

Parksville Resident Survey 2010 - QUESTION #29

Given a choice, do you prefer to shop in:

Question #29 - Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Smaller stores	18.2%	321
Big box stores	8.3%	147
Medium sized stores	18.4%	326
Any combination of these	55.1%	973
Comments:		487
	<i>answered question</i>	1767
	<i>skipped question</i>	152

Response Date	Comments:	A	B	C
May 26, 2010 9:59 PM	I go where I know I can find a product, not where I hope I can find it, and with the Nanaimo mall only a 20 minute drive away, it is close and convenient to go there.	any combination	depends on availability	
May 26, 2010 4:45 PM	Wherever I can find what I want.	any combination	depends on availability	
May 25, 2010 9:29 PM	We will shop wherever or whenever it is convenient and wherever we can purchase the product we desire.	any combination	depends on availability	
May 24, 2010 4:52 AM	This too will really depend on what one is looking for...Locally does not always have everything we need...	any combination	depends on availability	
May 18, 2010 5:27 PM	furniture, computers, vehicles all purchased out of town or off island	any combination	depends on availability	
May 17, 2010 5:27 PM	I like to shop in stores that have what I am looking for.	any combination	depends on availability	
May 17, 2010 4:13 PM	the best place with a good parking lot	any combination	depends on parking	
May 27, 2010 8:03 PM	Price, variety and quality are big priorities so people will go to where they can get the best of all three. Price being the biggest motivator though. Prices are high in Parksville so people go elsewhere.	any combination	depends on price	depends on availability

May 31, 2010 10:12 PM	it is not the size of the store that matters but more importantly, the selection and prices	any combination	depends on price	
May 31, 2010 5:19 PM	I shop in whatever size store can provide me the products in a price I can afford. I would prefer to support local small business but just can't fit in my budget.	any combination	depends on price	
May 27, 2010 10:44 PM	Provided there is good selection at competitive prices.	any combination	depends on price	
May 27, 2010 10:02 PM	You go to the places you can get what you want, and to save money, not size of store.	any combination	depends on price	
May 27, 2010 8:43 PM	I shop where I can afford to shop.	any combination	depends on price	
May 26, 2010 3:30 PM	As long as the price is right.	any combination	depends on price	
May 25, 2010 8:17 PM	I like to have a choice as well as a competitive price.	any combination	depends on price	
May 25, 2010 3:21 PM	Wherever the best price is available.	any combination	depends on price	
May 19, 2010 4:17 PM	where ever I can find the best price which is often in a bigger store in Nanaimo	any combination	depends on price	
May 14, 2010 9:57 PM	If the price is right I'll shop anywhere.	any combination	depends on price	
May 12, 2010 6:52 PM	economical stores!	any combination	depends on price	
May 10, 2010 4:00 AM	We go where the value is	any combination	depends on price	
May 20, 2010 6:49 PM	My aim is to get the biggest bang for my buck. If it can be done in town I'll do it. But I don't like inconvenient or squishy parking as in Quality Foods parking lot so I won't use it.	any combination	depends on price, parking	
May 28, 2010 2:19 AM	This is answered with no consideration as to where the store is located. It is not meant to be an indication that we want big box stores in Parksville.	any combination	no big box stores in Parksville	
May 24, 2010 1:25 AM	I am willing to go to a box store if I cannot get something here. I would rather go to a box store in Nanaimo, for example, than have box stores here.	any combination	no big box stores in Parksville	

May 18, 2010 5:05 PM	It bothers me that all the money spent in Nanaimo by Parksville and other towns could be spent here and create jobs for locals. Even the tourists have to go to Nanaimo for shopping and entertainment.	any combination	would prefer to shop locally	
Jun 21, 2010 5:42 PM	Need a good balance of all of the above, open better hours, that service the needs of people working outside of our city.	any combination		
Jun 18, 2010 4:48 PM	Prefer medium size stores with a good variety and competitive prices. For unique items or special service I shop smaller stores. On occasion I shop big box stores, but not regularly.	any combination		
Jun 15, 2010 2:56 PM	Like a variety of stores to choose from.	any combination		
Jun 4, 2010 9:27 PM	For casual or small lot purchases we like to frequent medium size and small shops. The big box purchases are basically an economic choice, simplified by the fact that we work in Nanaimo.	any combination		
Jun 4, 2010 3:59 PM	smaller stores; any combination	any combination		
Jun 3, 2010 3:17 PM	More variety is growth	any combination		
Jun 2, 2010 6:41 PM	All of these make up a city. It's whether they are done with wisdom.	any combination		
Jun 1, 2010 9:11 PM	We need a larger variety of stores and entertainment ie: more than 1 shoe store, a fabric store, clothing that is not exclusive and too expensive, a theatre would be great.	any combination		
Jun 1, 2010 6:42 PM	No one store can satisfy all aspects of a shopping experience.	any combination		
May 31, 2010 9:50 PM	One size never fits all. Options are a good thing	any combination		
May 31, 2010 6:06 PM	Depends what I'm looking for. I'm open to all types but something with character, 'an experience', is enriching.	any combination		
May 31, 2010 5:40 PM	Business needs more competition and we have better choices.	any combination		
May 28, 2010 5:53 PM	The more variety of stores the better.	any combination		

May 27, 2010 3:10 PM	any combination of these	any combination		
May 26, 2010 6:20 PM	an equal balance	any combination		
May 26, 2010 5:00 PM	The size of the store is irrelevant but I must say "boutiques" are usually over-priced. Parksville needs a good clothing retail outlet located centrally downtown.	any combination		
May 23, 2010 12:04 AM	Depends what I'm purchasing.	any combination		
May 21, 2010 10:41 PM	It all depends on what I'm shopping for.	any combination		
May 19, 2010 6:24 PM	Depends what I am buying.	any combination		
May 18, 2010 8:45 PM	Its not the size of the store thats important, its the level of service. Most small local shops fear competition from large stores and forget that their uniqueness of service usually cannot be matched by a large or big box store.	any combination		
May 14, 2010 10:32 PM	Any sized store which is a)well maintained inside and out; b)has good parking nearby. Example: Shoppers Drug Mart's lack of attention to cleanliness outside the store and unmaintained and overgrown landscaping is unacceptable.	any combination		
Jun 14, 2010 5:48 PM	I shop where I know I will get what I need.	any of the above		
Jun 15, 2010 5:54 PM	big box, any combination	big box	any combination	
Jun 10, 2010 6:11 PM	big box; any combination	big box	any combination	
Jun 10, 2010 4:47 PM	Big box; any combination. We need more choices. Better prices force you to leave the community. The people who don't want growth shop in Nanaimo.	big box	any combination	
Jun 10, 2010 3:07 PM	big box; any combination	big box	any combination	
Jun 7, 2010 9:16 PM	big box stores; any combination	big box	any combination	

