shopping mall & turn around.
- Bicycle & pedestrian pathways and safety.
- The up & coming new subdivision proposed for the area of Renfrew, Sherburn, Bulyea roads. Condition of present roads, width, condition access etc.
- Push for increased development to change the character of our lovely town. Also, no senior care facilities.
- Lack of foresight and vision for downtown Peachland.
- Keeping green space! not transparent when dealing with small groups, pushing agendas i.e. Pickleball.
- Parking in front of my house for pickleball.
- Overdeveloped areas and no communication or accountability.
- Development with no accountability !!!
- Sidewalks, lights, highway, sewer, trails, gym.
- Transit up Ponderosa? Trepanier (Esp for special events).
- Part of Princeton sidewalk is missing, and transit connections to Penticton requires travel to Westbank.
- Lack of promised sewers in septic areas.
- Highway traffic.
- Ineptitude of Municipal administrative staff, except the fire chief.
- Lack of a community centre available for all, not prioritizing "pickleball. Need dedicated exercise spaces. Not makeshift rooms, ie stage.
- Mon - Fri - I don't like the 7 day construction.
- Transit for my grandchildren who travel to UBCO and Kelowna.
- Frequent power outages Hwy 97 Traffic.
- Limited shopping.
- Not enough pickleball courts.
- Nothing frustrates me!
- High taxes and water costs.
- Family too far spreads!! No trails.
- Drinking water makes us ill!!!
- Water supply and Peachland not listening to the big problem.
- No second access off Ponderosa Drive, it's a safety issue re: fires and windstorms being stuck up here.
- Traveling to Summerland when the highway is closed.
- Need a nice functional fitness facility.

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QUESTION 37 continued: What is the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

- No daycare - new centre will be too late for us. No sewer. Unstable power source.
- Lack of sidewalks on Princeton, Ponderosa & Trepainer - no RCMP office.
- Nothing, its paradise.
- No sidewalks & no lighting up Princeton Ave. Leave Beach as is, do not spend anymore. Keep 13th - Todds the same please.
- Nothing.
- Being promised a second exit off of Ponderosa Drive, safety issue.
- Amount of time and money spent attracting tourists not residents.
- Limited amenities i.e. groceries/restaurants.
- No bike/walking trail connection from Trepainer to Ponderosa to Princeton.
- Neighbours parking boats on city street/property for 5-6 months + NEVER getting a ticket or a warning.
- Lack of sidewalks, we are walking on roads that are very unsafe and they want to bring in more housing (cars) not good! Lack of maintenance on the roads, sloppy job of trimming bushes etc.
- Getting off and on the highway where there are no lights.
- High taxes. Lack of walking safe access from area to area.
- Lack of retail.
- Minors.
- Nothing !
- Hwy on/off dangerous very dark/no lights/sidewalk limited safely for walkers or bikes.
- Hwy on/off dangerous. Very dark/no lights or sidewalks limited safety for walkers or bikes.
- Hwy 97.
- Lack of services for families.
- Traffic. Too much development.
- Lack of a newspaper. Online website & social media does not work for the plus 60 demographic.
- Not being on sewer The lack of lights in Trepanier area The lack of focus by only focusing on Beach Ave area.
- Not being on sewer no light at Trepanier Slowness to anything being done besides Beach Ave.
- Too much housing development in the wrong areas.
- Not enough sewers, sidewalks or boat slips at Marina.
- Lack of sidewalks or level paths at roadside & must dodge traffic in neighbourhood- even paved just at blind corners helpful municipal; need municipal sewers; marina for elites only now. Marina should be Municipally owned & operated - charges should apply only once they have a slip, not thousands of dollars just to be on a waiting list - expansion of marina required for additional boat slips.
- That the proposed apartment complex on Clements Cres is not a seniors complex. The perfect area close to shopping and other retail stores.
- Highway 97 traffic.
- Roads, sidewalks, lack of services for families (daycares, after school programs etc).
- Town divided by hwy.
- Lack of/disappearing retail choices. Like the restaurants - need other option. Clothing/deli/gifts etc.
- No where to park in the summer when I try to go for a walk on flat land near the lake.
- Highway speeds.
- The high speed on Hwy 97. West Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland all have lower speed limits.
- No sewer on this side of lower Princeton (sommerset area).
- Downtown parking when event is on, need more pickle ball courts.
- Promised development unfulfilled, e.g. golf course.
- No golf course.
- Council not listening to what the citizens want.
- Speeding on Drought Hill, dangerous for vehicles & animals (deer). Not enough motels for guests.
- NO motels/hotels - fast food. Rests/more coffee shops. Speed limits too high on hwy. More Cafes / diners reg. priced.
- Grocery prices.
- Lack of kids programs; water park, amount of geese shit, lack of sidewalks.
- NEW DEVELOPMENTS! Townhouses/apartments.
- The approvals for rezoning properties that are resold within months of getting approval.
- Not enough development downtown.
- No bike path connecting us to West K.
- Insufficient revenue generation.
- Lack of local stores for groceries at reasonable prices.
- No Local newspaper. No hotel/motel. Lack of movement on Golf Course.
- Driving to West Kelowna for amenities.
- Summer traffic into the PetroCan.
- Speed limit too high on highway 97.
- Speed limit too high on highway.
- Paying a sewage fee while having septic.
- No carriage house if you have septic! Technology dinosaurs - use an online survey.
- Access to Highway 97N off of Huston Rd and Trepanier.
- Access off Hwy 97 at Huston & Trepanier.
- 1. lack of bylaw enforcement 2. Failure to communicate with voters.
- Rezoning applications that do not proceed; properties resell at + prices! Public Works attention to ditch weed cutting and thorough snow removal since 2023. Make rezoning contingent on plans proceeding in timely way or cancel. No golf course!
- Gardens along Beach Avenue all need to be maintained. No benches at bus stops! Reroute Hwy 97 please.
- Noise.
- Local newspaper needed. Poor communication for events. We need sewer installed! Our septic system is old and can fail anytime.
- Many employees with the high income!! and road conditions.
- Too much development. Dangerous Highway.
- Lack of GOOD restaurants.
- Hwy 97 gridlock when accidents occur. Restaurants close very early in off season. Lacks a variety of retail.

