

Parksville Resident Survey 2010 - QUESTION #34 (sorted by categories)

How would you rate the overall quality of life that you experience in the City of Parksville?

Response Percent

Excellent	16.0%
Very good	51.0%
Good	28.1%
Fair	4.5%
Poor	0.4%

Response Date	Comments associated with "Excellent" rating:	Issue A	Issue B	Issue C
May 14, 2010 4:16 PM	I am retired and can afford Parksville so I am lucky.	affordability		
Jun 17, 2010 10:46 PM	Clean air (at present), friendly people, handy to larger towns and cities if needed. Lovely scenery and relaxed atmosphere.	air quality	proximity to larger centres	pace of life
Jun 8, 2010 6:14 PM	I love it here. I enjoy the local shops, cafes and the waterfront.	amenities		
May 25, 2010 2:50 AM	we are so fortunate to have a lively and very affordable arts community. The number and variety of recreational, social, and volunteer activities to choose from are outstanding. The natural beauty is wonderful and we are surrounded in the RDN by wonderful opportunities for outdoor recreation.	arts community	recreation, entertainment	natural setting
Jun 14, 2010 4:47 PM	Love the people, the attitude, the lovely well-maintained boulevards, etc. What's not to love?	City services	landscaping	
May 24, 2010 1:32 AM	I am very happy here. Parksville has a 'homey' feel to it. The people are excellent. City services are good and the place is beautiful.	City services	natural setting	
Jun 7, 2010 6:04 PM	It could be better if council stopped spending on unnecessary and wasteful practices, only to increase property taxes to pay for these and other idiotic 'initiatives'.	City services		
May 18, 2010 8:19 PM	fresh air, ocean, mountains, mild weather--love it!	climate	natural setting	

May 18, 2010 9:57 PM	the weather, the community park, the people	climate	natural setting	
May 19, 2010 9:31 PM	Both the climate and the size of the city are fantastic. As long as neither changes, we are very happy.	climate	size of community	
Jun 11, 2010 5:01 PM	Tired of councils giving way to pressure of big developers and forgetting about our main attraction--'lifestyle', beach. Young and old find happiness and peace on our beaches and visitors love it.	development	natural setting	
Jun 8, 2010 3:31 PM	We don't need to be bigger and more sophisticated to have one of the best places to live. Stop cowering to business interests. Let business take care of itself.	development		
May 18, 2010 9:58 PM	I love this community for the job I have, the opportunities my children have and the Church community I am part of.	employment	schools	
Jun 1, 2010 8:09 PM	A great place to raise children, enjoy the outdoors, the beach, and the small town hospitality; ie street market, parades, beach events.	family life	natural setting	recreation, entertainment
May 21, 2010 6:31 PM	I love raising my family here.	family life		
May 20, 2010 6:29 PM	Wish we had moved here earlier!	general		
May 21, 2010 3:35 PM	very happy here	general		
May 25, 2010 6:03 PM	I love living in Parksville.	general		
May 25, 2010 10:22 PM	I'm very proud to live here and our great community	general		
May 31, 2010 9:50 PM	We love it here.	general		
May 31, 2010 10:14 PM	Love it!! It can just get better. Thanks for caring!!	general		
Jun 1, 2010 3:30 PM	People are friendly and make it nice to live here. Makes our retirement enjoyable.	general		
Jun 2, 2010 3:27 PM	People move here because it's great. No need for change.	general		
Jun 2, 2010 8:36 PM	I grew up in Qualicum Beach and lived in Alberta for 10 years - I know this is the best place to live.	general		
Jun 2, 2010 10:39 PM	Love it.	general		
Jun 3, 2010 3:32 PM	Love it here. Best place I have ever lived.	general		
Jun 7, 2010 5:10 PM	We live in a paradise	general		
Jun 8, 2010 5:46 PM	very civilized and polite community	general		
Jun 8, 2010 9:59 PM	A very friendly place.	general		
Jun 11, 2010 9:29 PM	Because we live in Canada, not because Parksville is doing anything extra to improve that.	general		

