

## Sooke Region Community Health Initiative (CHI)



## Getting It Built: Community Centre Project

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## Section 1: Introduction

The need for a community facility for the Sooke region has been identified by local citizens and community groups. The purpose of this report is to inform the District of Sooke municipal leaders and local citizens of the opinions on a community facility as held by residents. The information was brought forward through a series of recent community engagement strategies, as an exercise to envision and define a community space to meet community needs. The District of Sooke contracted with Sooke CHI<sup>1</sup> to implement outreach projects and initiate conversations with local residents.

Between May and July 2014, CHI embarked on a community engagement strategy that included public forums, meeting with stakeholders, interactive discussions with the public in-person and online, and a review of existing community reports. Seniors, youth, arts groups, service clubs, community organizations, municipal leaders and the general public were engaged during three public forums held at various times and days to accommodate the different schedules of Sooke residents. Paper and electronic surveys were conducted, and Sooke CHI met individually with local interest groups. As well, relevant reports that had been completed by local groups (specifically seniors, arts and youth) were collected and reviewed. Over 200 citizens of the Sooke Region provided input during this timeframe.

The strongest voice came from the Sooke Senior Drop-In Centre Society. Members from this group attended three community forums and completed online surveys. They also provided a copy of their visioning document, which served as a basis for Sooke CHI research. The Sooke Youth Engagement Project, Sooke Community Arts Council, and Sooke Horseshoe Club also provided reports outlining the wants and needs of their respective groups. These reports are available on the Sooke Region Resources website <sup>1</sup>. The groups had similarities and differences, but they came to the same conclusion: We need to improve on what we have to get what we need.

Involving the community in the project process from the visioning stage to planning and beyond is considered of primary importance to ensure community ownership of the project. The engagement process identified functional needs, a number of potential community partners, creative ideas for the building process, several potential locations, funding options, and more. It helped Sooke resident and potential users to dream and to prioritize.

Extensive work is required to expand on this information, including a full review of existing facilities, further exploration of sharing opportunities, detailed functional planning, location identification, prioritization, as well as funding options and opportunities. This work will better inform the community of potential options.

<sup>1</sup> For all notes, please see 'Website Links' for more information

## 1.1 Methodology

Three community forums were held to gather information from Sooke region residents:

1. Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at the Sooke Community Hall
2. Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at Edward Milne Community School
3. Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre

A fourth forum was held in the Leadership class at Edward Milne Community School on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-8:30am, specifically to gather youth perspectives.

Forum participants were asked to consider and discuss six topics:

What's Missing?, Possible Locations, Potential Partners, Programs & Activities, Funding Opportunities, and Possible Social Enterprise Opportunities.

Below are the top 3 responses per category, as identified by the forum participants:

Topics	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
<b>What's Missing?</b>	Seniors activities	Youth activities	Counntunity arts facility
<b>Possible Locations</b>	John Phillips Park	Mulligan's	Mariner's Village
<b>Potential Partners</b>	Sooke Community Arts Council	CRD	Youth and Seniors
<b>Programs &amp; Activities</b>	Arts workshops & studios	Seniors programs	Dance/yoga/aerobic space
<b>Funding Options</b>	Tax base	Federal Infrastructure Grant	Service Clubs
<b>Social Enterprise Opportunities</b>	Jobs for special needs groups	Commission on sale of art	Training youth and volunteers

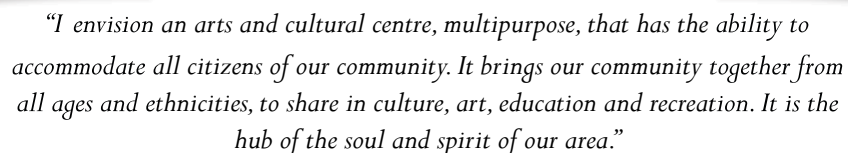


## Section 2: Community Stakeholders

The Sooke Community Arts Council, youth, and the Sooke Seniors Drop-In Centre Society have been vocal participants in this project and in the community. As large local groups who have gone without facilities to meet their needs, they are interested in being strong stakeholders and champions for a community centre in Sooke.

### 2.1 Sooke Community Arts Council

The Sooke Community Arts Council would like to be a major part of a community facility, with approximately 10,000 square feet of requested space. This would include up to twelve 800-1,000 square foot studios for various arts mediums (music, glass, wood, etc.), a kitchen, coffee shop, art gallery, a performance hall, and storage. This communal space would enrich the lives of all ages and create opportunities for social enterprise. The Arts Council believes they will have a stronger membership with a facility to call “home”, where programs, children’s camps, fundraisers and events can be held.



*“I envision an arts and cultural centre, multipurpose, that has the ability to accommodate all citizens of our community. It brings our community together from all ages and ethnicities, to share in culture, art, education and recreation. It is the hub of the soul and spirit of our area.”*

### 2.2 Youth

Youth had a different perspective on a community centre than most other groups. They did not want specific space to themselves. Rather, they hope for a building that would serve the needs of many, and what they want most is a place to be that would be easily accessible in terms of transportation, time, and cost. Many youth do not have vehicles, and those who have bicycles are afraid to bike on most local roads due to heavy and dangerous traffic, lack of biking lanes, and wildlife. Walking is their most accessible form of transportation, as it has no cost, but it does limit their distance. In the case of those who walk or take the bus, a community centre closer to the town core or along a bus route is preferred. Youth have places to be until between 4pm – 6pm each day. Drop-in programs for youth would be most used between 6pm-10pm during weekdays, with later operational hours on weekends.

## 2.3 Sooke Senior Drop-In Centre Society

This group has been working hard to find a suitable space in Sooke for many years, but still have many of their needs unmet. Changes in a drop-in location have caused the membership to drop by 100 members over the last few years. The main requirements for a successful membership are 2,000-4,000 square feet of permanent space for offices, a kitchen, washrooms, and activities, and street-level access in a central location close to public transportation. When this space is not being used, the seniors hope to share it with youth and other community groups. They have generated a comprehensive 'Pros and Cons' list of over 20 facilities, including a potential build at Mariner's Village, which can be found in their visioning document, **"Sooke Senior Drop-In Centre Society: Visioning for the Future"**. Reviewing this list will help determine what can be accomplished for the Society and other Sooke seniors.

## 2.4 Other Potential Stakeholders

SEAPARC and Sooke CASA (recently merged with, and doing business as, Sooke Region CHI) have been noted by community groups as potential stakeholders. Representatives were present at community forums and both are interested in the development of a community facility in Sooke. Approaching these potential stakeholders to discuss expansion and facility management will be an important next step in the process.

The Sooke Lions Club is interested in partnering in this project, as they have land that could be swapped or leveraged. They also have funding in place that could be leveraged. The Lions would rather this be a community-driven project, without direct municipal involvement.

The Sooke Horseshoe Club has asked for space to construct 8 courts to start, expanding to 24 courts over 5-10 years (in order to hold tournaments), subject to membership. A clubhouse of 500-800 square feet with washrooms and a kitchen, and a storage shed for tools and equipment would also be required.

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*"I envision a place where everybody feels welcome, all ages, all abilities. Youth, seniors, children's groups/meetings/programs or just a place to drop in. People working together for the benefit of the whole community. I see a gym, a large kitchen, small and large multi purpose rooms, indoor/outdoor play space for kids, free computer access and classes, pool tables, a games room? Public health nurse available, education available regarding health, nutrition, mental health. Information available about local events, local volunteer organizations, local farms, programs offered there and elsewhere in Sooke. Activities available for all ages and abilities. I see seniors helping children, children helping seniors. Opportunities for inclusion, not each group always in "their" space."*

## Section 3: Facility Design

### 3.1 Square Footage & Usage

Local groups identified square footage requirements specific to their needs, ranging from 4,000 to 12,000 square feet. In addition, 35% of survey respondents were unsure as to what size a community building should be; 17% indicated a size of 6,000-8,000 square feet; 15% indicated a size of 3,000-5,000 square feet.

In an effort to find overlap and reduce the overall size of a potential building, seniors, youth, Sooke Community Arts Council, Sooke Harbour Players, Sooke Horseshoe Club, and a mothers' group provided specific square footage needs. The information demonstrates several factors to consider:

Some groups need dedicated space.

While each group is willing to share, there are some spaces that groups need for their exclusive use, and want to manage themselves. For example, the Senior Drop-In Centre Society would like to have a private office and storage space.

Some groups want to share specific facilities with other groups.

For example, the youth are prepared to share all spaces with other groups, including meeting space, coffee shop, and arts rooms. Additionally, most groups are interested in intergenerational opportunities, and look forward to sharing spaces with other groups.

The total requested square footage differs for each group.

The seniors are requesting approximately 4,000 square feet, while Sooke Community Arts Council is requesting 12,000 square feet. However, both groups hope to overlap with others. The question then, is not how much square footage is required for each group, but how much is needed to meet the needs of the community as a whole. These stakeholders are helping frame the picture of our community's priorities.