May 26, 2010 9:13 PM	Big box stores have better pricing. There would be no impact to local shopping if you brought in big box stores.	big box	big box stores needed in Parksville	
May 26, 2010 10:50 PM	I just like to go into a store knowing I am going to find what I need and it will be reasonably priced. I don't have time to search for things.	big box	depends on availability	depends on price
May 19, 2010 8:10 PM	More choices and more competitive prices.	big box	depends on availability	depends on price
May 26, 2010 8:05 PM	most small stores has a limited amount of selections..(sizes/ colors etc)	big box	depends on availability	
May 18, 2010 3:55 PM	I prefer department stores because of multiple choice.	big box	depends on availability	
May 17, 2010 8:42 PM	big box stores; there is not enough variety of goods in the smaller stores	big box	depends on availability	
May 14, 2010 3:47 PM	better prices, more selection	big box	depends on price	depends on availability
Jun 10, 2010 9:44 PM	Shop at box stores because of price (Walmart). Want box stores outside of this community. Any large mall/box store would eliminate our small businesses and add more people and more traffic.	big box	depends on price	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 7, 2010 5:50 PM	I'm a bargain shopper. Have to be with kids. I can't get them decent clothing or shoes here.	big box	depends on price	
Jun 4, 2010 10:22 PM	Problem is big box stores do sometimes sell products cheaper and offer products suited more to my needs.	big box	depends on price	
Jun 2, 2010 3:39 PM	Regretably I have to admit I do go to Nanaimo for Costco and Canadian Tire. They just happen to have something at a price I cannot afford to ignore, but I would much prefer to shop locally. I go to Nanaimo perhaps 4-6 times a year.	big box	depends on price	
May 31, 2010 8:18 PM	Prices are better.	big box	depends on price	
May 27, 2010 5:40 PM	The advantage of big box stores is product prices lower and greater choice of product.	big box	depends on price	
May 26, 2010 7:16 PM	best bang for my buck	big box	depends on price	

May 25, 2010 6:48 PM	prices are usually better	big box	depends on price	
May 20, 2010 9:55 PM	Small stores can't compete with box stores' lower prices.	big box	depends on price	
May 18, 2010 4:37 PM	Bigger store is better; better prices.	big box	depends on price	
May 21, 2010 9:46 PM	big box stores; medium size stores. More competition, variety and less costly. More jobs and tax money to build badly needed recreation centres for teens, etc.	big box	medium	big box stores needed in Parksville
Jun 8, 2010 3:17 PM	Big box and medium stores. You can rarely find what you need here and prices are higher.	big box	medium	depends on availability and price
Jun 18, 2010 10:33 PM	big box stores; medium size stores	big box	medium	
Jun 17, 2010 4:28 PM	Big box and medium stores, where it's easy to park and just go into a store with good selection and good prices.	big box	medium	
Jun 16, 2010 10:10 PM	Big box and medium stores. Many times I have tried to purchase certain items locally and they are not available, so I'm sent to Nanaimo anyway by local businesses.	big box	medium	
Jun 11, 2010 5:50 PM	big box and medium stores	big box	medium	
Jun 4, 2010 5:33 PM	big box and medium stores	big box	medium	
Jun 4, 2010 4:40 PM	big box and medium stores	big box	medium	
Jun 4, 2010 4:37 PM	big box and medium stores	big box	medium	
May 31, 2010 6:35 PM	big box stores, medium size stores	big box	medium	
May 31, 2010 5:26 PM	big box stores; medium size stores	big box	medium	
May 28, 2010 10:46 PM	big box and medium stores	big box	medium	
May 28, 2010 7:03 PM	Medium sized stores also good.	big box	medium	
May 26, 2010 9:45 PM	big box and medium stores	big box	medium	
May 25, 2010 9:14 PM	big box and medium size stores	big box	medium	
May 25, 2010 4:19 PM	Big box stores; medium size stores	big box	medium	
May 21, 2010 9:13 PM	big box and medium size stores	big box	medium	
May 21, 2010 4:43 PM	big box and medium stores	big box	medium	
May 21, 2010 4:06 PM	big box stores; medium stores	big box	medium	

Jun 7, 2010 8:19 PM	Overall I would rather drive to Walmart then have one here but an extra foods may be nice with cheaper food choices, clothes and pharmacy.	big box	no big box stores in Parksville	
Jun 4, 2010 4:46 PM	As much as I hate big box stores, I find they are a necessary evil. However, if one were to open in town, it would ruin the feel of the town.	big box	no big box stores in Parksville	
Jun 3, 2010 10:47 PM	Box stores only if absolutely necessary. Keep them in Nanaimo.	big box	no big box stores in Parksville	
Jun 3, 2010 8:21 PM	But not in Parksville.	big box	no big box stores in Parksville	
May 31, 2010 4:55 PM	But any coming to this area should be out in the industrial park.	big box	no big box stores in Parksville	
May 27, 2010 6:09 PM	I need stores like Home Depot, Homesense, Sears, the Bay, HVM. I go at least once a month. also, I don't want them here.	big box	no big box stores in Parksville	
Jun 3, 2010 5:11 PM	Product availability in one stop shopping with lots of good parking is attractive as a periodic outing (Walmart, Costco, Canadian Tire, etc) but day to day - Home Hardware, Quality, Shoppers, Thrifty, have on hand and convenient with adequate parking.	big box	shop locally	
Jun 2, 2010 8:54 PM	I don't mind 15 minute travel to get to stores like Costco, and there are great stores to shop in here when you don't need 48 rolls of t.p. at a good price.	big box	shop locally	
May 31, 2010 10:36 PM	Big ticket items such as furnishings, appliances are not available, so prefer big store selections. Grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants--good selection in town.	big box	shop locally	
Jun 21, 2010 3:08 PM	I shop Home Depot or Canadian Tire for things I can't get here. I like our smaller stores for clothing.	big box	shop locally - clothing	
Jun 21, 2010 6:40 PM	I am a Costco fan, but also shop at Thrifty and Quality Foods. Don't buy clothes, furniture or hardware in Parksville because there is not much choice and price is higher than big box stores.	big box	shop locally - groceries	depends on price

Jun 4, 2010 6:00 PM	Some big, some small, if price is right. I'm below - have not got a lot of money to spend on anything.	big box	smaller	depends on price
Jun 11, 2010 8:58 PM	Nice to have big stores for the basics, but small stores for different things.	big box	smaller	
Jun 1, 2010 10:39 PM	Big or small, depending on what I am shopping for.	big box	smaller	
Jun 15, 2010 6:26 PM	I am willing to travel to Nanaimo to experience the big box stores.	big box		
Jun 14, 2010 6:39 PM	I prefer one stop shopping and lower prices.	big box		
Jun 14, 2010 5:44 PM	Larger stores if they are in a large city.	big box		
Jun 14, 2010 4:59 PM	Bigger stores are all right on the existing mall sites.	big box		
Jun 11, 2010 6:01 PM	big box stores	big box		
Jun 10, 2010 10:00 PM	Choices are better in larger retail stores, along with lower prices, in most cases.	big box		
Jun 10, 2010 9:05 PM	Love Walmart	big box		
Jun 10, 2010 9:00 PM	Selection and price and availability in larger stores are greater than small stores.	big box		
Jun 8, 2010 3:03 PM	Better prices, choices and parking.	big box		
Jun 7, 2010 10:25 PM	Better prices, more selection. Know what to expect.	big box		
Jun 7, 2010 10:09 PM	Costco, Staples, Home Depot	big box		
Jun 7, 2010 9:35 PM	Nanaimo has Walmart, Costco and all major department stores. Parksville is far too small to have these retailers. We just have to live with it.	big box		
Jun 3, 2010 6:07 PM	On todays budget stores like WalMart are a blessing for growing families and they also bring jobs to the area.	big box		
Jun 1, 2010 4:05 PM	Canadian Tire, Walmart, Zellers	big box		
May 31, 2010 10:18 PM	What happened to Canadian Tire and Extra Foods proposals?	big box		
May 31, 2010 6:57 PM	I still like to shop in a Canadian Tire, Home Depot, even Walmart.	big box		
May 31, 2010 4:45 PM	To have a better choice of sizes in clothing stores, and furniture.	big box		
May 28, 2010 9:23 PM	I like to shop where I can find what I want/need in a limited time with limited driving around.	big box		
May 26, 2010 9:35 PM	Mainly because they have lots of parking.	big box		