Jun 14, 2010 3:03 PM	The sweet spot on the island and within Canada.	general		
Jun 14, 2010 9:14 PM	Love it.	general		
Jun 14, 2010 10:36 PM	I love living here.	general		
Jun 15, 2010 3:42 PM	Friendly, welcoming community. Take a visit to Sidney, BC and check out their downtown and beachfront. Busy, vibrant and appealing. Lots of art sculptures and green space. We don't have to reinvent the wheel.	general		
Jun 15, 2010 9:10 PM	People friendly. Great quality of life here.	general		
Jun 16, 2010 9:44 PM	A very friendly city. We give and we get.	general		
Jun 17, 2010 8:35 PM	We have been here 21 years and cannot think of moving elsewhere.	general		
May 27, 2010 8:25 PM	Good health care, nice people, clean and stunning views.	health care	natural setting	
May 31, 2010 11:01 PM	Better local medical resources would be an asset	health care		
May 31, 2010 6:39 PM	We enjoy the lifestyle--that's why we moved here over 20 years ago.	lifestyle		
Jun 3, 2010 5:14 PM	When I think about us and our life style and 95% of the world out there, can't even imagine why good ordinary folks wouldn't love it here - I feel truly blessed and very very fortunate.	lifestyle		
Jun 14, 2010 4:38 PM	Park like setting with excellent shops, restaurants, sports facilities, clubs, etc.	natural setting	amenities	recreation, entertainment
May 28, 2010 5:28 PM	People are friendly. The beach is beautiful.	natural setting		
May 28, 2010 10:16 PM	I am so grateful to live here. I have been to many beautiful places around the world and this is the best. Our town is safe, clean, with friendly, caring people.	natural setting		
Jun 3, 2010 6:26 PM	I love the community spirit and lovely beach park.	natural setting		
Jun 8, 2010 4:47 PM	I still live here. I try not to let the politics and the bullshit get me down. We live in a beautiful place where there are trees and mountains and ocean and skies that you can see. Some people don't have that and we take it for granted.	natural setting		
Jun 10, 2010 4:48 PM	It is beautiful. The best place in the world to live.	natural setting		
Jun 11, 2010 10:08 PM	A wonderful place to live. The community park and walkway are great.	natural setting		

Jun 16, 2010 10:25 PM	I came here for the ocean/fab beach, but all ruined for me for what nature provided. Leave well alone.	natural setting		
May 10, 2010 4:09 AM	We think of Parksville as a large village with a relaxed pace of life. We have Nanaimo nearby for big box shopping. We want to keep it that way.	pace of life	proximity to larger centres	
May 17, 2010 4:15 PM	after living in Vancouver, it's nice and quiet	peace and quiet		
Jun 7, 2010 4:36 PM	Peaceful. Quiet. Some barking dog issues. Unfortunately we have to involve neighbours to "prove" the problem and because we are new to the neighbourhood we don't want to be blacklisted. No fair.	peace and quiet		
May 31, 2010 5:01 PM	I love it here. There needs to be more attraction for the young!!!	recreation	amenities	
May 28, 2010 5:30 PM	Nice place for retirement, but getting too big.	retirement	size of community	
May 12, 2010 6:55 PM	This has been a great retirement community for us. We don't want our home to turn into another Mooloolaba, Australia!!	retirement		
Jun 2, 2010 9:26 PM	feels safe	safety		
May 25, 2010 9:27 PM	Lived in N. Delta for 27 years before moving to Parksville. Love the "small town" feel and at the same time having most things we need close by and of course no traffic jams, less air pollution and friendly people.	size of community	amenities	pace of life
Jun 1, 2010 6:08 PM	Love the small town feel and pace. People make a huge difference to building strong communities.	size of community	pace of life	
Jun 14, 2010 6:39 PM	Like the small town feel and friendly people. Quiet streets if you're not on main roads.	size of community	peace and quiet	
Jun 2, 2010 3:33 PM	After living in Victoria for 30+ years, we love the friendly, small town atmosphere in Parksville	size of community		
Jun 15, 2010 9:56 PM	As long as growth is stopped.	size of community		
Jun 16, 2010 6:42 PM	Very walkable, great neighbours, fantastic 'newcomers club', clean, safe.	walkability	safety	
Jun 17, 2010 6:13 PM	But we do need more and better sidewalks and walking areas.	walkability		