The total potentially used square footage differs for each group.

Sooke parents are requesting approximately 5,500 sq. ft. for a gymnasium, but will potentially use other spaces for programs and events (kitchen, hall, coffee shop, arts rooms, etc.), for a total of 25,600 square feet of potential use within this group.

Some spaces may have more than one use.

Almost all of the requested space can be used for other purposes that will benefit the sustainability of the centre. Residents provided several ideas for potential revenue generation, which could be considered when prioritizing facility functions.



# Square Footage & Usage

## Maximum Wants & Needs of Potential User Groups

Room	Shared totals	Sq. Feet Defined by Community Members	Seniors	Youth	SCAC	SHP	SHC	Families	Programs	Rental	Drop-in
Meeting Hall & Stage	2000 - 3000		3000/S	S	2000/S	2000/S					
Communal Kitchen	500 - 600	600	500/S	S							
Foyer/Gallery/Coffee Shop	850	850		S							
Common Washrooms	550	550									
Indoor Sport Gym	5500			5500/S							
Arts Rooms - 6 specific use rooms	5800			S	5800	1000					
Multi-Purpose/Meeting	2400			S	2400/S						
Private Storage	2400		100		1300	1000					
Open Storage	400	400									
Private Office	1150		150		500	500					
Lounge	400 - 500		400/S	S	S	500/S					
Clubhouse	800						800/S				
Daycare	5000							5000			
TOTAL SPACE REQUESTED	27500 - 28700	2,400	4,150	5,500	12,000	5,000	800	5,000			
TOTAL POTENTIAL USE			19,500	19,650	13,900	9,700	2,200	17,500			
SCAC = Sooke Community Arts Council			SHP = Sooke Harbour Players		SHC = Sooke Horseshoe Club						



### 3.2 New Construction, Renovation, or Both

The online survey of 124 Sooke Region respondents identified several locations as their top choices for the development of a community centre. Respondents were asked to vote for their top 3 preferred locations by selecting a first, second, and third choice from a list of 20 possible locations, which were determined during the first two community forums.

During the second community forum, participants were asked to rank their top location choices of those mentioned by participants in the first community forum. John Phillip's Park was ranked as top choice with 11 votes, Mulligan's ranked second with 7 votes, Mariner's Village with 5 votes, and SEAPARC with 4 votes. Three votes went towards "As close to the geographic centre of Sooke as possible; accessible to transit" and other votes were for Helgesen Farm, the Sooke Lions' property, Woodside Farm, the location of the New Library, private property behind Village Foods, property behind the old Fire Hall site (new RBC location), The Castle Pub, Throup Road (Mason's property), Murray Road Park, the Waddams farm on Church Rd, and the Sooke CASA building on Townsend Rd.

The following chart lists the locations with the most votes for each choice category as identified in the online survey.

Rank	Votes	Location	New Build or Renovation Required On-Site
1st Choice	28	SEAPARC	Renovation; Possible New Build
1st Choice	21	Mulligan's	Renovation
1st Choice	14	John Phillip's Park	New Build
2nd Choice	20	Mulligan's	Renovation
2nd Choice	19	John Phillip's Park	New Build
2nd Choice	10	Sooke Lion's - Murray Rd	New Build
		SEAPARC	Renovation; Possible New Build
		DoS Property by Fire Hall	New Build
3rd Choice	19	Mulligan's	Renovation
3rd Choice	14	John Phillip's Park	New Build
		DoS Property by Fire Hall	New Build

Twenty respondents added comments on their desire for a renovation, new build, or both.

•15 specified that a renovation should occur, with most selecting SEAPARC (7 mentions) or the Community Hall (7 mentions) as their preferred renovation sites. Other suggestions included Sooke Elementary, the Sooke CASA building, the EMCS Society, and the Legion.

- 3 mentioned that they would prefer a new build, but due to fiscal constraints would be happy with a renovation.
- Only 2 respondents were set on a new build. One specified the new Library as the perfect new build site; another selected John Phillips Park as a potential location.

Overall, this reflects the views of those who participated in the online survey as well as in community forums and in local service group discussions. Since these discussions were at a preliminary stage in the planning process, much of the data collected reflects the greatest aspirations of Sooke Region citizens. Many of the wants and needs may be out of reach with cost when considering a new build and many may be out of reach when considering space or mandates that go along with a renovation. With the greater needs of the community being identified, more investigation must be done to determine what the real possibilities may be.

Priorities of those who took part in the online survey are as follows:

- 22% wanted a Seniors Centre/Drop-In
- 22% wanted an indoor gymnasium for racquetball, squash, basketball, gymnastics, badminton, and floor hockey.
- 19% wanted a Youth Centre/Drop-In
- 18% wanted several small multi-purpose/meeting spaces
- 18% wanted a large multi-purpose/dividing space/hall
- 17% wanted a large kitchen to cook and sell community meals
- 17% wanted various arts rooms and an art gallery
- 14% wanted lots of outdoor space with flower gardens, food gardens, picnic tables, benches, fountains, etc.
- 14% wanted outdoor play space for children with a water park and playground
- 11% wanted indoor open space; a place to “be” and gather
- 10% wanted an indoor playground for children

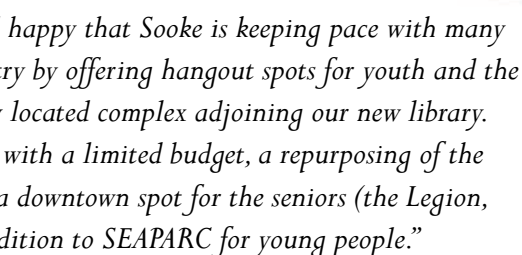
Other suggestions (with 5 or more responses) included:

- Stage/Theatre for rehearsals and small shows
- Connection to the new Library or having reading spaces, book exchanges, quiet areas for reading and studying, etc.
- Out-of School care, childcare, daycare, or pre-school space
- Coffee shop or café
- Outdoor gym or court(s)

This information will be important when considering a new build, a renovation, or both, and may demonstrate a need for more than one project. In either case, it is important to know the priorities of Sooke residents and understand how they define a community space. For example, more than one respondent noted that they “love the Community Hall” and would like to see it renovated to accommodate many of the above needs. However, with Sooke’s growing population and need for increased services, we would need an additional new build to accommodate more user groups. This may be a viable option when considering budget, history, space, and meeting a majority of the needs.

Creative options were noted, as well. One respondent acknowledged that there are many small facilities being operated by different groups in Sooke, and asked how we could combine these assets into one management booking system. This person noted CASA’s ability to combine various organizations and user groups into one building and gave an example of combining the Sooke Community Association’s properties (hall, fields) and the EMCS Society facilities (SD #62 Schools) into one central booking system for both efficiency and the promotion of the current available facilities in Sooke. It was suggested that if funds need to be spent, adding on to SEAPARC, where reception, maintenance, programmers, and managers are already in place, could be an efficient option. It is also possible that we combine the functions of SD62, Sooke Community Association and SEAPARC facilities, with SEAPARC staff running drop-in programs at outlying locations. However, it is important to note that this model would take away from the “feel” of a community centre, which was important to almost all respondents. As well, opportunities for intergenerational connections, and places to be and to meet others could be lost.

Another consideration is to build or renovate near other spaces that can accommodate the needs as defined above. For example, a renovation of the Community Hall may not need a café, as similar businesses are nearby. However, this may cut into potential sources of social enterprise, as many have suggested building a café that can be operated by youth to create employment opportunities.



*“I envision being proud and happy that Sooke is keeping pace with many communities across the country by offering hangout spots for youth and the 55+ crowds in a centrally located complex adjoining our new library. Failing that and working with a limited budget, a repurposing of the existing space in town... a downtown spot for the seniors (the Legion, perhaps) and an addition to SEAPARC for young people.”*

### **3.3 Funding Opportunities**

A majority of community forum participants selected the local tax base as their first choice for funding options. Thus, community members who believe there is a need for a community building may be in support of using public funds.

Other suggestions for funding and leverage included the New Building Canada Fund, funds from local service clubs, private donors, BC Arts Council, Canada Arts Council, Vancouver Island Regional Library, Capital Regional District, provincial or municipal grants, Farm Credit Canada grant, BC Gaming, Canadian Heritage, and corporate sponsorship. Some creative funding and fundraising suggestions included a “Buy-a-Brick “ campaign, selling tickets to those who guess square footage, and partnering with an art school, college, or university looking to set up a new campus. Another option, supported by four local artists, was to have property owners donate their 3-year Tax Overpayment Refund to the purchase of property or building of a community centre.