May 26, 2010 9:25 PM	With kids at home I can afford big box stores. As they move out I will shop locally, as it tends to be better quality, but more expensive.	big box		
May 21, 2010 3:17 AM	Costco and SuperStore at the way to go	big box		
May 17, 2010 8:21 PM	department stores	big box		
May 17, 2010 6:22 PM	I like one-stop shopping.	big box		
Jun 2, 2010 6:23 PM	Big box and medium sized stores. One stop store--24 hours. Will give some more employment here.	big box stores needed in Parksville	medium	
Jun 10, 2010 8:45 PM	Parksville needs to allow larger chain or box stores. If this doesn't happen, then we will continue to drive to Nanaimo. Also, why was an iceskating facility set up at Wembley mall? This was short sighted, given the need for commercial zoned areas.	big box stores needed in Parksville		
Jun 10, 2010 3:53 PM	Would like to see an area given to big box stores--maybe in Industrial park.	big box stores needed in Parksville		
Jun 8, 2010 6:27 PM	I am definitely a supporter of at least two big box stores in Parksville. Would be so very helpful.	big box stores needed in Parksville		
Jun 7, 2010 8:45 PM	Encourage: Canadian Tire, London Drugs, food court, movie theatres, billiard hall, more for kids to do (ie, teenagers).	big box stores needed in Parksville		
Jun 1, 2010 8:32 PM	We need a larger shopping destination. Canadian Tire/WalMart etc.	big box stores needed in Parksville		
May 31, 2010 10:20 PM	We could use a Home Sense, Canadian Tire, COBS Bread--new, modern. The Heritage mall beside Craig Bay suffers because they are tacky.	big box stores needed in Parksville		

May 27, 2010 6:36 PM	We need better stores in Parksville. In the last year I have purchased so many items in Nanaimo--computers, cell phones, TVs, furniture, building supplies, etc. I know that if Parksville brings in bigger stores it will hurt the smaller stores, but people are going to Nanaimo all the time because the smaller stores just do not have what the people want.	big box stores needed in Parksville		
May 26, 2010 4:19 PM	There should be no reasons why a WalMart, CTC, Home Depot, etc, can't come here to give us a choice in merchandise, services and most important "competition" in prices	big box stores needed in Parksville		
May 23, 2010 3:47 PM	All I want is to be able to buy a shirt when I need one. Buy a tire for my car on a Sunday (and fix the others....). If I need a toaster or an iron it would be nice to get on here. Maybe even a pair of skates or a fishing rod. And while I was out (in town) I'd probably take my wife for lunch at a local restaurant and if there was a movie theatre I'd even enjoy that. Wow....we really are behind the times.	big box stores needed in Parksville		
Jun 17, 2010 6:35 PM	Canadian Tire size is good. We also need smaller stores with better service.	Canadian Tire	smaller	
Jun 11, 2010 3:23 PM	What has happened to Canadian Tire? We also need clothing outlets.	Canadian Tire needed in Parksville		
May 20, 2010 8:57 PM	We need a Canadian Tire.	Canadian Tire needed in Parksville		
Jun 18, 2010 9:01 PM	Would enjoy a department store instead of having to go to Nanaimo for most things. Men's store would do well here. Would help the Wembley Mall. It needs a shot in the arm, and how.	department store needed in Parksville		
Jun 16, 2010 3:05 PM	Like department stores that sell a variety of goods so I can do it all at one time. Like dealing with known company that has guarantee. Don't want hassle with small store that might not stand behind what it sells.	department stores		
Jun 8, 2010 8:24 PM	variety, price	depends on availability	depends on price	

Jun 8, 2010 4:10 PM	More choice and cheaper prices.	depends on availability	depends on price	
Jun 7, 2010 5:46 PM	Quality of product, selection, service are important as are knowledgeable staff.	depends on availability	depends on price	
Jun 4, 2010 3:50 PM	Wherever I get the selection and best price.	depends on availability	depends on price	
Jun 3, 2010 3:22 PM	Variety of goods and prices are of prime importance.	depends on availability	depends on price	
Jun 2, 2010 3:51 PM	Parksville has tiny, rundown shops with poor selection and high prices	depends on availability	depends on price	
Jun 10, 2010 10:26 PM	Availability of wanted/needed items is important	depends on availability		
Jun 1, 2010 8:32 PM	I often phone our stores here to see if they have what I want. 90% of the time they don't. We need to allow some open markets also for fresh vegetables and fruit, even seafood.	depends on availability		
May 19, 2010 7:00 PM	Like to shop for clothes with large variety. That being said, I am not a clothes horse either.	depends on availability		
Jun 8, 2010 5:45 PM	Price point and selection is key to people shopping locally.	depends on price	depends on availability	
Jun 3, 2010 6:57 PM	It has to do with price and choice.	depends on price	depends on availability	
Jun 1, 2010 4:42 AM	at the end of the day it is were I can save the most money and get everything I need.	depends on price	depends on availability	
May 19, 2010 9:58 PM	I want value for my money and I can't always get that here. There are many items that are not sold in Parksville that I need.	depends on price	depends on availability	
Jun 8, 2010 4:44 PM	Price matters. Local ownership is important. Do not want Canadian Tire. I support Home Hardware.	depends on price	no big box stores in Parksville	
Jun 18, 2010 9:32 PM	Wherever price and quality are superior.	depends on price		
Jun 18, 2010 5:42 PM	Prices here are not competitive compared to larger stores.	depends on price		
Jun 17, 2010 10:52 PM	With the constant erosion of disposable income from increasing taxes and fees, I shop for the best deals.	depends on price		

Jun 17, 2010 10:14 PM	Whatever store has what I need at a good price.	depends on price		
Jun 16, 2010 6:17 PM	As a senior on fixed income, I shop where I can find the lowest price for what I need.	depends on price		
Jun 16, 2010 4:25 PM	If the price is right. Food budget is \$150/month for family of 3.	depends on price		
Jun 15, 2010 9:30 PM	The more competition the better for the consumer.	depends on price		
Jun 15, 2010 6:15 PM	Depends on price.	depends on price		
Jun 14, 2010 6:23 PM	Price is important.	depends on price		
Jun 11, 2010 10:13 PM	We look at price to decide where to shop.	depends on price		
Jun 11, 2010 9:37 PM	Decent quality items at a reasonable price is what most people look for.	depends on price		
Jun 11, 2010 8:43 PM	Other than the grocery stores, the smaller shops here are not as competitive in pricing as in larger box stores in Nanaimo	depends on price		
Jun 11, 2010 5:27 PM	More competition is better - keeps the prices down and quality up	depends on price		
Jun 11, 2010 5:14 PM	Where you get the best bank for the buck.	depends on price		
Jun 11, 2010 4:27 PM	Stores that have competitive prices and good service	depends on price		
Jun 10, 2010 8:33 PM	Prices are too expensive. People shop a lot at the dollar stores here. If you are on low income you have no choice in the matter.	depends on price		
Jun 10, 2010 6:52 PM	Allow competitive stores to come in to provide better service to all residents.	depends on price		
Jun 7, 2010 4:42 PM	Shopping in Parksville is not competitive.	depends on price		
Jun 4, 2010 10:54 PM	If the price is right and the merchandise of good quality	depends on price		