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Response Date	Comments associated with "Very Good" rating:	Issue A	Issue B	Issue C
Jun 14, 2010 4:22 PM	Living in Parksville was a dream of mine. When I moved to Craig Bay, then moved again, the town seemed to be well governed and efficient. I'm not as comfortable now. 10 or 20 years ago we attracted lots of tourists with our charming, home style welcoming. Big resorts attract only the very rich. Where can the small families go that they can afford?	affordability		
May 17, 2010 5:22 PM	that's why we live here--clean air and wonderful people	air quality		
May 19, 2010 4:07 PM	No pulp mill - good air.	air quality		
Jun 15, 2010 5:13 PM	Friendly customer service. Council openness for community input. Not allowing major housing developments.	amenities	development	
Jun 1, 2010 8:34 PM	Love the town like I said. I really wish we had a movie theatre and a Canadian Tire or something similar.	amenities		
Jun 7, 2010 4:03 PM	We need quality, affordable restaurants like Chinooks at Fisherman's Terminal in Seattle (for breakfast, lunch and dinner).	amenities		
May 28, 2010 3:49 PM	I enjoy walking the boardwalk. Great idea.	amenities - beach		
Jun 15, 2010 10:52 PM	We want to continue to enhance the beauty of the city, without losing its character by encouraging large urban style growth.	appearance of community	development	
Jun 11, 2010 8:58 PM	Downtown in need of improvement but a beautiful area.	appearance of community		
Jun 2, 2010 4:39 PM	Council and its employees doing a good job	City services		
Jun 10, 2010 5:29 PM	Would have no complaint with taxes if it were utilized more for young family issues/services, etc.	City services		
Jun 10, 2010 9:47 PM	Weather is excellent. The right mix of commercial facilities. Large box stores in Nanaimo is a plus.	climate	amenities	proximity to larger centres
Jun 7, 2010 4:33 PM	Great weather, beaches, location, ice rink, downtown park, etc.	climate	natural setting	recreation, entertainment

Jun 3, 2010 5:31 PM	Good climate, beautiful setting, basically good facilities, relatively safe and comfortable, lots of available activities.	climate, natural setting	recreation, entertainment	safety
Jun 7, 2010 3:37 PM	Even though I detest what has happened on our waterfront and having to look at it everytime I drive by it, I am happy to still live here. We have clean air, good friends, friendly people who work in our stores. Better than the mainland.	development	air quality	
May 26, 2010 5:01 PM	All things considered I enjoy living here - I am disappointed in Council for allowing the Beach Club Resort and other "tourism/beach developments" at the expense of the permanent residents enjoyment of the ocean front area.	development	natural setting	
May 28, 2010 7:39 PM	This quality of life is at risk from lack of conservation. Other municipalities are taking meaningful action to preserve the natural environments that sustain and characterize their community; it is time for Parksville to do the same through zoning and acquisition. We need to use our zoning authority and allocate financial resources to preserving our natural environment, the foundation of the quality of life in our community.	development	natural setting	
Jun 18, 2010 4:50 PM	Let's keep it that way. Let's not develop beyond our capacity. Let's not ruin our natural beauty of the area with overdevelopment and unsightly highrises. Don't overtax our water, sewer and facilities--either in usage or monetarily.	development	natural setting	
Jun 17, 2010 9:11 PM	We have lived and worked here, raised a family, etc. Watched improvements and seen huge disappointments--like the Beach Club, closing of the cinema, lost of chance to obtain a pool, dismal Wembley mall.	development	recreation, entertainment	amenities
May 18, 2010 7:57 PM	Quality of life has steadily declined do to unmanaged development and poor planning over past 15 years.	development		
May 18, 2010 10:32 PM	In the grand scheme of things, we have little to complain about. Keep our natural resources and areas as such - develop away from our waterfront.	development		
May 23, 2010 4:35 PM	As long as there are no more permits issued for building in the beach area.	development		

May 25, 2010 9:16 PM	Life is very good in Parksville. Please no more beach development and no more residential housing until we have enough water resources.	development		
May 27, 2010 10:16 PM	Life is what I make of it. It would be excellent if the monster on the beach hadn't been built--it's so heartbreaking.	development		
May 31, 2010 6:30 PM	Great place to live. People should allow the city to grow and develop. We need to think of the future.	development		
May 31, 2010 9:52 PM	Shangri-La does not exist. This City's development is balanced. Hard decisions have to be made and you can't please everyone, especially the ideologues.	development		
Jun 4, 2010 9:22 PM	We have to slow up and decide where we're going. Why should we be the poor cousin and commercial area for QB?	development		
Jun 10, 2010 9:24 PM	Let's not allow the real estate development industry and 'shakers and rollers' to destroy this by turning our town into just another overpopulated urban sprawl. Also, we don't have the water to support this.	development		
Jun 11, 2010 4:55 PM	When we moved here 12 years ago it seemed better - do not like all the growth on the waterfront.	development		
Jun 11, 2010 6:57 PM	But it is in grave danger of allowing over development	development		
Jun 15, 2010 8:26 PM	Control but do not restrict development. Do not cap population growth (such as is being considered in Qualicum).	development		
Jun 16, 2010 9:05 PM	No big city stuff please, ie. malls, big tourist hotels, etc.	development		
Jun 18, 2010 9:41 PM	Stop trying to make it into a larger City	development		
Jun 8, 2010 8:28 PM	Since 1981 we have had too much commercialism within our town, resulting in many "poor" paying jobs. More apparent are the homeless in this town since the last 10 years and no growth in low income housing.	employment	affordability	
Jun 2, 2010 3:47 PM	I have a job, a house, a garden and a beautiful beach within walking distance.	employment	housing	natural setting
May 21, 2010 4:44 PM	A very healthy mix of lifestyle and career right at your doorstep or within an hour's drive.	employment	lifestyle	proximity to larger centres
May 17, 2010 5:35 PM	Better if I could use all my skills, but we survive	employment		