For long-term sustainability, some forum participants suggested joining a grant database, and building a strong source of rental income. But social enterprise was a top priority. Residents were creative and responsive to this option for sustainable funding, and offered ideas ranging from facility and storage rental to opening a café. Some forum participants were eager to use the community building as an opportunity to create jobs for special needs groups, people with disabilities, and at-risk youth in order to develop additional funding streams and support the local economy. It was noted that this could be accomplished by partnering with local groups to train marginalized individuals to operate a café. Aside from fundraising events, workshops, and facility rentals (long-term and short-term), another source of on-going funding could be commission on the sale of art, if an art gallery were to be included.

### **3.4 Management & Operation**

Some residents were concerned about the management and operation of the community centre. One suggestion was to have SEAPARC partner and have staff run programs. A second option was to develop a collective booking system between SEAPARC, the Edward Milne Community School Society (School District #62 Sooke), and CASA to alleviate current frustrations in renting space in Sooke. One citizen also suggested a co-operative management structure with dedicated, shared, and common space, similar to the Sooke CASA model, to meet the needs of all invested service groups.

It is important to note that programs should not be the only options available. Some residents are seeking specific programs while others are requesting drop-in space. A simple place to be, to enhance and develop a sense of community, one of the key social determinants of health, was deemed a necessity by those wanting drop-in facilities. This would give drop-in attendees the opportunity to create their own groups, and develop ideas, projects, and programs within their own dedicated space at their own desire.

### 3.5 Best Practices

Sooke residents wish that these facilities be reviewed as best practices examples:

- Cordova Bay Community Centre – 55 Plus: <http://cordovabay55plus.org>
- Esquimalt Recreation Centre: [www.esquimalt.ca/parksRecreation/facilities/esquimaltRecreationCentre/](http://www.esquimalt.ca/parksRecreation/facilities/esquimaltRecreationCentre/)
- Juan de Fuca Seniors Centre: [www.westshorerecreation.ca/facilities/juan-de-fuca-recreation-centre/seniors-centre/](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca/facilities/juan-de-fuca-recreation-centre/seniors-centre/)
- Beach Community Services SHOAL Centre: [www.beaconcs.ca/pages/shoal.html](http://www.beaconcs.ca/pages/shoal.html)
- The Purple Thistle Arts Collective: [www.purplethistle.ca](http://www.purplethistle.ca)
- The Boulders Climbing Gym: <http://climbtheboulders.com>
- The Torpedo Factory: <http://torpedofactory.org>
- Sawdust Art Festival – Example of modular spaces: [www.sawdustartfestival.org](http://www.sawdustartfestival.org)
- Shadbolt Centre for the Arts: [www.shadboltcentre.com](http://www.shadboltcentre.com)
- Surrey Arts Centre: [www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/1619.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/1619.aspx)
- Cedar Hill Recreation Centre: [www.saanich.ca/parkrec/recreation/arts/index.html](http://www.saanich.ca/parkrec/recreation/arts/index.html)
- Centre for Social Innovation: <http://socialinnovation.ca>
- Kelowna Rotary Centre for the Arts: [www.rotarycentreforthearts.com](http://www.rotarycentreforthearts.com)
- Richmond Art and Cultural Centre: [www.richmond.ca/culture/centre/about.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/culture/centre/about.htm)

## Section 5: Next Steps

Through this community engagement process, these next steps were identified:

Maintain the current momentum and connections. Through the engagement process, the community has begun to prioritize needs. For local residents to make sound decisions on a community centre development project, and to continue successful engagement, regular contact must be maintained with past participants.

Widen the circle of this conversation. Additional attempts should be made to discuss these results with those who have not yet joined the conversation. It is hoped that this report will motivate more Sooke residents to participate. As well, through an inclusive approach, potential partners will be identified and their respective roles defined. A most successful community project will have many voices, many players, and many roles.

Collect and analyze best practices examples. The community has provided a list of excellent facility, management, and program best practices which may assist in developing the necessary creative touch to a community facility in Sooke. The Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto has developed a model with many of the desired outcomes identified by the community so far. Their document, 'How to Create World-Changing Shared Spaces'<sup>5</sup> checks all the boxes for facility design and could be used as a guide for a Sooke community facility.

Review and assess the suitability of current facilities. The community has some facilities purpose-built and functioning well. Other facilities have outgrown their intended uses or are in dire need of safety and functional upgrades. Some citizens are concerned about potential locations, the impact of a new development on municipal and household budgets, and the impact on current facilities. Concerns need to be recognized and articulated, and information shared, to move forward with a common understanding of the project.

Common interests have been identified, and community members are willing to begin this initiative. Community leaders must bring together individuals, organizations, and businesses to develop a shared vision based on community needs. Wherever possible, involve locals; empowered communities are self-reliant and self-sustainable. From attending forums to painting walls and building benches, community involvement throughout the entire process will be key to the long-term success of this project.

The work has begun; Sooke must now continue on the path to Getting It Built!

## **Website Links**

<sup>1</sup> Sooke Region Community Health Initiative (CHI)

[www.sookeregionresources.com/sooke-region-community-health-initiative-chi](http://www.sookeregionresources.com/sooke-region-community-health-initiative-chi)

<sup>2</sup> Sooke Region Resources

[www.sookeregionresources.com/links](http://www.sookeregionresources.com/links)

<sup>3</sup> Sooke Community Arts Council

<http://sookecommunityarts.com>

<sup>4</sup> Sooke Youth Council

[www.sookeyouth.ca](http://www.sookeyouth.ca)

<sup>5</sup> Sooke Seniors Drop-In Society

[www.sookeregionresources.com/sooke-senior-drop-centre-society](http://www.sookeregionresources.com/sooke-senior-drop-centre-society)

<sup>6</sup> Centre for Social Innovation: How to Create World-Changing Shared Spaces

[http://socialinnovation.ca/sites/socialinnovation.ca/files/Rigour\\_How\\_to\\_create\\_World-Changing\\_Shared\\_Spaces\\_.pdf](http://socialinnovation.ca/sites/socialinnovation.ca/files/Rigour_How_to_create_World-Changing_Shared_Spaces_.pdf)



## Q1 We'd like to hear your biggest dreams for a community centre in Sooke. When you envision a community centre, what do you see? How does it make you feel? What is happening there?

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#	Responses	Date
1	seniors and youth working/being together :)	7/18/2014 8:44 AM
2	don't make it too big to start but with plans to expand.	7/17/2014 7:41 AM
3	A place where everybody feels welcome, all ages, all abilities. Youth, senior's, children's groups/meetings/programs or just a place to drop in. People working together for the benefit of the whole community. I see a gym, a large kitchen, small and large multi purpose rooms, indoor/outdoor play space for kids, free computer access and classes, pool tables, a games room? Public health nurse available, education available regarding health, nutrition, mental health. Information available about local events, local volunteer organizations, local farms, programs offered there and elsewhere in Sooke. Activities available for all ages and abilities. I see senior's helping children, children helping seniors. Opportunities for inclusion, not each group always in "Their" space.	7/17/2014 1:15 AM
4	A large facility with both indoor and outdoor (lit in the winter) safe area for people of all ages to gather and PLAY. Partner with other successful organizations/businesses - coffee shop will be necessary and something to draw teens too. It has a great sense of community and safety. It would also serve as emergency shelter in case of disaster. A year round market!	7/16/2014 10:23 PM
5	modern west coast theme youth & recreation centre	7/16/2014 7:01 PM
6	Something for Kids, like for birthday parties, and gyms to play in.	7/16/2014 6:10 PM
7	I see a combination of Seaparc and sooke child and youth centre and possibly employment services. It makes me like efficient use of money and brings varied members of community together. Community health - social services, fun, community becoming strong working together.	7/16/2014 5:59 PM
8	Family fun, and something for kids of all ages to do as well as our seniors	7/16/2014 5:18 PM
9	It should feel like the heart of the community. Where there is something for everyone and people feel connected to each other and their town. Where people go to get support, learn something new, have fun or give back. Youth (teen) and seniors drop in areas; raquetball/squash court or indoor tennis court; art room (pottery studio?); fitness centre; community dinners; summer market; seasonal community family events (easter egg hunt, safe halloween party, etc)	7/16/2014 1:11 PM
10	Somewhere for teens to work, make a bit of money, stay safe...interact with younger children and seniors and become role models.	7/16/2014 12:20 PM
11	A big open kitchen with a long table for community feasts. Gardens with food and flowers. Nature inside and out. An activity room for movement. A quiet room for peace. A place for everyone.	7/16/2014 11:46 AM
12	I see SEAPARC but with added gym facilities and another multi-purpose room for use by community groups. It is already a multi-generational space which is how I envision a community centre.	7/16/2014 11:18 AM
13	I see a multi purpose common area that is full of activity, a community gallery, art workshop spaces, a library and cafe. Check out the <a href="http://www.npcc.bc.ca/about-us-mainmenu-30/tech-specs-mainmenu-35">http://www.npcc.bc.ca/about-us-mainmenu-30/tech-specs-mainmenu-35</a> for a fine example although our centre should also bring the outdoors in and maximize the outer areas (park, gardens, etc.)	7/16/2014 11:11 AM
14	I see basketball courts, a water park, families spending time together, and making us feel a bond with others.	7/16/2014 10:38 AM
15	A multi-use building dedicated to all residents of Sooke. A place for the arts, open space, kitchen and dining space, meetings and workshop/studio rooms and a gallery space.	7/16/2014 7:27 AM