Jun 4, 2010 8:09 PM	Any store that has good prices	depends on price		
Jun 4, 2010 6:49 PM	Family of four = no time. Too few merchants here can provide us with what we need at competitive prices. Also service could be better at our businesses.	depends on price		
Jun 4, 2010 4:27 PM	Retired, limited income - look for sales. Dollars really matter.	depends on price		
Jun 4, 2010 3:31 PM	Depends what we are looking for and the price point.	depends on price		
Jun 2, 2010 9:03 PM	When you live on a fixed income, you have to shop around for what you can afford.	depends on price		
Jun 2, 2010 5:29 PM	We live on a tight budget and whatever price is cheaper, that's where we buy. Not compromising quality.	depends on price		
May 31, 2010 10:31 PM	We shop around for the best prices for similar products. We wait until things are on sale before we buy. We would like to shop locally but Parksville doesn't often have the best prices.	depends on price		
May 31, 2010 10:11 PM	Competition with stores to bargain shop.	depends on price		
May 21, 2010 8:10 PM	the price is the bottom line	depends on price		
May 19, 2010 9:28 PM	In many cases price/cost dictates where I shop.	depends on price		
Jun 2, 2010 3:39 PM	We dislike the big box stores but unfortunately it is affordable.	dislike big box stores	depends on price	
May 28, 2010 10:14 PM	I don't like big corporations. I want to shop with local merchants and feel like I am encouraging local families and keeping my money in our community.	dislike big box stores	shop locally	
May 26, 2010 3:56 PM	I don't do big box stores - prefer to shop at Mom & Pop stores	dislike big box stores	smaller	
Jun 18, 2010 10:37 PM	Hate big box stores.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 18, 2010 9:10 PM	Box stores and franchises make a City "one size fits all". Terrible architecture and many chinese warehouses - cheap toxic plastic.	dislike big box stores		

Jun 17, 2010 6:20 PM	Box stores make you feel like cattle.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 14, 2010 4:18 PM	If the store is too big, you can get overwhelmed and too easily distracted. Plus, no service.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 11, 2010 6:10 PM	Big box stores are tiring and often there isn't a clerk to get assistance.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 10, 2010 10:14 PM	We don't shop big box stores.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 10, 2010 9:36 PM	Dislike big box stores	dislike big box stores		
Jun 4, 2010 9:46 PM	Big box stores are less expensive but at my age I am not really interested in buying quantities of "stuff". They are inconvenient (must walk distances and spend time in trying to find things).	dislike big box stores		
Jun 4, 2010 9:43 PM	Big box store just kills small, struggling businesses.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 4, 2010 5:39 PM	Personally, I hate big box stores and would be happy to never go in one again. In fact, I'd like it if they ceased to exist.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 3, 2010 9:34 PM	No Walmart. Too parasitic to food and many other businesses.	dislike big box stores		
Jun 2, 2010 6:46 PM	No big box stores	dislike big box stores		
Jun 1, 2010 10:27 PM	Big box stores kill downtown.	dislike big box stores		
May 28, 2010 10:31 PM	I go out of my way to avoid big box stores.	dislike big box stores		
May 27, 2010 6:03 PM	Never Walmart	dislike big box stores		
Jun 17, 2010 8:06 PM	Attract Ikea here with tax incentives and you will have shoppers from the whole island. Wembley mall is a farce.	Ikea		
May 31, 2010 10:25 PM	large stores are needed as an anchor store to get people to shop in the malls.	larger stores		
May 26, 2010 5:55 AM	I could see Parksville supporting an small outlet mall such as the one in Langford. I believe that mall does a great job of mixing West Coast architecture with shopping convenience.	larger stores needed in Parksville		

May 18, 2010 3:24 PM	small stores are usually more expensive	medium	big box	depends on price
May 17, 2010 10:24 PM	Only small stores more expensive. Large stores have buying power that small stores cannot match.	medium	big box	
Jun 1, 2010 6:23 PM	Or smaller stores. Big box stores would detract from the Parksville atmosphere. Our grocery stores offer plenty of selections with competitive prices.	medium	smaller	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 11, 2010 3:22 PM	Big box stores certainly have their place in our society, but generally speaking, medium size stores fill the bill.	medium		
May 7, 2010 6:16 PM	Canadian Tire should be allowed at the Mall where it belongs	need Canadian Tire in Parksville		
May 18, 2010 5:40 PM	Woodridge type shopping mall	need new mall in Parksville		
Jun 8, 2010 4:44 PM	Driving to Superstore isn't going to kill you - we definitely need it here.	need Superstore in Parksville		
Jun 11, 2010 6:21 PM	A more modern type mall, except you have no place to put one unless outside the downtown area.	new mall needed in Parksville		
Jun 17, 2010 10:25 PM	We don't need big box stores here. They are only 20 minutes away. Need something like a Canadian Tire situated in a proper location.	no big box stores in Parksville	Canadian Tire needed in Parksville	
Jun 8, 2010 3:28 PM	But no big box stores in Parksville, please. I don't consider Canadian Tire a big box store.	no big box stores in Parksville	Canadian Tire needed in Parksville	
May 19, 2010 5:20 PM	No big box stores and chains please except Tim Hortons and Canadian Tire of course.	no big box stores in Parksville	Canadian Tire needed in Parksville	
Jun 17, 2010 5:00 PM	No big box stores in Parksville. I enjoy going to Nanaimo to Costco, etc. I also shop in our small shops in Parksville. I would like us to be more like Qualicum. No beach development.	no big box stores in Parksville	shop locally	

Jun 18, 2010 6:01 PM	Personal service where you know the staff and they know you. We don't need the big box stores. They would destroy the reason people came here in the first place.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 17, 2010 3:26 PM	No big box stores for Parksville. Don't want them or need them. Ditto for most franchises.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 16, 2010 10:55 PM	A small community such as Parksville doesn't need big box stores. Nanaimo is close enough for that kind of shopping.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 15, 2010 8:47 PM	Parksville's attraction for us is its lack of 'big city' box stores, highrises (except the hideous Beach Club) and large malls, etc.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 15, 2010 4:52 PM	These big box stores kill the livelihood and the enthusiasm of the smaller stores. They are also unfriendly, very tiring to shop in, and in the long run as expensive or more so than the smaller outlets.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 15, 2010 3:14 PM	No need for big box stores. They tend to be the same sort as one finds in any centre that features them. They're often chain stores and one finds the same merchandise as in every store across the country.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 14, 2010 9:46 PM	Would prefer not to have big box stores in Parksville.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 14, 2010 8:47 PM	No big box stores for Parksville.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 11, 2010 10:50 PM	I'm getting an uneasy feeling you want huge stores here.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 10, 2010 9:19 PM	I don't mind big box stores as long as they're not in my back yard. 20 minutes south is just great.	no big box stores in Parksville		

Jun 8, 2010 10:15 PM	No Canadian Tire because it would destroy the flavour of the city and spell doom for some existing stores.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 8, 2010 8:19 PM	Let big box stores stay in Nanaimo.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 7, 2010 9:10 PM	No big box please (unless in an industrial park). Please, not like Duncan--yuck.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 7, 2010 6:42 PM	Parksville does not need big box stores. Young families that find shopping in box stores economical usually have a car to drive to them.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 7, 2010 4:32 PM	Don't feel we need to repeat what is already in North Nanaimo. Doing this will spoil the character of Parksville.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 4, 2010 9:28 PM	I don't think Parksville needs or would suit a big box store. If the transit system was more regular with the trips to Woodgrove, that could help.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 4, 2010 9:19 PM	Big box stores should not be in Parksville unless they are in the industrial area.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 4, 2010 8:49 PM	Let Nanaimo keep the big box stores - stay personal and individual where possible. That is special, big box stores are available to many places already - they have a function to be sure but don't add character to a community.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 4, 2010 6:58 PM	I do not approve of box stores. They destroy downtown vitality and local entrepreneurs. They pay poor wages (we have enough low wage jobs here already). Keep our stores small and local.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 2, 2010 6:19 PM	I don't want big box stores in Parksville. I'm content to go to Woodgrove area for these.	no big box stores in Parksville		