May 21, 2010 4:01 PM	Having the ability to work and live here would make it perfect.	employment		
Jun 2, 2010 6:52 PM	I'm satisfied but would like to see more opportunities for younger people such as jobs.	employment		
Jun 3, 2010 5:17 PM	Need more jobs in city.	employment		
Jun 4, 2010 3:43 PM	Needs more young people and more jobs for young people.	employment		
May 26, 2010 10:57 PM	I think Parksville is a beautiful community. A great place for kids to grow up. We need to preserve our best assets.	family life	natural setting	
May 28, 2010 6:36 PM	Lovely town - a greta place to raise my children & now a great place to enjoy my retirement	family life	retirement	
May 20, 2010 6:58 PM	I love it here and feel extremely lucky to live here and raise my son here	family life		
Jun 15, 2010 6:28 PM	Would be better with a primary health care facility, fewer used car lots, and more small shops and parks.	health care	amenities	
May 26, 2010 9:36 PM	Get a medical center (public, not private) to make it even better.	health care		
May 31, 2010 10:22 PM	18 years ago a health facility was proposed, Emergency Clinic had a quota, x-ray, etc. Availability has declined drastically - ie. equipment not available and/or facility closed.	health care		
Jun 4, 2010 5:57 PM	We need a decent medical service	health care		
Jun 7, 2010 8:57 PM	More health services would make it excellent.	health care		
Jun 8, 2010 3:59 PM	I love it here. My husband just died 7 months ago, very young. Really need hospital. Ambulance ride too long. I fear for my own life living here.	health care		
Jun 9, 2010 10:51 PM	Need more medical services	health care		
Jun 10, 2010 9:22 PM	Medical care is lacking in Parksville, "Third World"	health care		
Jun 17, 2010 6:48 PM	But we need a medical clinic for emergencies and overnight observation when necessary. It could be somewhere between Parksville and Qualicum.	health care		

May 22, 2010 6:00 AM	Am pretty new here - very much like our new lifestyle and I think Parksville has the essence of being a destination of many new residents (from elsewhere in Canada- admittedly older ones) but also could be a beautiful working town for young people in service sector, and great place to bring up their children.	lifestyle		
May 25, 2010 8:09 PM	I chose Parksville because of our lovely beach front and affordable housing.	natural setting	affordability	
Jun 8, 2010 5:40 PM	It's beautiful here--beaches and outside areas. But the cost of living in an ugly town (downtown) needs to be taken into account.	natural setting	affordability	
May 28, 2010 8:52 PM	The beach and park make up for the looks of what we have built. Who would want to shop here? The people in the Beach Club go to Qualicum.	natural setting	amenities	
Jun 10, 2010 10:34 PM	enjoy parks and fair cost of permits	natural setting	City services	
Jun 10, 2010 5:15 PM	Adequate parks. Seafront access. Good climate. Beautiful natural area. Clean air.	natural setting	climate	air quality
May 17, 2010 6:01 PM	The natural settings and proximity to full services are beneficial.	natural setting	proximity to larger centres	
May 19, 2010 10:21 PM	primarily the natural environment, the safety and being able to walk lots of places	natural setting	safety	walkability
May 27, 2010 8:09 PM	Love the beach, the friendly people and the small town feel. Just needs to be cleaned up a bit to attract something other than car dealers, franchise restaurants, dollar stores and liquor stores--enough already.	natural setting	size of community	appearance of community
Jun 3, 2010 3:18 PM	Cleaner air, beautiful beaches, small town friendly feeling, and security with a good police force.	natural setting	size of community	safety
May 25, 2010 8:45 PM	It is the natural draw, not the town that attracted me.	natural setting		
May 25, 2010 9:44 PM	I love living here--beautiful waterfront areas.	natural setting		
Jun 3, 2010 6:37 PM	This whole region is a really special environment.	natural setting		
Jun 7, 2010 9:37 PM	We have a great community with the best beaches, parks and golf courses. Unfortunately we are always compared to Qualicum. We have the best beach - let's promote it.	natural setting		