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4	A large facility with both indoor and outdoor (lit in the winter) safe area for people of all ages to gather and PLAY. Partner with other successful organizations/businesses - coffee shop will be necessary and something to draw teens too. It has a great sense of community and safety. It would also serve as emergency shelter in case of disaster. A year round market!	7/16/2014 10:23 PM
5	modern west coast theme youth & recreation centre	7/16/2014 7:01 PM
6	Something for Kids, like for birthday parties, and gyms to play in.	7/16/2014 6:10 PM
7	I see a combination of Seaparc and sooke child and youth centre and possibly employment services. It makes me like efficient use of money and brings varied members of community together. Community health - social services, fun, community becoming strong working together.	7/16/2014 5:59 PM
8	Family fun, and something for kids of all ages to do as well as our seniors	7/16/2014 5:18 PM
9	It should feel like the heart of the community. Where there is something for everyone and people feel connected to each other and their town. Where people go to get support, learn something new, have fun or give back. Youth (teen) and seniors drop in areas; raquetball/squash court or indoor tennis court; art room (pottery studio?); fitness centre; community dinners; summer market; seasonal community family events (easter egg hunt, safe halloween party, etc)	7/16/2014 1:11 PM
10	Somewhere for teens to work, make a bit of money, stay safe...interact with younger children and seniors and become role models.	7/16/2014 12:20 PM
11	A big open kitchen with a long table for community feasts. Gardens with food and flowers. Nature inside and out. An activity room for movement. A quiet room for peace. A place for everyone.	7/16/2014 11:46 AM
12	I see SEAPARC but with added gym facilities and another multi-purpose room for use by community groups. It is already a multi-generational space which is how I envision a community centre.	7/16/2014 11:18 AM
13	I see a multi purpose common area that is full of activity, a community gallery, art workshop spaces, a library and cafe. Check out the <a href="http://www.npcc.bc.ca/about-us-mainmenu-30/tech-specs-mainmenu-35">http://www.npcc.bc.ca/about-us-mainmenu-30/tech-specs-mainmenu-35</a> for a fine example although our centre should also bring the outdoors in and maximize the outer areas (park, gardens, etc.)	7/16/2014 11:11 AM
14	I see basketball courts, a water park, families spending time together, and making us feel a bond with others.	7/16/2014 10:38 AM
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27	A space for seniors and teens to meet, and someone to plan a facilitate activities for them. A water park for children ages 0-12. A group fitness room able to accommodate groups over 30 people. A gym, with it's fees integrated into membership fees at seaparc.	7/9/2014 9:27 AM

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28	I envision a Giant Energy Plex. A place for children aged 6months - teen to play indoors. Rock wall, climbing structure complete with gated baby area, laser tag arena, gymnastics area, upstairs rooms to hold parties and functions( at a fee of course) . I have been to a similar place in my hometown of Kelowna and it is amazing. In my opinion a place for children to play, especially during the wet months and all throughout the year, is something this community desperately needs. There are tons of families with children and nothing geared towards our growing community of families. Making it a multipurpose space with rooms to rent for functions and birthday parties is a way to maximize the space. There is a place called tumblebums in Langrod. It is tiny and families from out here pay 8\$ a kid to go there in the rain. INSANITY. Why not just have something local and keep our money in our community.	7/9/2014 8:12 AM
29	The centre "happening" where everyone is welcome to engage in healthy living. The merging of the CASA, SEAPARC and the addition of multipurpose spaces which can be utilized for both seniors and youth --- but, not isolated space. Spaces need to be suitable for particular demographics but flexible enough to be used and rented to help ensure some fiscal responsibility and sustainability of the centre. Additionally, inter-generational opportunities versus isolated initiatives also support a holistic healthy community.	7/9/2014 7:23 AM
30	When I envision a community centre, I see one thing of more importance than all others combine. I see a court.	7/8/2014 10:54 PM
31	interactive, multi-use. Free wifi, coffee bar. indoor kids play area. open. IT NEEDS PARKING TOO.	7/8/2014 9:26 PM
32	I would love to see a community centre like what langford has built. with an indoor playground, spraypark waterpark, ice rink, mini golf swimming pool, out door park . I have young children and find it very hard with no car to do anything here. gymnastics work out facility.	7/8/2014 8:42 PM
33	community meals. skill sharing. movie nights. intergenerational hangouts. welcoming, in it for the long game.	7/8/2014 8:13 PM
34	the main focus for a community center should be the aggregation of every demographic group. I would set it up like a mall, where there are large open public spaces and smaller spaces within dedicated to each demographic. I think it should really heavily on an outdoor courtyard with covered areas for bbqs, fundraisers etc. that takes advantage of our almost 365 snowfree environment.	7/8/2014 7:56 PM
35	A community centre should be for everyone in the community from babies to seniors and especially for youth. The space should have PlayZone like area, for kids under 12; an area for movie nights for kids and families alike. Fenced in off leash dog park; community garden; outdoor park/picnic area. & lots of parking. A community centre that is open for all during the day at anytime. Drop in for kids is so important, especially where there isn't a place for them to hang out. Maybe games room too.	7/8/2014 7:54 PM
36	Community centre for all ages, young & senior with varied programs, varied events and hours of operation. A real sense of belonging with minimal costs of attending. One stop center for all that doesn't conflict with existing programs ie SEAPARC & CASA. including senior center, library, youth center, community services ie community kitchen, food bank, etc.	7/8/2014 7:00 PM
37	I would like to see a safe, fun and all ages welcome environment. A variety of programs and activities offered for individuals as well as families would be very nice. As my little ones grow up I would love for them to have this centre to engage with their peers! I have spoke with many other parents and we all agree that an indoor play area for younger children and an outdoor play area with the soft matting to prevent injuries are urgent! As well as a slash park/ water feature as many of us travel into town weekly to visit those places.	7/8/2014 6:39 PM
38	Sports not offered at rec centre. Badminton, tennis, squash..etc.	7/8/2014 6:08 PM
39	Awesome. Open gym some nights indoor organized sports teams other nights	7/8/2014 6:07 PM
40	I see a family-geared multi-use facility with a playground, a spray park, an event facility (eg: concerts), a cafe, a preschool, an indoor play area. A place that offers playgroups to take your kids. It makes me feel connected, and it is a happening place! :) heck - build in the new library too...that would be perfect!	7/8/2014 5:46 PM
41	A place for both youth and seniors with programming for preschool aged children, especially an indoor play area for the rainy season. An outdoor lit walking track would also be a huge plus. Great for safety for night walking and little ones to ride bikes. In gym space also drop in sports for adults and kids, floor hockey, basketball etc.	7/8/2014 5:41 PM