Jun 2, 2010 6:10 PM	Not interested in any box stores in parksville.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 2, 2010 6:01 PM	I would prefer not to have box stores in Parksville	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 2, 2010 5:55 PM	I'm satisfied not having big box stores here.	no big box stores in Parksville		
Jun 1, 2010 8:17 PM	No big box stores in Parksville!	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 26, 2010 8:47 PM	You have the ability to allow the small business to continue or let the big box stores in and destroy Parksville, putting numerous businesses out, bankrupt, and you won't collect any more taxes for the City. Take the choice of your people. This is not Alberta.	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 24, 2010 12:26 AM	My needs are few and other than groceries, there is little else that would support bigger stores here. The odd trip to Nanaimo is good enough to keep the stores there and the convenience of them 20 minutes away.	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 21, 2010 10:22 PM	I like big box stores to stay in big centres. I would not like to see our smaller stores have to compete with large outlets who can buy at lower prices. I like to find a clerk once in a while.	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 19, 2010 4:22 PM	Please no box stores in Parksville	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 18, 2010 9:08 PM	leave the big box stores in Nanaimo, Comox/Courtney or Victoria area	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 18, 2010 6:52 PM	The character of Parksville would be ruined by big box stores.	no big box stores in Parksville		

May 18, 2010 3:35 PM	Parksville does not need big box stores--we live close enough to Nanaimo.	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 17, 2010 8:26 PM	Again, I do NOT want big box stores in Parksville. I think they would spoil the lifestyle here.	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 17, 2010 5:59 PM	Big box stores are terrible. I don't want them in my community. That includes Canadian Tire.	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 10, 2010 4:39 AM	One BigBox store begets another and another etc. and if Mayor Mayne really wants one so badly, let him put it in his community of Nanoose.	no big box stores in Parksville		
May 22, 2010 5:51 AM	I would not like to see box stores in Parksville - at least not near downtown. If it made sense for them to be near Allsbrook/Inland Hwy, then OK This town will continue to be a destination for retirees - not box store people!	no big box stores in Parksville (not downtown)		
Jun 18, 2010 8:44 PM	Also shop by mail/phone/internet.	other		
Jun 8, 2010 3:59 PM	If I need something I can shop online. Costco.ca has free delivery. Love it.	other		
Jun 2, 2010 6:05 PM	None of the above. I prefer the online method.	other		
Jun 7, 2010 5:40 PM	It's good the way it is now. Great stores here, box stores further away.	shop locally	big box	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 8, 2010 9:48 PM	The bigger stores offer more variety at a cheaper price. I do however shop locally for most of our regular purchases such as groceries, hardware, drug store items.	shop locally	big box	
May 17, 2010 6:37 PM	While we love shopping in small local stores, the reality is it is cheaper and you get a better selection in larger stores. With the Oceanside population of 50,000 we should have what Courtenay or Port Alberni have.	shop locally	big box stores needed in Parksville	

May 19, 2010 4:39 PM	Try to stay local as much as possible. Sometimes just need to get better price and in order to do that we need to shop at a bigger store, as they can provide lower prices than a small store.	shop locally	depends of price	big box
May 25, 2010 4:03 PM	I prefer to shop locally if products are available locally.	shop locally	depends on availability	
May 21, 2010 9:59 PM	We shop local, until local cannot provide us with what we need. Parksville real estate prices will always be a barrier. Providing low cost housing will not help this situation.	shop locally	depends on availability	
Jun 14, 2010 4:46 PM	I try to support local businesses, but prices matter when you're on a fixed income.	shop locally	depends on price	
Jun 3, 2010 5:55 PM	I like to shop locally as much as possible, and do that. If prices are too high, I am forced to shop elsewhere. Can only spread the paycheque so far. But generally happy with prices and services locally.	shop locally	depends on price	
Jun 4, 2010 10:58 PM	I have no problem driving to Nanaimo to shop at bigger stores if need be, but not that often.	shop locally	larger stores	
Jun 18, 2010 3:31 PM	I like to shop out of the weather, so it is a real treat to shop at a mall. I sometimes find it uncomfortable to browse in smaller stores (outside of a mall). I frequent most shops in Parksville weekly for specific items.	shop locally	mall	
Jun 21, 2010 4:32 PM	Prefer smaller to medium stores, close to home. Big box stores not required in Parksville.	shop locally	no big box stores in Parksville	
May 28, 2010 8:48 PM	The Home Hardware has anything a Canadian Tire has. We don't need box stores. A men's clothing store.	shop locally	no big box stores in Parksville	
May 25, 2010 9:42 PM	I like shopping in a small local owned store because your experience is more personal and the employees have knowledge of what they sell, but I can't afford to therefore we are forced to shop at big chain stores like Walmart.	shop locally	shop Nanaimo	depends on price

Jun 21, 2010 5:13 PM	Parksville has all the stores necessary for everyday existence, but if something isn't available (eg, fabric, craft or bookstores), one has to travel to Nanaimo. Note: if there are bookstores, craft stores--very limited supplies.	shop locally	shop Nanaimo	
Jun 16, 2010 9:43 PM	With our visitors we shop locally. For ourselves we tend to splurge down south--more variety, better prices.	shop locally	shop Nanaimo	
May 25, 2010 11:13 PM	I try to always first shop locally(food, gas, clothing, misc products) but if I am making a car trip into nanaimo I will get items that are cheaper or more available in Nanaimo	shop locally	shop Nanaimo	
Jun 15, 2010 9:09 PM	Groceries, hardware, most clothing I use is provided locally. For a larger items such as a stove or fridge, I go to Nanaimo.	shop locally	shop Nanaimo - larger items	
Jun 21, 2010 6:00 PM	So sorry to see an antiques store go in at the Thrifty mall. Home Hardware would have been a better fit for that space.	shop locally		
Jun 18, 2010 10:20 PM	I am happy with the shopping available to me now in Parksville.	shop locally		
Jun 17, 2010 4:15 PM	We get excellent service from our local stores. Let's not push them out of town when big chains move in.	shop locally		
Jun 16, 2010 8:58 PM	Large malls/shopping centres are ok once in a while but for elderly persons (mostly I think) they are very impersonal and the "piped-in" music is often much too loud and tasteless. Parksville's smaller stores are friendly and tend to your needs, ie. answering questions politely, etc.	shop locally		
Jun 15, 2010 10:30 PM	I love the choices in our local grocery stores. Quality Foods and Thrifty are wonderful for choice and delivery policies. Feel they are part of our community. They support so many local events and teams, unlike stores such as Walmart (they kill small town communities).	shop locally		
Jun 14, 2010 8:15 PM	We have a mall.	shop locally		
Jun 14, 2010 5:40 PM	Personal attention. I even know and am known in Thrifty's and Save on Plus the other stores.	shop locally		
Jun 11, 2010 6:14 PM	I like shopping in Parksville - most convenient and supports local merchants - good variety and good & services.	shop locally		
Jun 11, 2010 4:58 PM	Get better service and options dealing locally.	shop locally		