Jun 8, 2010 5:24 PM	We are enjoying our life here. It's beautiful and the people are all so friendly.	natural setting		
Jun 10, 2010 4:23 PM	I love the beach.	natural setting		
Jun 8, 2010 8:12 PM	I live in a nice neighbourhood where homes are not too close and love my lifestyle.	neighbourhood	lifestyle	
Jun 11, 2010 4:26 PM	We live in a very good neighbourhood.	neighbourhood		
Jun 18, 2010 9:02 PM	I do enjoy living in Wembley Place. A nice quiet area and trouble free.	neighbourhood		
May 19, 2010 6:28 PM	If too many changes are made to our environment that drastically challenge the small town atmosphere, the quality of life for those of us who came here for the peace, serenity and beauty will deteriorate.	pace of life	natural setting	
May 25, 2010 8:34 PM	Good people, friendly, good pace of life for seniors.	pace of life	retirement	
May 26, 2010 5:42 PM	peaceful	pace of life		
May 31, 2010 5:48 PM	I shop late, stay away during crowded times, enjoy my home and yard. This works for me.	pace of life		
May 31, 2010 9:28 PM	There is so much to do for everyone of every age.	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 3, 2010 3:18 PM	very dull here	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 11, 2010 4:47 PM	The people and their activities like curling, singing, beach fun, parks, make it a happy place to be.	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 14, 2010 6:14 PM	Except I have to commute to Ravensong to preserve my health through pool exercise.	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 17, 2010 6:31 PM	But too boring - need more late night dining and entertainment.	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 2, 2010 10:27 PM	For us who are retired it's wonderful. We do need young families living here also.	retirement		
May 21, 2010 10:25 PM	I am old in my own home and hope to stay here. I feel safe. I like where I shop. Have a good doctor. I have so much to be thankful for. Please leave the beach and park alone or tidy up the estuary.	safety	amenities	health care
May 17, 2010 5:11 PM	For the most part feel very safe here. Services have been great--clean areas.	safety	City services	

Jun 7, 2010 10:58 PM	Clean, safe environment enabling enjoyment of natural/recreational aspects. Friendly population. Strong service group presence.	safety	recreation, entertainment	
Jun 2, 2010 6:21 PM	Living here as a senior I am content with the available services. However, I emphasize again the need for a clear plan before moving ahead. Local resources will only support a finite area of development and population.	senior services	development	
May 21, 2010 8:42 PM	services to retirees good	senior services		
Jun 3, 2010 9:21 PM	We enjoy 'small town living'. Keep it that way. City council should look at Qualicum Beach's community attitudes towards unimpeded development and follow suit here.	size of community	development	
May 26, 2010 9:27 PM	It remains pretty good. If Parksville continues to lose its small town feel I will move. I hate the growth--ugly buildings, etc.--I have seen since 2000.	size of community	pace of life	development
May 21, 2010 10:01 PM	Small town atmosphere. Almost everything we need is within 20 minutes walk from our home.	size of community	pace of life	walkability
Jun 2, 2010 8:04 PM	Love the size of Parksville. Feel safe in my neighbourhood. Green space and ocean.	size of community	safety	natural setting
Jun 14, 2010 10:19 PM	I like the small town peacefulness. Reason why I moved here.	size of community	quiet	
Jun 2, 2010 9:28 PM	Small town feeling is a good thing.	size of community		
Jun 9, 2010 6:06 PM	Nice small town with mostly good people.	size of community		
May 31, 2010 6:29 PM	It is quiet, close to the country and is easy to move around.	quiet	natural setting	
May 18, 2010 6:53 PM	as long as noise infractions are taken seriously by police	noise		
May 27, 2010 9:33 PM	I wish we could control noise levels of all vehicles, but I guess that's Provincial. Maybe if municipalities got together. Wouldn't that be nice?	noise		
May 21, 2010 4:18 PM	In order to ensure good quality traffic flow and mushrooming development needs to be assessed, monitored, planning revamped, etc.	traffic control	development	