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42	A place that is big enough to house activities for ages 0-100 that has room to grow! A water park is enough and an adult play ground as well as a childrens	7/8/2014 4:38 PM
43	I would love the library to have a larger facility so that there is ample room for events for all ages. Events where the activity can take place without shutting down an area of book browsing or disturbing the other patrons. I think creating a community centre WITH this library is a fantastic way to sustain more traffic in ALL of the areas ie: if a gymnastics class is on, the patrons may see a knitting, discussion group or book club that interests them, and vice versa. I would love to see a heated, indoor multipurpose place that could house physical activities such as gymnastics, martial arts, aerobics, floor hockey, etc. A place for children to have unstructured, active play for a reasonable drop in price. I would love to have rooms in which art classes could be taught; painting, printmaking, ceramics, etc. For children as well as adults of all ages. I would love for there to be a splash pad of some sort for the children (and playful adults) in the summer. A moderately sized playground, sitting and picnic areas, walking trails, a fenced dog park and a community garden. I would love for Sooke to have a running track. Tennis courts would be lovely, too. I would love for this facility to be a meeting place for young and old and to include learning, art, culture and physical activity programs. A clean, modern facility that is well maintained. It's architecture looks natural in our west coast environment and it is a welcome place for all ages.	7/8/2014 4:35 PM
44	An indoor play ground would be amazing! Or a center big enough for strong start to move there. Also, a water park for kids and maybe a nice turf for soccer.	7/8/2014 3:15 PM
45	Fun, affordable place where community can gather to improve themselves in a healthy way	7/8/2014 1:27 PM
46	Children's indoor play area. Youth center. Outdoor water play for kids.	7/8/2014 12:43 PM
47	I envision it being a place where everyone feels welcome... families, young children, youth and seniors. I would love it to host a seniors centre, an indoor play area for kids so families and daycares have other options besides McDonalds on those days that they just want to play inside, I would love a gymnastics facility since none exists in Sooke and I would also love an outdoor play area with a spray park. Also, much needed is a separate area for youth activities.	7/8/2014 12:21 PM
48	A place that is used – where multiple generations cross paths. My biggest dream is for a new Sooke Elementary to be built, in cooperation with a library and community centre on site!	7/8/2014 12:21 PM
49	A beautiful, open and welcoming space that expresses the natural surroundings and local cultures. A place where seniors activities share space with youth and community programs. Views of Harbour would be wonderful, maybe from an outdoor patio. Accessible, friendly, healthy for people and the environment.	7/7/2014 11:33 PM
50	A beautiful building that makes our town looks better. Let's make it a building that people will want to visit. Hire a good architect. If we can't afford to do a good building, then don't bother. Just renovate a building we already have.	7/7/2014 11:31 PM
51	There's a library, open space for rent, art facilities - and usually a pool/skating rink/track (which SeaParc has covered)	7/7/2014 11:03 PM
52	A multi use centre, focusing on seniors, youth & family groups.	7/7/2014 7:05 PM
53	Our new community centre would be a place where young and old would meet and enrich their lives.	7/7/2014 6:55 PM
54	When I envision I community centre, I imagine a place where people can meet with each other and show their love for the sport that they play. Where everyone is having a good time and getting along; regardless of the age or gender. It would make me feel extremely happy too know that Sooke wants to encourage an healthy living style.	7/7/2014 3:29 PM
55	We already have a community centre in Sooke, SEAPARC, but it needs more rooms to offer programs for children, youth, adults and seniors	7/7/2014 1:11 PM
56	A place where everyone is welcome. Different age groups and activities can all share space.	7/7/2014 12:51 PM
57	Seniors day centre with kitchen facilities and recreational space (bingo, socialising). Meeting room for community groups. Storage for community groups including crisis centre and loan cupboard	7/7/2014 11:50 AM
58	Proud and happy that Sooke is keeping pace with many communities across the country by offering hang-out spots for youth & the 55+ crowd in a centrally located complex adjoining our new library. Failing that and working with a limited budget, a repurposing of existing space in town ... a downtown spot for the seniors (the Legion perhaps) and an addition to SEAPARC for young people.	7/7/2014 10:57 AM
59	Multi use facility that is welcoming to all ages and stages of life.	7/7/2014 8:46 AM

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60	• Seniors' Drop-In Centre modelled on Juan de Fuca (LOTS of activities) - open weekdays shared with ... • teen drop-in centre ... with new larger library	7/7/2014 12:03 AM
61	In no particular order. Table Tennis, Badminton, kitchen with attached Lounge ( For "Hanging out) & Dining facilities, Bingo, library, Shuffleboard - Floor and Table,Bowling,Multipurpose Room(s) - would accomodate many of the above. Storage facilities - both private and general accesability, Art, Weaving, Toilets of course, Make sure intergenerational mixing can occur. lty os important that all users understand that mutual respect and cooperation is essential, THIS IS NO.1 PRIORITY. A co-ordinater (Paid) really helps move things along. Stage, sound system.	7/6/2014 5:00 PM
62	multi age, multi purpose, and another rental hall for events and weddings. warm friendly, classy. a place seniors and children go and can run into each other.	7/6/2014 2:47 PM
63	Lots and lots of basketball, I really want an indoor basketball community court here in sooke!	7/6/2014 2:45 PM
64	A vibrant place, in the middle of Sooke, with access to the water that welcomes all ages and newcomers. Perhaps we should first look at the existing community hall and see why this will not serve the public and learn from the shortcomings. Could we rehabilitate that building both physically, socially and management wise.	7/6/2014 10:10 AM
65	we have a community center, it's called the town core and there is a building there if a special group want to use it	7/6/2014 10:07 AM
66	Central enough for easy access and to be suitable for groups doing fundraising or providing emergency services. All the proper facilities to allow food preparation and sale. A large central space with smaller areas to accommodate smaller meetings or workshops and so several things can be happening at the same time.	7/6/2014 9:22 AM
67	A place for everyone. Rentable for private function, utilized by all ages, food safe kitchen, wheelchair access. It brings a community together and there should be a nominal membership fee to make people feel pride in their community.	7/5/2014 11:42 PM
68	A meeting place and a center for non profits that is central and accessible.	7/5/2014 4:31 PM
69	I see a gymnasium, multi purpose rooms, kitchen, a comfortable lounge area for seniors. I would like to see a meeting place for all ages and a diverse group of organizations.	7/5/2014 4:09 PM
70	I see a place where kids and adults can play, have fun, stay in shape and play sport's! It would make me feel wonderful if you had access to a gym whenever we wanna play ball. Have a gym, basketball court and whatever else would make people happy.	7/5/2014 3:15 PM
71	an adaptive space, accessible to all , in the centre of town . Not monopolized by one group/ functional / commercial sized/outfitted kitchen and beverage space.Small groups to large groups and babies to the most senior meeting. Rotating art/ sport/self improvement use Realistic modern audio visual with wifi included.Locker/Shower room. In one month I see a morning running clinic followed by a moms and little ones yoga and toy exchange group, a senior luncheon with local school band entertaining, a weight loss cooking for health class, drop in guided genealogy on line sessions where users could bring their laptops, art and sculpture class, soccer goalie clinic, teens make their own jewel leery or sewn items, a chess or scrabble tournament, a rental to a family 50th wedding anniversary party, a taste of BC day, a small movie theatre showing not for profit movies.	7/5/2014 2:55 PM
72	Indoor basketball courts/ if not outdoor covered basketball courts Makes me feel good	7/5/2014 2:51 PM
73	Multipurpose, managed space with cooperative involvement for all ages offering workshops, studio space, weekend farmer's market	7/5/2014 1:09 PM
74	A nice area with a area to workout and an area to play drop in basketball because the schools are rarely accessible	7/5/2014 1:05 PM
75	I feel like there should be some type of sports facilities	7/5/2014 12:17 PM
76	Meetings, Senior's centre, activity centre, child care. accessible, gathering place. Commenorate our community history.	7/5/2014 11:49 AM
77	Sooke needs a place for all ages that makes people feel safe and is fun. Lots of activities available such as sports, crafts, hobbies, entertainment etc.	7/5/2014 10:25 AM
78	A place for our youth.Many affordable summer programs for our children. A bright spacious meeting place for our seniors. Many opportunities for our volunteers to be involved.	7/5/2014 9:51 AM
79	West Coast Theme Dances Seniors Centre Meals on Wheels	7/5/2014 8:21 AM

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81	people of all ages doing different things like taking courses of workshops on various topics, socializing, physical activity classes, a nice kitchen offering lunches and snacks, a place to sit with your friends and have a coffee, good audio system for speakers, facilitated presentations or music (but not for major concerts we have other space for that). a place that helps promote dialogue and conversation, Youth and seniors working together (youth teaching computer skills and seniors teaching canning and knitting for example). A façade that reflects the values and history of the community.	7/5/2014 7:41 AM
82	space for all arts, meeting place for groups of various persuasions	7/5/2014 2:47 AM
83	Art shows, plays and concerts.	7/5/2014 12:10 AM
84	I see a pleasant easily accessed multipurpose space that provides opportunities for large and small groups of all ages and stages to connect, meet, and create community. It makes me feel as if I am welcome there, and it is buzzing with a range of activities from meetings, support groups, crafts, exercise activities to a quiet reading room with games and newspapers and books, to a community kitchen where folks learn how to cook and at healthy food.	7/4/2014 9:32 PM
85	A successful community centre has to be many things to many people, meeting the needs of youth, of families and of seniors. Not an easy task. All want something. Not always willing to compromise or cooperate. A successful community centre provides activities and programs that meet the needs of the community. The trick is to identify the needs and then prioritize.	7/4/2014 9:15 PM
86	A place where everyone feels welcome; spaces that can be shared; smells like good coffee, cooking, baking; smiling volunteers to help you find things; busy with events, activities; all ages enjoying each other and learning from each other	7/4/2014 6:48 PM
87	a large, multi story building with room for a seniors centre, daycare, meeting rooms. display space, stage, good acoustics, capable of housing craft fairs, art shows and class rooms	7/4/2014 6:14 PM
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89	Facilities for children, adults and seniors, making everyone feel part of the community	7/4/2014 5:11 PM
90	A welcoming building, walkable, in the Sooke core, that is inviting to everyone from little kids to seniors for indoor activities including art, music, crafts. The library could be a great adjunct.	7/4/2014 5:04 PM
91	what already happens there; sports stuff (karate!), fairs, funerals, weddings, public hearings. seniors centre, youth centre, play groups in winter for day homes/stay at home parents	7/4/2014 4:54 PM
92	I would like to see an all in one community Centre. I like what that have at Juan De Fuca with the Library, swimming pool, Seniors Centre, Arena for hockey and Lacrosse etc, velodrome, sports fields for lacrosse, soccer, tennis and lawn bowling and a golf course and zip lines for all ages. Of course we also have a bike skills park there already. That would be a dream come true. Using the properties I listed as 1,2,3, this might be possible because they are all in close proximity to each other. Maybe a year round art gallery featuring Sooke Artists.	7/4/2014 4:36 PM
93	a meeting place for about 125 people ( sitting down for a meal)	7/4/2014 4:34 PM
94	A nice outdoor area for kids/youth to play (grass, covered hard court), trees and picnic tables for families. It should be inviting for all ages, not just one or two groups. It should be have something happening every day. Lights outside for the grass and hard court until 10pm. A Community Centre is more than a building. It should include the surrounding area - a gathering place for all.	7/4/2014 4:32 PM
95	All inclusive centre that can house seniors activity centre, teen centre, medical clinic, and small meeting rooms rentable at reasonable costs or 'free' for non-profit groups, with kitchen facilities. This could be an add on to the Children Centre on Townsend Rd, only for other members of the community that don't fit the mandate of the Children's Centre.	7/4/2014 4:21 PM
96	A fully equipped gym/fitness centre, skating rink, yoga studio space, outdoor fields, lots of drop in classes for all ages, music, art. I want it all!	7/4/2014 4:17 PM
97	People of all ages accessing and sharing a public facility for multiple uses, programs and services.	7/4/2014 3:49 PM
98	Being a senior I am mainly interested in a facility that provides a place to meet and has a kitchen for seniors to have special dinners.	7/4/2014 3:44 PM