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QUESTION 37 continued: What is the most frustrating thing about living in Peachland?

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- Lack of restaurant quality.
- No sewer that was promised in 2013.
- Lack of sidewalks along Princeton Ave.
- Trying to get on the highway from Trepanier.
- A dedicated "workout" space for spin, functional fitness is needed - enclosed room not sharing with pickleballers.
- Bylaw enforcement is inconsistent.
- The council wants it to be a big city. Go to Kelowna for that.
- Reporting a barking dog is more involved than it should be.
- The lack of maintenance for all the different services; weeds, ditch, chinese elm growing everywhere.
- The pressure on community resources (ex fitness centre) with increased population, development.
- There's nowhere for friends to get a room.
- Hwy 97.
- Bylaw enforcement needs serious improvements. (Actually enforce them).
- BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - of short term rentals. Other municipalities can do it, why can't you???
- Need a larger multi fitness room for spin classes yoga etc.
- There is nothing really frustrating about living in Peachland.
- Feeling like all the attention goes to seniors and Beach Ave.
- Lack of industry, lack of housing options for lower - middle class.
- Seeing development/ developers change the fabric of our community with max profit in mind over sensible growth and sustainable integration with the environment.
- Nothing - do not touch the beach access 13th - Creek, it is perfect as it is - natural.
- The dangerous turning from and to Hwy 97.
- Arbitrary changes to the OCP.
- Too much goose poop, fouling the grass and water.
- Nothing !
- Lack of parking, need more RCMP service, traffic - need bypass
- People who don't want development, no sewage at our house.
- Sidewalks up Princeton Ave.
- Access to trails; re-development Sustainable development including road use.
- It seems most community services/maintenance are focused on downtown.
- Albertans in the Summer.
- Facebook page "Peachland Neighbors" ; people who don't pick up dog poop!
- Everything is closed at night early. Off season is dead. Without Air BnB Peachland would be dead. All business would suffer.
- No sewer here and Rip Rap on Beach!
- Lack of sewer expansion to my area. And still paying sewer charges. Rip Rap Rock on our beaches.
- Poor infrastructure = unsafe roads for walking & cycling.
- The way people drive.
- Ever growing congestion downtown, no library in the evening.
- People complaining.
- Driving beach ave & Highway.
- Closing community centre noon to 1:00 pm. Not enough programming for evening.
- Lack of access for wheelchairs at many businesses.
- Unsafe highway and drivers.
- Having a Mayor and Council that will listen to my concerns
- Little service to "up the hill" area, too much service to Beach Avenue.
- Speeding drivers.
- Lack of input from residents on decisions made by Council.
- Parking and housing.
- No sidewalks on Princeton. Power outages Speed and high use of hwy.
- Seems like all the improvements are done on the flats.
- Lack of police presence lack of 97 bypass.
- A variety of Amenities.
- Would like a more vibrant down town. Make buildings look better not just old with paint.
- The highway - accidents, noise, delays, danger.
- No sidewalk all above Princeton Ave.
- No golf course, not enough senior housing.
- Hwy Noise: especially motor cycles on drought hill & down town.
- Hwy 97 access; need bypass across the top.
- Lack of community based service long survey.
- Not enough parking downtown



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