Jun 10, 2010 10:24 PM	I prefer not to shop in big box stores unless I have to. Most of my shopping is done in Parksville, as the stores here have what we need.	shop locally		
Jun 10, 2010 5:00 PM	Service is better. Personal help with orders and returns. Longevity with staff nice and friendly.	shop locally		
Jun 7, 2010 4:34 PM	Quality and price. But I love to support the family businesses. They are the heart of the community.	shop locally		
Jun 4, 2010 6:54 PM	75% of the time, Parksville is sufficient to our needs.	shop locally		
Jun 4, 2010 4:48 PM	I shop locally whenever possible.	shop locally		
Jun 3, 2010 5:09 PM	I spent 25 years in Nanoose before moving to Parksville but I did 75% of my shopping in Parksville.	shop locally		
Jun 2, 2010 7:02 PM	Like to support local merchants and services.	shop locally		
May 31, 2010 10:30 PM	We like Parksville/Qualicum location because it gives you close access to all kinds of shopping.	shop locally		
May 31, 2010 9:40 PM	Prefer local, not international corporations.	shop locally		
May 28, 2010 6:34 PM	I shop sale items so visit QF and Thrifty's. Also Home Hardware and Stedmans have most of my household needs.	shop locally		
May 27, 2010 3:46 PM	Local stores where the money continues to circulate in the community, rather than fleeing to head offices elsewhere.	shop locally		
May 27, 2010 3:35 AM	I try to shop locally to help keep the Parksville economy going.	shop locally		
May 25, 2010 8:43 PM	Preference--support local merchants.Do not support international chains (eg Tim Hortons, MacDonalds).	shop locally		
May 25, 2010 6:52 PM	The shops in town satisfy most of my families needs	shop locally		
May 25, 2010 6:23 PM	I particularly like the family owned and operated small stores of Parksville.	shop locally		
May 25, 2010 6:02 PM	My favourite stores are in Wembley Mall.	shop locally		
May 21, 2010 8:19 PM	I prefer to know the merchants I'm dealing with and see them able to contribute to the community.	shop locally		
May 19, 2010 6:47 PM	As we are seniors, our needs are not as great as younger working families. We know young families drive to Nanaimo for better prices and variety. I prefer to do my grocery shopping here.	shop locally		
May 18, 2010 8:35 PM	We have a good variety of food, clothing, furniture, hardware, building supply stores now.	shop locally		

May 17, 2010 5:31 PM	we need to support our local stores	shop locally		
May 17, 2010 4:46 PM	keep shopping local	shop locally		
May 14, 2010 4:09 PM	Parksville has almost everything we need, mostly within walking distance.	shop locally		
May 19, 2010 3:20 PM	If I can get what I want at a local store, at competitive prices, I'd rather support them than the box stores.	shop locally	depends on price	
Jun 8, 2010 5:00 PM	We buy day to day items (food, etc.) in Parksville and large items (furniture) in Nanaimo. No need for big box stores here. Nanaimo is close enough.	shop locally - groceries	shop Nanaimo - larger items	
May 31, 2010 9:49 PM	For food I prefer to shop from local organic farmers.	shop locally - groceries		
May 21, 2010 9:07 PM	I like local grocery stores, ie Thrifty and QF. I go to Nanaimo for increased choices for some items.	shop locally - groceries		
Jun 15, 2010 8:25 PM	Product availability is an deciding factor. A few dollars difference won't lure me to Nanaimo but availability will, and I may spend a few extra dollars while I am there; hence, the need for a big box store in Parksville.	shop locally - when available	big box stores needed in Parksville	
Jun 17, 2010 9:05 PM	Buying clothes for a family--choices and prices very limiting locally. Have to go to Nanaimo for these. Need to compare prices on big ticket items.	shop Nanaimo	depends on price	
Jun 11, 2010 10:32 PM	Being on a pension, it's very hard to shop here as most of the stores overcharge.	shop Nanaimo	depends on price	
Jun 11, 2010 3:51 PM	Prices in Nanaimo are much lower in certain ways. Grocery items can be bought with many savings, whereas here in Parksville prices are pretty well set.	shop Nanaimo	depends on price	
May 26, 2010 5:22 PM	I don't mind driving to Nanaimo when I have something substantial to price-compare, or can't get here. Unless Parksville gets all the big stores, there will always be a need to go to Nanaimo.	shop Nanaimo	depends on price	
Jun 11, 2010 3:44 PM	I would like to support local merchants and businesses but often find myself driving to Nanaimo because local suppliers don't exist. Encouraging small business would be great. Leave the big box stores in Nanaimo.	shop Nanaimo	no big box stores in Parksville	
Jun 16, 2010 10:26 PM	Prices and selection are better.	shop Nanaimo		

Jun 14, 2010 8:59 PM	We shop Nanaimo--groceries, drugstore, etc.	shop Nanaimo		
Jun 14, 2010 6:01 PM	One of the advantages of living in Parksville is proximity to a larger centre.	shop Nanaimo		
Jun 10, 2010 8:34 PM	We had years of large variety of stores. Now we need to go to Nanaimo for things.	shop Nanaimo		
Jun 3, 2010 8:40 PM	I shop in Nanaimo for clothes mostly.	shop Nanaimo		
May 18, 2010 5:51 PM	A lot of stores in Parksville seem not to want your business. We are retired and don't mind driving to Nanaimo. Grocery stores in Parksville should be more competitive.	shop Nanaimo		
May 18, 2010 4:30 PM	I shop in Nanaimo stores for sales/more selection.	shop Nanaimo		
Jun 15, 2010 3:39 PM	We can encourage larger stores such as Canadian Tire/London Drugs to build smaller boutique style outlets within our downtown. They want to locate here. They just have to be more creative and sensitive.	small versions of big box stores needed in Parksville		
Jun 14, 2010 10:42 PM	No big box stores; however, smaller versions of some of these stores would be acceptable, such as Marks Work Wear, Canadian Tire, London Drugs.	small versions of big box stores needed in Parksville		
Jun 14, 2010 4:53 PM	smaller stores; any combination	smaller	any combination	
May 18, 2010 10:31 PM	smaller stores; big box stores; quality and price matters most	smaller	big box	depends on price
Jun 21, 2010 3:15 PM	Smaller stores for clothes, furniture, miscellaneous. Larger stores for home reno and food. The expansion of Thrifty is great.	smaller	big box	
Jun 11, 2010 3:03 PM	smaller and big box stores	smaller	big box	
Jun 10, 2010 6:41 PM	Depends on what shopping for. Love the boutiques of Qualicum Beach - like big box for savings on every days goods.	smaller	big box	
Jun 10, 2010 4:21 PM	I prefer good customer service found with smaller stores. but I do buy some things at Costco and Home Depot. I'm really glad Thrifty has expanded.	smaller	big box	
Jun 3, 2010 5:28 PM	smaller & big box stores	smaller	big box	
Jun 2, 2010 3:31 PM	We enjoy small stores but on a small pension sometimes big box has the best prices	smaller	big box	

May 31, 2010 8:11 PM	Clothing--I prefer small stores. Groceries--big box.	smaller	big box	
May 28, 2010 6:09 AM	Boutique type small stores for fun and then larger ones for the essential things	smaller	big box	
May 27, 2010 5:46 PM	Need an area dedicated to local unique shops and an area of big box stores.	smaller	big box	
May 22, 2010 5:00 AM	I prefer shopping in smaller stores for some things, and I like having these local. I don't mind driving to Sears and Canadian Tire as I don't need to shop there very often.	smaller	big box	
May 21, 2010 9:39 PM	Small specialty stores, Big box value stores i.e. walmart	smaller	big box	
May 21, 2010 8:35 PM	I like both.	smaller	big box	
May 18, 2010 9:31 PM	smaller stores; big box stores	smaller	big box	
Jun 4, 2010 8:40 PM	Smaller stores. I go to Superstore for a few select items. Never shop Walmart. Avoid Crappy Tire as much as possible and shop locally almost exclusively.	smaller	big box - groceries	
Jun 9, 2010 8:41 PM	Small stores are nice but not everything is available there	smaller	depends on availability	
May 19, 2010 9:47 PM	When I want to shop, I don't mind smaller stores, as long as they carry what i am looking for.	smaller	depends on availability	
May 18, 2010 9:56 PM	Smaller preferably but these size stores can not always supply what I need but I like the service I get there - establish a relationship.	smaller	depends on availability	
Jun 7, 2010 5:31 PM	I would prefer smaller stores if the costs were closer to the biggies. Would pay a little more to support local merchants.	smaller	depends on price	
Jun 4, 2010 5:56 PM	I like the smaller stores but cost is everything in the end	smaller	depends on price	
May 27, 2010 9:31 PM	Smaller stores. Big box stores take profits away from small business. We need small stores to have the shopping attraction to our area.	smaller	dislike big box stores	
Jun 8, 2010 10:31 PM	All stores of any size have a place within a community. This is what keeps things competitive and the smaller stores will then provide a more personal touch with the service they provide.	smaller	medium	big box
Jun 7, 2010 3:32 PM	Like smaller stores and medium size the best. Go to Costco sometimes and Superstore, Canadian Tire and Woodgrove, but not very often.	smaller	medium	big box