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101	Centre that can accommodate, Arts, Culture, Leisure, and Health & Wellness activities.	7/4/2014 2:19 PM
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103	User groups of all ages and special interests are able to have space to meet, practice, rehearse, gather, play, cook etc. It is a welcoming place for anyone and everyone. There's probably a pot of coffee on somewhere.	7/4/2014 2:14 PM
104	Sooke is a growing community, and i LOVE our community hall, just think we need another one. I would like to see the existing one upgraded, and a new one to accommodate more user groups and maybe the library?! Gathering place for seniors, youth activities, art & cultural events, etc. etc.	7/4/2014 1:51 PM

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25	A place for youth. A long term/permanent lease for out of school care is badly needed.	7/9/2014 12:40 PM
26	A lit walking track, tennis court and lawn bowling area, along with a fenced lit dog park. The walking track could be used by all ages and toddlers on training bikes as well. This would make it an all ages attraction which also includes seniors which would be good for Sooke. Having a dog park is important because it brings together people from all walks of life. One might also consider a natural playground area made from recycled items and items found in nature including a water element and some benches, a rustic play fort. This would encourage kids to use their imagination. Montessori schools can give you great ideas for this. I personally think a lit outdoor space has more practical use than an indoor facility, it is something Sooke does not already have. if we have to choose where to put the funds there are no after dark activities in Sooke. There is nothing more magical than getting a group of people together by lamplight and playing a game of frisbee, going for a walk together, sitting and chatting over a coffee after work. Playing a game with our kids and dogs,	7/9/2014 10:20 AM
27	A space for seniors and teens to meet, and someone to plan a facilitate activities for them. A water park for children ages 0-12. A group fitness room able to accommodate groups over 30 people. A gym, with it's fees integrated into membership fees at seaparc.	7/9/2014 9:27 AM

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28	I envision a Giant Energy Plex. A place for children aged 6months - teen to play indoors. Rock wall, climbing structure complete with gated baby area, laser tag arena, gymnastics area, upstairs rooms to hold parties and functions( at a fee of course) . I have been to a similar place in my hometown of Kelowna and it is amazing. In my opinion a place for children to play, especially during the wet months and all throughout the year, is something this community desperately needs. There are tons of families with children and nothing geared towards our growing community of families. Making it a multipurpose space with rooms to rent for functions and birthday parties is a way to maximize the space. There is a place called tumblebuns in Langrod. It is tiny and families from out here pay 8\$ a kid to go there in the rain. INSANITY. Why not just have something local and keep our money in our community.	7/9/2014 8:12 AM
29	The centre "happening" where everyone is welcome to engage in healthy living. The merging of the CASA, SEAPARC and the addition of multipurpose spaces which can be utilized for both seniors and youth --- but, not isolated space. Spaces need to be suitable for particular demographics but flexible enough to be used and rented to help ensure some fiscal responsibility and sustainability of the centre. Additionally, inter-generational opportunities versus isolated initiatives also support a holistic healthy community.	7/9/2014 7:23 AM
30	When I envision a community centre, I see one thing of more importance than all others combine. I see a court.	7/8/2014 10:54 PM
31	interactive, multi-use. Free wifi, coffee bar. indoor kids play area. open. IT NEEDS PARKING TOO.	7/8/2014 9:26 PM
32	I would love to see a community centre like what langford has built. with an indoor playground, spraypark waterpark, ice rink, mini golf swimming pool, out door park . I have young children and find it very hard with no car to do anything here. gymnastics work out facility.	7/8/2014 8:42 PM
33	community meals. skill sharing. movie nights. intergenerational hangouts. welcoming, in it for the long game.	7/8/2014 8:13 PM
34	the main focus for a community center should be the aggregation of every demographic group. I would set it up like a mall, where there are large open public spaces and smaller spaces within dedicated to each demographic. I think it should really heavily on an outdoor courtyard with covered areas for bbqs, fundraisers etc. that takes advantage of our almost 365 snowfree environment.	7/8/2014 7:56 PM
35	A community centre should be for everyone in the community from babies to seniors and especially for youth. The space should have PlayZone like area, for kids under 12; an area for movie nights for kids and families alike. Fenced in off leash dog park; community garden; outdoor park/picnic area. & lots of parking. A community centre that is open for all during the day at anytime. Drop in for kids is so important, especially where there isn't a place for them to hang out. Maybe games room too.	7/8/2014 7:54 PM
36	Community centre for all ages, young & senior with varied programs, varied events and hours of operation. A real sense of belonging with minimal costs of attending. One stop center for all that doesn't conflict with existing programs ie SEAPARC & CASA. including senior center, library, youth center, community services ie community kitchen, food bank, etc.	7/8/2014 7:00 PM
37	I would like to see a safe, fun and all ages welcome environment. A variety of programs and activities offered for individuals as well as families would be very nice. As my little ones grow up I would love for them to have this centre to engage with their peers! I have spoke with many other parents and we all agree that an indoor play area for younger children and an outdoor play area with the soft matting to prevent injuries are urgent! As well as a slash park/ water feature as many of us travel into town weekly to visit those places.	7/8/2014 6:39 PM
38	Sports not offered at rec centre. Badminton, tennis, squash..etc.	7/8/2014 6:08 PM
39	Awesome. Open gym some nights indoor organized sports teams other nights	7/8/2014 6:07 PM
40	I see a family-geared multi-use facility with a playground, a spray park, an event facility (eg: concerts), a cafe, a preschool, an indoor play area. A place that offers playgroups to take your kids. It makes me feel connected, and it is a happening place! :) heck - build in the new library too...that would be perfect!	7/8/2014 5:46 PM
41	A place for both youth and seniors with programming for preschool aged children, especially an indoor play area for the rainy season. An outdoor lit walking track would also be a huge plus. Great for safety for night walking and little ones to ride bikes. In gym space also drop in sports for adults and kids, floor hockey, basketball etc.	7/8/2014 5:41 PM