Jun 1, 2010 6:52 PM	I would put excellent, except every day when I drive down Alberni Alley it is stressful. Plus, the Beach Club is an eyesore.	traffic control	development	
May 18, 2010 9:31 PM	please do not put in a one way sysem along Hwy 19A and Jensen - EVER!	traffic control		
May 31, 2010 8:45 PM	We moved here because there is little to no traffic and other associated problems of overpopulation. We also moved here to be closer to nature. Please don't try to be like the bigger cities. They are going down the wrong (unsustainable) path.	traffic control		
Jun 18, 2010 6:03 PM	Quality of life is good in all aspects except public transit. We need a short stay medical facility--overnight with doctors and nurses.	transportation		
Jun 18, 2010 10:00 PM	Walking the beach daily, rain or shine, living in the downtown core and walking everywhere (shopping, coffee shops, city activities), leaving my car at home.	walkability	amenities	natural setting
May 28, 2010 9:14 PM	Would like more "strollable" wayerfront & downtown core with lots more neat shops so visitors dollars stay in Parksville (Like Tofino or Qualicum).	walkability	amenities	
May 31, 2010 10:40 PM	We enjoy being able to walk to town, community park, stores. It is so convenient.	walkability	natural setting	amenities
Jun 1, 2010 10:45 PM	Would love to have more walking options within the city.	walkability		
May 24, 2010 12:35 AM	The display toward the community gardens was unprofessional and unbecoming of the council. More support for these groups would go a long way in making Parksville greener.			
May 10, 2010 4:57 AM	It is getting better with more community involvement.			
May 14, 2010 8:56 PM	Because of age (95) I cannot physically experience all, but am happy, content in my living area here and in the town. I have friends who always are considerate.			

May 16, 2010 5:45 PM	Great place to live. Great people. Small town politics is inevitable. We are going through growing pains. Getting more or all people involved volunteering would really help. I do get tired of the big business bullies and the whining special interest groups.			
May 17, 2010 8:36 PM	I moved here 5 years ago from Ontario, and I have no desire to leave this beautiful island.			
May 18, 2010 4:14 PM	at present			
May 18, 2010 5:42 PM	If it wasn't or isn't we will be elsewhere.			
May 19, 2010 3:58 PM	New here. Maybe after a years time I could tell you more about it.			
May 25, 2010 12:34 AM	It was very good but it is going downhill.			
May 25, 2010 9:31 PM	After deciding 4 years ago to move out of the lower mainland, we selected Parksville out of all the towns on the Island. We have not been disappointed with that decision.			
May 26, 2010 6:02 PM	Very good now			
May 26, 2010 10:00 PM	A fantastic community to live in.			
May 27, 2010 8:43 PM	Great place to live if you can handle the old people complaining constantly.			
May 28, 2010 10:55 PM	A beautiful little town. Keep the cement to a minimum.			
Jun 1, 2010 6:12 PM	The first 20 years good but last couple of Councils have really messed up.			
Jun 1, 2010 6:58 PM	Great place to live			
Jun 2, 2010 6:06 PM	I've gained 30 lbs since I moved here. Is that good or bad?			
Jun 2, 2010 6:12 PM	We have a lot of good things here - but it has to be tied together a lot more cohesively.			
Jun 2, 2010 8:37 PM	Good neighbourhood.			
Jun 2, 2010 10:25 PM	As a newcomer moving from a large City, this is heavy.			
Jun 3, 2010 10:22 PM	Love it here. Have no intention of ever leaving this city.			
Jun 9, 2010 8:27 PM	This is a nice central place on Vancouver Island.			
Jun 10, 2010 8:36 PM	It was better 10 years ago.			
Jun 10, 2010 10:07 PM	Depends on Council and "Democracy"			
Jun 11, 2010 5:41 PM	Nice place to live. Politics seem to be a bit wonky.			
Jun 11, 2010 6:13 PM	Very nice area to live in. Please protect what we have.			

Jun 16, 2010 8:22 PM	Compared to most of the rest of the world, how could a person not feel fortunate to live here?			
Jun 17, 2010 10:27 PM	A great place to live. Friendly people.			
Jun 18, 2010 4:21 PM	Some fear for the future.			

Response Date	Comments associated with "Good" rating:	Issue A	Issue B	Issue C
May 19, 2010 7:04 PM	As mentioned, we may have to move because of higher prices including food.	affordability		
May 31, 2010 10:54 PM	Good because air is good - safety is good and the City just can't destroy the ocean.	air quality	safety	natural setting
May 14, 2010 5:55 PM	Lacks shopping. Glad Nanaimo close	amenities	proximity to larger centres	
Jun 2, 2010 6:42 PM	You can't control the rain and wind, but if I had a mall near Pioneer, I could get out more in the winter.	amenities		
May 31, 2010 10:22 PM	Too much workyard industries in the Craig Bay area. We need some modernization.	appearance of community		
Jun 10, 2010 3:17 PM	Beautiful town.	appearance of community		
May 28, 2010 3:59 PM	The people make this a great place to live - the utility rates are beginning to detract from this situation.	City services		
Jun 15, 2010 9:32 PM	Taxes are too high for what is provided--City portion only. Too much attention is paid to parks.	City services		
Jun 16, 2010 10:42 PM	Good to see bicycles used more often, but riders should be educated and traffic rules enforced.	cycling	traffic	
May 28, 2010 6:01 PM	Unless there is a change to development process/plans which provides for mixed accommodation (not just single family residence) Parksville will become fiscally impoverished.	development	affordability	
Jun 17, 2010 4:30 PM	No more things like the Beach Club, making our little town ugly. Don't block off our view of our beaches and ocean.	development	natural setting	
Jun 15, 2010 3:17 PM	I enjoy the quality of life in Parksville thus far, but I'm concerned about the rapid development taking place (slowed only by the recession) which will seriously impact it. If I wanted big city life, I would have moved to a big city.	development	size of community	