May 27, 2010 10:13 PM	Smaller and medium size stores, especially if the prices are comparable.	smaller	medium	depends on price
May 20, 2010 4:27 PM	smaller stores; medium sized stores; no to big box stores	smaller	medium	dislike big box stores
May 19, 2010 10:49 PM	Big box stores only add more crap to our lives.	smaller	medium	dislike big box stores
May 14, 2010 8:07 PM	Big Box stores and lack of services make for intimidating shopping	smaller	medium	dislike big box stores
Jun 18, 2010 6:58 PM	Smaller and medium stores. The big box stores can remain in centres like Nanaimo and Courtenay. For the few times they are needed, travelling to them is not a problem. I chose to live in Parksville for the small town atmosphere.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 18, 2010 6:38 PM	Smaller and medium stores. The big box stores can stay in Nanaimo and Courtenay. It's not that far to go. I chose not to live in either of those cities because I prefer the small town for my lifestyle and daily needs.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 16, 2010 8:38 PM	Smaller and medium stores. I don't want big box stores at home, but want to shop at home. I will pay more to do so.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 14, 2010 5:31 PM	Smaller and medium stores. Overly large stores are tiring to walk around and it's harder to find what you're looking for. Large stores contribute to the loss of the small town atmosphere.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 11, 2010 6:46 PM	Smaller and medium stores. I don't want big box stores in Parksville. If some people think they are a necessity, then I would advise them to move to a larger city.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 7, 2010 4:01 PM	Smaller and medium stores. Big box stores don't belong in Parksville.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 3, 2010 5:24 PM	Smaller and medium stores. Abhor big box stores. Do not want one here.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville

Jun 1, 2010 7:58 PM	small and medium stores; no big box stores.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
May 26, 2010 4:49 PM	smaller and medium stores; don't like the idea of box store in Parksville	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
May 20, 2010 10:33 PM	smaller; medium stores. We don't need big box stores. They don't add anything to a small community; rather they take away.	smaller	medium	no big box stores in Parksville
Jun 3, 2010 10:06 PM	Smaller and medium stores. I like to support the locals. A lot of them give back to the community more than the big box stores.	smaller	medium	shop locally
Jun 2, 2010 10:39 PM	Smaller and medium stores. I like the individual shops. It's a pleasure to shop here. Once in a while I go to the Bay but prefer not to. Transportation would make it easier for me to visit Home Hardware on the highway for larger items the local Home Hardware doesn't carry.	smaller	medium	shop locally
Jun 21, 2010 3:25 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 18, 2010 8:34 PM	Smaller and medium stores. In smaller stores, the people generally know more about what they sell and it's a friendlier, more personal environment.	smaller	medium	
Jun 18, 2010 4:24 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 18, 2010 4:04 PM	Smaller and medium stores. Big box stores sometimes provide low prices, but quality of products can be inferior. No personal touch.	smaller	medium	
Jun 17, 2010 9:38 PM	Smaller and medium stores. I prefer to buy recycled articles from SOS and Salvation Army. Not only do I support community programs, I save the environment while saving money.	smaller	medium	
Jun 17, 2010 6:26 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 17, 2010 3:56 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 16, 2010 9:08 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 16, 2010 5:58 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 15, 2010 9:24 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 15, 2010 6:40 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 15, 2010 4:33 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	

Jun 15, 2010 4:12 PM	Smaller and medium stores. Even Thrifty is becoming too large with one set of cashiers and not enough handicap spaces.	smaller	medium	
Jun 14, 2010 9:55 PM	Smaller and medium stores. Some items such as attire and shoes are not available.	smaller	medium	
Jun 14, 2010 9:32 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 14, 2010 3:38 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 11, 2010 9:47 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 10, 2010 10:41 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 10, 2010 8:23 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 10, 2010 6:18 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 8, 2010 9:58 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 8, 2010 9:03 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 8, 2010 8:41 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 7, 2010 10:40 PM	Smaller and medium stores. I don't mind going to Nanaimo to go to big box stores. Would do more shopping locally with more choices, fresh local foods, etc.	smaller	medium	
Jun 7, 2010 9:02 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 7, 2010 6:13 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 4, 2010 8:20 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 4, 2010 6:00 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 4, 2010 5:56 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 3, 2010 8:34 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 3, 2010 3:17 PM	More friendly service.	smaller	medium	
Jun 1, 2010 9:29 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 1, 2010 6:31 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
Jun 1, 2010 4:27 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 28, 2010 10:41 PM	Better variety, personal attention, sense of community. opportunity for the unique over the mundane choices available in malls and big box stores.	smaller	medium	
May 28, 2010 6:58 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 28, 2010 4:56 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 28, 2010 4:18 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 27, 2010 8:23 PM	smaller, medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 27, 2010 4:28 PM	smaller and medium size stores	smaller	medium	

May 26, 2010 6:47 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 26, 2010 3:18 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 25, 2010 5:54 PM	smaller stores; medium sized stores	smaller	medium	
May 21, 2010 6:44 PM	smaller and medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 21, 2010 3:07 PM	smaller & medium stores	smaller	medium	
May 19, 2010 10:20 PM	smaller stores; medium sized stores	smaller	medium	
May 19, 2010 7:00 PM	smaller; medium	smaller	medium	
May 18, 2010 6:34 PM	smaller and medium sized stores	smaller	medium	
May 18, 2010 3:30 PM	smaller stores; medium sized stores	smaller	medium	
May 28, 2010 10:01 PM	Smaller stores usually have more unique items and I would like to see more of these in town and leave the big box stores to Nanaimo and Campbell River	smaller	no big box stores in Parksville	
May 21, 2010 1:09 AM	It's nice to have someone to help when needed. That's what you get in local stores. They need my custom, I need their advice. Works well.	smaller	shop locally	
Jun 11, 2010 9:58 PM	Smaller is quicker for groceries. I know and trust the staff and I know where to find everything so I'm in and out faster.	smaller	shop locally - groceries	
Jun 17, 2010 8:33 PM	Smaller stores are less intimidating, and it's easier to find merchandise. Look at malls--they have a lot of smaller specialty shops. Large department stores are struggling.	smaller		
Jun 16, 2010 8:05 PM	Enjoy unique and/or outside shopping--fresh meat, produce, etc.	smaller		
Jun 14, 2010 2:59 PM	Small stores create jobs and have character. This is how the rest of the world operates (not North America).	smaller		
Jun 11, 2010 10:07 PM	Much better service with smaller stores.	smaller		
Jun 11, 2010 3:42 PM	Like in Qualicum Beach	smaller		
Jun 7, 2010 8:35 PM	Small quality stores are the best attraction; eg, Comox had a shop called the Wise Owl. I used to drive up there periodically to purchase special and different gifts.	smaller		
Jun 7, 2010 6:14 PM	Not so busy for older people	smaller		