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42	A place that is big enough to house activities for ages 0-100 that has room to grow! A water park is enough and an adult play ground as well as a childrens	7/8/2014 4:38 PM
43	I would love the library to have a larger facility so that there is ample room for events for all ages. Events where the activity can take place without shutting down an area of book browsing or disturbing the other patrons. I think creating a community centre WITH this library is a fantastic way to sustain more traffic in ALL of the areas ie: if a gymnastics class is on, the patrons may see a knitting, discussion group or book club that interests them, and vice versa. I would love to see a heated, indoor multipurpose place that could house physical activities such as gymnastics, martial arts, aerobics, floor hockey, etc. A place for children to have unstructured, active play for a reasonable drop in price. I would love to have rooms in which art classes could be taught; painting, printmaking, ceramics, etc. For children as well as adults of all ages. I would love for there to be a splash pad of some sort for the children (and playful adults) in the summer. A moderately sized playground, sitting and picnic areas, walking trails, a fenced dog park and a community garden. I would love for Sooke to have a running track. Tennis courts would be lovely, too. I would love for this facility to be a meeting place for young and old and to include learning, art, culture and physical activity programs. A clean, modern facility that is well maintained. It's architecture looks natural in our west coast environment and it is a welcome place for all ages.	7/8/2014 4:35 PM
44	An indoor play ground would be amazing! Or a center big enough for strong start to move there. Also, a water park for kids and maybe a nice turf for soccer.	7/8/2014 3:15 PM
45	Fun, affordable place where community can gather to improve themselves in a healthy way	7/8/2014 1:27 PM
46	Children's indoor play area. Youth center. Outdoor water play for kids.	7/8/2014 12:43 PM
47	I envision it being a place where everyone feels welcome... families, young children, youth and seniors. I would love it to host a seniors centre, an indoor play area for kids so families and daycares have other options besides McDonalds on those days that they just want to play inside, I would love a gymnastics facility since none exists in Sooke and I would also love an outdoor play area with a spray park. Also, much needed is a separate area for youth activities.	7/8/2014 12:21 PM
48	A place that is used – where multiple generations cross paths. My biggest dream is for a new Sooke Elementary to be built, in cooperation with a library and community centre on site!	7/8/2014 12:21 PM
49	A beautiful, open and welcoming space that expresses the natural surroundings and local cultures. A place where seniors activities share space with youth and community programs. Views of Harbour would be wonderful, maybe from an outdoor patio. Accessible, friendly, healthy for people and the environment.	7/7/2014 11:33 PM
50	A beautiful building that makes our town looks better. Let's make it a building that people will want to visit. Hire a good architect. If we can't afford to do a good building, then don't bother. Just renovate a building we already have.	7/7/2014 11:31 PM
51	There's a library, open space for rent, art facilities - and usually a pool/skating rink/track (which SeaParc has covered)	7/7/2014 11:03 PM
52	A multi use centre, focusing on seniors, youth & family groups.	7/7/2014 7:05 PM
53	Our new community centre would be a place where young and old would meet and enrich their lives.	7/7/2014 6:55 PM
54	When I envision I community centre, I imagine a place where people can meet with each other and show their love for the sport that they play. Where everyone is having a good time and getting along; regardless of the age or gender. It would make me feel extremely happy too know that Sooke wants to encourage an healthy living style.	7/7/2014 3:29 PM
55	We already have a community centre in Sooke, SEAPARC, but it needs more rooms to offer programs for children, youth, adults and seniors	7/7/2014 1:11 PM
56	A place where everyone is welcome. Different age groups and activities can all share space.	7/7/2014 12:51 PM
57	Seniors day centre with kitchen facilities and recreational space (bingo, socialising). Meeting room for community groups. Storage for community groups including crisis centre and loan cupboard	7/7/2014 11:50 AM
58	Proud and happy that Sooke is keeping pace with many communities across the country by offering hang-out spots for youth & the 55+ crowd in a centrally located complex adjoining our new library. Failing that and working with a limited budget, a repurposing of existing space in town ... a downtown spot for the seniors (the Legion perhaps) and an addition to SEAPARC for young people.	7/7/2014 10:57 AM
59	Multi use facility that is welcoming to all ages and stages of life.	7/7/2014 8:46 AM

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60	• Seniors' Drop-In Centre modelled on Juan de Fuca (LOTS of activities) - open weekdays shared with ... • teen drop-in centre ... with new larger library	7/7/2014 12:03 AM
61	In no particular order. Table Tennis, Badminton, kitchen with attached Lounge ( For "Hanging out) & Dining facilities, Bingo, library, Shuffleboard - Floor and Table,Bowling,Multipurpose Room(s) - would accomodate many of the above. Storage facilities - both private and general accesability, Art, Weaving, Toilets of course, Make sure intergenerational mixing can occur. lty os important that all users understand that mutual respect and cooperation is essential, THIS IS NO.1 PRIORITY. A co-ordinater (Paid) really helps move things along. Stage, sound system.	7/6/2014 5:00 PM
62	multi age, multi purpose, and another rental hall for events and weddings. warm friendly, classy. a place seniors and children go and can run into each other.	7/6/2014 2:47 PM
63	Lots and lots of basketball, I really want an indoor basketball community court here in sooke!	7/6/2014 2:45 PM
64	A vibrant place, in the middle of Sooke, with access to the water that welcomes all ages and newcomers. Perhaps we should first look at the existing community hall and see why this will not serve the public and learn from the shortcomings. Could we rehabilitate that building both physically, socially and management wise.	7/6/2014 10:10 AM
65	we have a community center, it's called the town core and there is a building there if a special group want to use it	7/6/2014 10:07 AM
66	Central enough for easy access and to be suitable for groups doing fundraising or providing emergency services. All the proper facilities to allow food preparation and sale. A large central space with smaller areas to accommodate smaller meetings or workshops and so several things can be happening at the same time.	7/6/2014 9:22 AM
67	A place for everyone. Rentable for private function, utilized by all ages, food safe kitchen, wheelchair access. It brings a community together and there should be a nominal membership fee to make people feel pride in their community.	7/5/2014 11:42 PM
68	A meeting place and a center for non profits that is central and accessible.	7/5/2014 4:31 PM
69	I see a gymnasium, multi purpose rooms, kitchen, a comfortable lounge area for seniors. I would like to see a meeting place for all ages and a diverse group of organizations.	7/5/2014 4:09 PM
70	I see a place where kids and adults can play, have fun, stay in shape and play sport's! It would make me feel wonderful if you had access to a gym whenever we wanna play ball. Have a gym, basketball court and whatever else would make people happy.	7/5/2014 3:15 PM
71	an adaptive space, accessible to all , in the centre of town . Not monopolized by one group/ functional / commercial sized/outfitted kitchen and beverage space.Small groups to large groups and babies to the most senior meeting. Rotating art/ sport/self improvement use Realistic modern audio visual with wifi included.Locker/Shower room. In one month I see a morning running clinic followed by a moms and little ones yoga and toy exchange group, a senior luncheon with local school band entertaining, a weight loss cooking for health class, drop in guided genealogy on line sessions where users could bring their laptops, art and sculpture class, soccer goalie clinic, teens make their own jewel leery or sewn items, a chess or scrabble tournament, a rental to a family 50th wedding anniversary party, a taste of BC day, a small movie theatre showing not for profit movies.	7/5/2014 2:55 PM
72	Indoor basketball courts/ if not outdoor covered basketball courts Makes me feel good	7/5/2014 2:51 PM
73	Multipurpose, managed space with cooperative involvement for all ages offering workshops, studio space, weekend farmer's market	7/5/2014 1:09 PM
74	A nice area with a area to workout and an area to play drop in basketball because the schools are rarely accessible	7/5/2014 1:05 PM
75	I feel like there should be some type of sports facilities	7/5/2014 12:17 PM
76	Meetings, Senior's centre, activity centre, child care. accessible, gathering place. Commenorate our community history.	7/5/2014 11:49 AM
77	Sooke needs a place for all ages that makes people feel safe and is fun. Lots of activities available such as sports, crafts, hobbies, entertainment etc.	7/5/2014 10:25 AM
78	A place for our youth.Many affordable summer programs for our children. A bright spacious meeting place for our seniors. Many opportunities for our volunteers to be involved.	7/5/2014 9:51 AM
79	West Coast Theme Dances Seniors Centre Meals on Wheels	7/5/2014 8:21 AM