May 21, 2010 1:29 AM	It would I think, be better if we could address this race to erase every blade of grass and replace it with another development. Some containment would be beneficial. You may expand your tax base but you have to spend that money on more roads, sewers etc. Where's the gain	development		
May 26, 2010 2:04 AM	Would be better with no waterfront development and a new Mayor.	development		
May 27, 2010 3:41 AM	I really love living in Parksville, but I am concerned that too many changes too quickly will change the character.	development		
Jun 1, 2010 7:59 PM	As the place gets more developed, I like it less.	development		
Jun 2, 2010 5:05 PM	Very disappointed with the Beach Club Resort towers - way too large a development for our community	development		
Jun 16, 2010 8:40 PM	But not promising to last. Our community will be lost to the greed of tourism development to profit so few.	development		
Jun 17, 2010 5:02 PM	I want it to stay that way. I am very unhappy with the monster called the Beach Club.	development		
May 19, 2010 5:55 PM	1. Health care facility needed, which should include an Xray department, Lab, and overnight beds. I appreciate the friendly, helpful service given by the business community.	health care	amenities	
Jun 4, 2010 8:43 PM	An urgent care centre has not been addressed here. Obviously a more important issue than destroying the downtown highway design.	health care	traffic	
May 20, 2010 6:13 PM	More after hours health care/Health care facility required.	health care		
May 25, 2010 3:40 PM	At my age, this will only apply while my health is still reasonable.	health care		
May 28, 2010 5:30 AM	Access to emergency health care is poor. This remains a concern for us and is a motivator to not live in this community.	health care		
Jun 3, 2010 10:51 PM	It would be better with improved medical services	health care		
Jun 10, 2010 10:27 PM	There are 4 animal hospitals in the Parksville area and zero people hospitals - what's wrong with that picture?!	health care		
Jun 11, 2010 6:52 PM	It could be better with a good health care centre with 24 hour care.	health care		
Jun 21, 2010 5:43 PM	Would rate higher if we had better health services delivery.	health care		

Jun 17, 2010 8:50 PM	The trees that have been planted downtown/19A make it very pleasant.	landscaping		
Jun 11, 2010 9:59 PM	We enjoy our lifestyle and services here.	lifestyle		
Jun 16, 2010 4:12 PM	Because of our location and view, and keeping a positive attitude. The community provides the basic services we need.	natural setting	amenities	
May 26, 2010 4:06 PM	Close to the ocean; can cycle any where in town.	natural setting	cycling	
Jun 17, 2010 10:16 PM	Beach is very nice. Quieter than larger towns.	natural setting	quiet	
May 31, 2010 9:41 PM	Due to nature, not the city.	natural setting		
Jun 7, 2010 4:43 PM	But hate to see it getting away from its access to the waterfront.	natural setting		
May 22, 2010 3:57 AM	I would like to see more public parkland	parks		
Jun 11, 2010 5:09 PM	Still must travel Nanaimo for shopping value.	proximity to larger centres		
Jun 1, 2010 8:54 PM	A theatre would be a nice addition as well as a swimming pool. Give youth more to do.	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 4, 2010 4:21 PM	need more facilities	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 8, 2010 4:46 PM	But not because of anything the City did. Would like to see the city not going to sleep at 6 pm.	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 10, 2010 10:17 PM	Just like to see a little more "buzz" especially in the winter. Maybe a classical music/jazz/foldfest/fiddler/brass band/military tatoo/classic movies/shakespeare/Shaw annual festival. Expand on the car show to include a performing arts component perhaps.	recreation, entertainment		
Jun 17, 2010 9:40 PM	My quality of life is satisfactory because of the community organizations that provide social/recreation opportunities.	recreation, entertainment		
May 20, 2010 10:42 PM	Too much vandalism and petty crime. Find something for kids to do, especially teenagers.	safety	recreation, entertainment	
May 21, 2010 8:37 PM	A good place to live. It's reasonably safe and is clean, but traffic is increasing on 19A.	safety	traffic	
Jun 15, 2010 10:32 PM	Senior Centre is a good facility and mostly run by volunteers. We definitely need medical facilities with overnight beds and 24 hour services.	senior servces	health care	