Jun 7, 2010 5:13 PM	Smaller stores are attractive. Variety of mid-to-high end stores. Not tourist outlets, recycle, junk stores, etc. HOWEVER, it does not work if you need to drive between them. Easy pedestrian access between stores, coffee shops, restaurants.	smaller		
May 28, 2010 3:33 PM	Smaller stores are more likely to provide better personal service and unique merchandise.	smaller		
May 26, 2010 8:15 PM	Small friendly stores suit me very well.	smaller		
May 25, 2010 3:44 PM	personal service and time saving	smaller		
May 21, 2010 4:00 PM	Would like to see more brand name boutiques and more options.	smaller		
May 20, 2010 9:21 PM	You're not only cash customer. We get to have a name.	smaller		
May 19, 2010 9:12 PM	More personal--you get better customer service	smaller		
May 19, 2010 5:22 PM	smaller stores; service is more important than quantity and price to a certain degree	smaller		
May 18, 2010 6:06 PM	Smaller stores tend to be more unique in the stock available in this area at least.	smaller		
May 17, 2010 5:21 PM	We need more mom & pop stores and some decent restaurants.	smaller		
May 17, 2010 5:07 PM	I like shopping in small shops as you receive better service, unusual products, and usually prices that are not too much higher.	smaller		
Jun 18, 2010 10:35 PM	Design the downtown area to allow more whole streets of shops and restaurants. Complete the Jensen Street project. Provide lots of benches for our elderly - trees - greenspaces - Jensen and Highway 4A is a natural for a downtown park area. Use it.			
Jun 18, 2010 9:52 PM	Location is important. Believe Alberni Hwy to downtown would work best for stores as old homes (can be taken down) vacant property already there must be pleasantly designed however with nice landscaping.			
Jun 17, 2010 10:43 PM	The busiest store in town is SOS. Like a treasure hunt. Fun. Meeting place for young and old. No one can resist a bargain.			
Jun 17, 2010 6:45 PM	Please attract a fabric store.			

Jun 17, 2010 5:42 PM	It depends on what I am shopping for.			
Jun 17, 2010 3:06 PM	It would be nice if we could create a central area with 'main street' and locate stores there to consolidate shopping and parking.			
Jun 16, 2010 5:45 PM	Downtown stores (except a few) do not accommodate to the average resident's daily needs; ie, 1 garden store, 1 hardware store, no electric store, no lumber store, no fresh fish store, etc.			
Jun 16, 2010 4:10 PM	Benefits of knowing the people and the service they will provide.			
Jun 16, 2010 3:24 PM	To the extent that prices are competitive and customer service is extended and, appreciation for the customer is important.			
Jun 15, 2010 9:55 PM	Use Alberni/Errington as the industry corridor vs town.			
Jun 14, 2010 6:11 PM	Wherever there is knowledgeable/helpful staff.			
Jun 14, 2010 5:32 PM	Inventory depth is the issue. Combine this with hours of operation and an honest desire to succeed and you will have a downtown that draws customers, not sends them to Nanaimo.			
Jun 14, 2010 4:37 PM	We have a good mix in keeping with the atmosphere and needs of Parksville.			
Jun 14, 2010 3:18 PM	Much easier to find what you want.			
Jun 11, 2010 8:12 PM	Whatever is convenient and fast.			
Jun 11, 2010 4:09 PM	At my age I do little shopping except for groceries			
Jun 10, 2010 6:37 PM	I would like to have a phone-in and delivery at grocery stores. Also, drug delivery at all outlets.			
Jun 9, 2010 10:49 PM	Need better parking spaces - more - cannot get near medical centre/dr's office			
Jun 8, 2010 9:28 PM	Stores downtown, sidewalk cafés would be nice.			
Jun 8, 2010 8:11 PM	It depends on the purchase, how much time I have to buy it, and my budget.			
Jun 8, 2010 5:37 PM	Love different!			
Jun 8, 2010 3:52 PM	I prefer to shop in stores where the owner and employees live in my community, not in some far away City.			
Jun 4, 2010 10:49 PM	If you can't drive and there isn't bus services, how do you shop locally?			

Jun 4, 2010 10:02 PM	As I am in assisted living, I do not use the stores.			
Jun 3, 2010 4:49 PM	I would like Parksville to have a new town site before it grows anymore. If this occurred the streets could be layed out in divisions pertaining to types of stores in each zoned area. Then the parking could be a central stacked facility parkade.			
Jun 3, 2010 4:14 PM	Unless you go to the store at 8 a.m. They are usually crowded and long lineups.			
Jun 2, 2010 10:30 PM	I would like to get rid of the mall and put a movie theatre in. The mall is dead anyway.			
Jun 2, 2010 9:33 PM	No Canadian Tire at Englishman site.			
Jun 2, 2010 8:35 PM	Wembley mall needs a kick in the.... What a pathetic shopping mall.			
Jun 2, 2010 4:37 PM	no clutter			
Jun 1, 2010 10:02 PM	Depends what you're shopping for.			
Jun 1, 2010 8:52 PM	Parksville needs to do more in improving the facades of most stores. There is too much 1980s brick, and slap and dash buildings.			
Jun 1, 2010 5:19 PM	Ok as is.			
May 31, 2010 9:01 PM	We have an overabundance of eating establishments. Need a decent shoe store, a toy store, and a beach toy/beachwear store.			
May 28, 2010 9:39 PM	Shopping is recreation a lot of the time.			
May 28, 2010 9:02 PM	Unimportant because smaller towns need primarily to supply daily materials and services.			
May 28, 2010 5:59 PM	Choice of goods & services is MY choice not to be dictated by distance travelled.			
May 27, 2010 10:25 PM	We really don't have a shopping core area. It's an odd and spread out bunch of nothing really. Food, gas, drugs mostly.			
May 26, 2010 9:04 PM	If I want big city, I will go to the big city.			
May 26, 2010 6:28 PM	I find there is a lack of children's clothing and shoes. I think the families shopping are overlooked and the shopping is geared more towards the seniors living in the community.			

May 25, 2010 10:23 PM	We need a town with little shops like they have in Qualicum, not 3 dollar stores full of junk. We need to encourage owners of stores with quality goods. We do have some new stores on 19A by the ugly tower, but they will never make go of it in Parksville. Rent too high.			
May 25, 2010 9:54 PM	WE could have lived in Nanaimo, but chose Parksville as a smaller, quaint, liveable place.			
May 25, 2010 8:59 PM	As stated above, more retail stores.			
May 25, 2010 8:34 PM	Too many obstacles (time), expensive put in way of new businesses. City Hall, Planning, Engineering are prehistoric. There seem always to be excuses as to why new construction has to be delayed. Horse and buggy administration.			
May 25, 2010 2:38 AM	since over 60% of the poulation are over 55 I suspect people prefer small to medium sized stores-large stores are tiring and confusing for elderly people who want a personal connection with the staff when they shop (a little visit goes a long way).			
May 20, 2010 6:55 PM	Reasonable prices, good quality. Reitmans, new Save On, better mall, theatre			
May 20, 2010 5:15 PM	We're forced to do this because of lack of them and also that there is not enough variety of stores in town.			
May 19, 2010 6:37 PM	Movie theatre here			
May 19, 2010 5:52 PM	Quality Foods and Thrifty Foods are located too close together--not convenient for older pedestrians.			
May 19, 2010 4:41 PM	We have enough stores here.			
May 19, 2010 12:03 AM	I don't do much shopping, I'm retired and have practically everything I want.			
May 18, 2010 7:56 PM	quality important			
May 18, 2010 3:41 PM	more and less expensive			
May 17, 2010 10:30 PM	clean stores, not dollar stores and Fields, nice stores that we can afford.			
May 17, 2010 6:52 PM	Variety and selection is poor in Parksville, i.e. wanted to buy size 10 men's shoes for our teenager. Stedman's said they brought in only 4 pair and they were sold out; had no idea either when next shipment was arriving.			

May 14, 2010 4:01 PM	shop only when I have to			
May 13, 2010 5:43 PM	See #28			