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80	I would LOVE if we could renovate the existing community hall, I envision a seniors/youth centre, farmers market craft fairs, and community celebrations	7/5/2014 7:53 AM
81	people of all ages doing different things like taking courses of workshops on various topics, socializing, physical activity classes, a nice kitchen offering lunches and snacks, a place to sit with your friends and have a coffee, good audio system for speakers, facilitated presentations or music (but not for major concerts we have other space for that). a place that helps promote dialogue and conversation, Youth and seniors working together (youth teaching computer skills and seniors teaching canning and knitting for example). A façade that reflects the values and history of the community.	7/5/2014 7:41 AM
82	space for all arts, meeting place for groups of various persuasions	7/5/2014 2:47 AM
83	Art shows, plays and concerts.	7/5/2014 12:10 AM
84	I see a pleasant easily accessed multipurpose space that provides opportunities for large and small groups of all ages and stages to connect, meet, and create community. It makes me feel as if I am welcome there, and it is buzzing with a range of activities from meetings, support groups, crafts, exercise activities to a quiet reading room with games and newspapers and books, to a community kitchen where folks learn how to cook and at healthy food.	7/4/2014 9:32 PM
85	A successful community centre has to be many things to many people, meeting the needs of youth, of families and of seniors. Not an easy task. All want something. Not always willing to compromise or cooperate. A successful community centre provides activities and programs that meet the needs of the community. The trick is to identify the needs and then prioritize.	7/4/2014 9:15 PM
86	A place where everyone feels welcome; spaces that can be shared; smells like good coffee, cooking, baking; smiling volunteers to help you find things; busy with events, activities; all ages enjoying each other and learning from each other	7/4/2014 6:48 PM
87	a large, multi story building with room for a seniors centre, daycare, meeting rooms. display space, stage, good acoustics, capable of housing craft fairs, art shows and class rooms	7/4/2014 6:14 PM
88	A place where just about any Sooke resident will want to come to fulfill their interests.	7/4/2014 5:54 PM
89	Facilities for children, adults and seniors, making everyone feel part of the community	7/4/2014 5:11 PM
90	A welcoming building, walkable, in the Sooke core, that is inviting to everyone from little kids to seniors for indoor activities including art, music, crafts. The library could be a great adjunct.	7/4/2014 5:04 PM
91	what already happens there; sports stuff (karate!), fairs, funerals, weddings, public hearings. seniors centre, youth centre, play groups in winter for day homes/stay at home parents	7/4/2014 4:54 PM
92	I would like to see an all in one community Centre. I like what that have at Juan De Fuca with the Library, swimming pool, Seniors Centre, Arena for hockey and Lacrosse etc, velodrome, sports fields for lacrosse, soccer, tennis and lawn bowling and a golf course and zip lines for all ages. Of course we also have a bike skills park there already. That would be a dream come true. Using the properties I listed as 1,2,3, this might be possible because they are all in close proximity to each other. Maybe a year round art gallery featuring Sooke Artists. ,	7/4/2014 4:36 PM
93	a meeting place for about 125 people ( sitting down for a meal)	7/4/2014 4:34 PM
94	A nice outdoor area for kids/youth to play (grass, covered hard court), trees and picnic tables for families. It should be inviting for all ages, not just one or two groups. It should be have something happening every day. Lights outside for the grass and hard court until 10pm. A Community Centre is more than a building. It should include the surrounding area - a gathering place for all.	7/4/2014 4:32 PM
95	All inclusive centre that can house seniors activity centre, teen centre, medical clinic, and small meeting rooms rentable at reasonable costs or 'free' for non-profit groups, with kitchen facilities. This could be an add on to the Children Centre on Townsend Rd, only for other members of the community that don't fit the mandate of the Children's Centre.	7/4/2014 4:21 PM
96	A fully equipped gym/fitness centre, skating rink, yoga studio space, outdoor fields, lots of drop in classes for all ages, music, art. I want it all!	7/4/2014 4:17 PM
97	People of all ages accessing and sharing a public facility for multiple uses, programs and services.	7/4/2014 3:49 PM
98	Being a senior I am mainly interested in a facility that provides a place to meet and has a kitchen for seniors to have special dinners.	7/4/2014 3:44 PM

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99	a centre where various groups of all ages can meet, a place for the arts - both in terms of a gallery and performance space as well as classrooms, meeting space for groups - also a place where the various groups active in Sooke can mingle, share ideas etc.	7/4/2014 3:13 PM
100	Inclusive -all ages and as many interests as possible Promotes ACTIVITY - creative, physical fitness, mental well being Lots of positive experiences for youth in particular	7/4/2014 2:32 PM
101	Centre that can accommodate, Arts, Culture, Leisure, and Health & Wellness activities.	7/4/2014 2:19 PM
102	It is an arts and cultural centre, multipurpose, and has the ability to accommodate all citizens of our Community. It brings our community together from all ages and ethnicities, to share in culture, art, education and recreation. It is the hub of the soul and spirit of our area.	7/4/2014 2:18 PM
103	User groups of all ages and special interests are able to have space to meet, practice, rehearse, gather, play, cook etc. It is a welcoming place for anyone and everyone. There's probably a pot of coffee on somewhere.	7/4/2014 2:14 PM
104	Sooke is a growing community, and i LOVE our community hall, just think we need another one. I would like to see the existing one upgraded, and a new one to accommodate more user groups and maybe the library?! Gathering place for seniors, youth activities, art & cultural events, etc. etc.	7/4/2014 1:51 PM





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Square Footage Report | July 21, 2014 | Sooke Region CHI

# Methodology

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The information used in this report was gathered by the Sooke Region CHI over a period of 12 weeks with the purpose of determining what type of community space is needed in Sooke.

Seniors, youth, arts groups, service clubs, and the general public were engaged during 3 public forums. Paper and electronic surveys were conducted, and Sooke Region CHI met individually with local interest groups. Reports that had been completed by local groups (specifically: seniors; arts; youth) were collected, reviewed, and elaborated as well. Over 200 citizens of the Sooke Region provided input on their desires and needs during this timeframe.

This is a preliminary report with information limited to the indications of approximate square footage for a potential community building as expressed to date. Extensive work is required to expand on this information, starting with a full review of existing facilities, deeper exploration of how more sharing might be achieved, detailed functional planning, location explorations, identification of priorities, as well as funding options and opportunities.

The work has begun; Sooke must continue on the path of Getting It Built!

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## Community Input on Square Footage

Local groups identified square footage requirements specific to their needs, ranging from 4,000 to 12,000 sq. ft. In addition, an online survey indicated that 35% of the 126 respondents were unsure what size the centre should be, while 17% indicated a size of 6,000-8,000 sq. ft. and 15% indicated a size of 3,000-5,000 sq. ft.

In an effort to find overlap and reduce the overall size of a potential building, Seniors, Youth, Sooke Community Arts Council, Sooke Harbour Players, Sooke Horseshoe Club, and a mother's group provided square footage needs. The 'Square Footage and Usage' chart on page two demonstrates:

- Specific space requested by each group
- Facilities groups want to share with other groups or the community
- Total requested square footage for each group
- Total potentially used square footage for each group
- Total space potentially used for programs, rentals, and drop-in activities

# Square Footage & Usage

Maximum Wants & Needs of Potential User Groups

Room	Shared totals	Sq. Feet Defined by Community Members	Seniors	Youth	SCAC	SHP	SHC	Families	Programs	Rental	Drop-in
		# = Space Needed for Specific Group   S = Request to Share Space with Other Groups   Red = Potential Add. Use									
Meeting Hall & Stage	2000 - 3000		3000/S	S	2000/S	2000/S					
Communal Kitchen	500 - 600	600	500/S	S							
Foyer/Gallery/Coffee Shop	850	850		S							
Common Washrooms	550	550									
Indoor Sport Gym	5500			5500/S							
Arts Rooms - 6 specific use rooms	5800			S	5800	1000					
Multi-Purpose/Meeting	2400			S	2400/S						
Private Storage	2400		100		1300	1000					
Open Storage	400	400									
Private Office	1150		150		500	500					
Lounge	400 - 500		400/S	S	S	500/S					
Clubhouse	800						800/S				
Daycare	5000							5000			
TOTAL SPACE REQUESTED	27500 - 28700	2,400	4,150	5,500	12,000	5,000	800	5,000			
TOTAL POTENTIAL USE			19,500	19,650	13,900	9,700	2,200	17,500			
SCAC = Sooke Community Arts Council			SHP = Sooke Harbour Players		SHC = Sooke Horseshoe Club						



# Citizen Quotes

When you envision a community centre, what do you see?  
How does it make you feel? What is happening there?

It should feel like the heart of the community. Where there is something for everyone and people feel connected to each other and their town. Where people go to get support, learn something new, have fun or give back. Youth (teen) and seniors drop in areas; racquetball/squash court or indoor tennis court; art room (pottery studio?); fitness centre; community dinners; summer market; seasonal community family events (easter egg hunt, safe halloween party, etc)

~ Sunriver Resident (30-39 yrs)

Multi-purpose indoor/outdoor space with flex rooms (with mirrors) for yoga, aerobics, Zumba, dance, etc.; outdoor basketball courts (with lights for playing at night); coffee shop; study area; rentable kitchen space for food prep/cooking classes; community book exchange. When I'm there, I'm probably a bit tired from so much physical activity, or maybe relaxed because I'm enjoying a coffee and a really great book. Hopefully a few different generations are represented [...] There is lots of art everywhere (local artists, street art, murals), lots of plants and trees (with benches outside), and no shortage of water fountains! Maybe most importantly, the community centre is easily accessible by public transit.

~ Juliane (21-29 yrs)

## Citizen Notes






- ☐ No purchasing new land; Add on to SEAPARC or CASA building
- ☐ Gut the basement of the Community Hall & extend outer building with posts & beams
- ☐ Fundraise and renovate to accommodate all groups
- ☐ Storage space could be social enterprise with housing above
- ☐ Folding equipment (stage, chairs & tables, mirrors, etc.) for an adaptable space
- ☐ Open space with reception, coffee, gallery, office and other Indoor/outdoor places to "be"
- ☐ Lit walkway, gardens, paths, courtyard, view, benches
- ☐ Cedar Hill Rec Centre new addition is 12,000 sq. ft.
- ☐ Build up another level from existing buildings
- ☐ Don't become deterred by cost. Expensive property or building shouldn't stop the RIGHT thing from happening.








# Getting it Built - Community Centre Project

## Legend

### Proposed Properties

-  Local Government / Non-Profit Organization Owned
-  Purchase Necessary
-  Larger Properties

### Basemap

-  Property Parcel
-  Green Space
-  Water
-  Marsh
-  Sandbar

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