Jun 3, 2010 10:50 PM	Would be enhanced if some of my previous suggestions were followed. My overall advice: keep Parksville small and increase quality of life, not quantity of stores, etc.	size of community	amenities	
Jun 16, 2010 8:08 PM	Embrace the small community sense. Friendly. Love the walks and views.	size of community	walkability	natural setting
May 26, 2010 3:50 PM	Planning restraint on optimal population growth. Large city ideas should be rejected.	size of community		
May 31, 2010 5:28 PM	A must (small town)--population cap.	size of community		
Jun 16, 2010 10:13 PM	It is so inconvenient to get downtown to a business as parking is being diminished, and now you have to find 8 stores instead of two.	traffic	amenities	
May 21, 2010 9:47 PM	Live on Humphrey Road, which we are noticing is more of a highway. Large and small trucks, etc. speeding, noisy vehicles, etc.	traffic	noise	
May 27, 2010 3:17 PM	Bad drivers--no stopping at stop signs. Young guys, aggressive driving, harassing drivers not going fast enough on Morison Ave.	traffic		
Jun 3, 2010 4:52 PM	I am able to drive for my needs yet. If I couldn't I would feel a need to relocate because of the scattered plan and transit.	transportation		
Jun 16, 2010 6:30 PM	Need better bus service.	transportation		
May 26, 2010 8:52 PM	It's good because I pay rent, not taxes. I walk to work, basically looking after myself. City council and mayor has only increased my high blood pressure by their decisions. Why no questions about health centre for an aging population here? Do not trust Cantalon. He was my boss at one time and screwed me. He's done to you and will continue.	walkability	health care	
May 13, 2010 4:52 AM	Almost very good but could be a lot better.			
May 19, 2010 10:06 PM	Just worry about how we don't honour our town and how much we love the area and the way it is and always should be			

May 20, 2010 10:55 PM	My quality of life is enhanced by what I do for me, not what the City has done since we moved here.			
May 21, 2010 5:52 PM	But this is not because of the City of Parksville.			
May 25, 2010 10:51 PM	Life would be "very good" if it weren't for all the bickering at City Council			
May 26, 2010 4:21 PM	It's a small town governed by Councillors that can not see too far ahead and listen more to complainers than governing in the best interest of the town & it's whole population, present and in the future.			
May 27, 2010 6:15 PM	No thanks to the City of Parksville.			
Jun 4, 2010 5:03 PM	Not many good paying jobs to attract people.			
Jun 4, 2010 8:09 PM	No thanks to the City of Parksville. We've paid our own way.			
Jun 11, 2010 4:29 PM	Not as good as it was 10 years ago (but who is?)			
Jun 15, 2010 5:26 PM	Quality of life to me is a political term overused. Quality of life is done so on a personal basis only, not what politicians do for us.			
Jun 17, 2010 10:53 PM	A great place to live. In order to maintain it, we need to identify and support the things that make up Parksville.			
Jun 18, 2010 4:06 PM	We must be extremely vigilant to protect our quality of life.			

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May 26, 2010 10:30 PM	Housing costs are high. Vandalism is high. Unemployment is high.	affordability	safety	employment
May 18, 2010 9:48 PM	Single parents or single income families cannot afford decent accommodation. The need for affordable housing is huge.	affordability		
May 17, 2010 6:55 PM	It calls itself a city but has less services than a town in western Saskatchewan (pop 1200) that has an indoor pool, hospital and movie theatre. Go figure. Parksville is NOT offering city type services.	amenities	health care	recreation, entertainment
Jun 15, 2010 6:16 PM	Farmers market needs higher profile, better advertising, more selection.	amenities		
Jun 21, 2010 6:02 PM	It is not as good as I had imagined it to be when I chose to live here. Shops and services are too spread out and require use of a car to complete errands and shopping (easier to go to Woodgrove mall or Qualicum).	amenities		
Jun 18, 2010 9:41 PM	I enjoy walking the streets of Qualicum - there is a continuity of theme and a feeling of community and family. Parksville does not make me want to come out to enjoy her presence. Parksville is missing this link as a tourist City - we only have the waterfront.	appearance of the community	natural setting	
Jun 15, 2010 10:10 PM	I feel the councils, present and past, have their own agendas and meetings, and these surveys are not respected. Very poorly planned overall. All the empty storefronts--and then encouraging more is ridiculous. It does not seem to be well thought out at all. All patchwork.	appearance of the community		
May 26, 2010 5:35 PM	no bylaw enforcement, parking on the wrong side of the street, tenants with 5 vehicles parked in front of my livingroom window. Most people passing on the right when I'm making a left hand turn. Loud vehicles racing around at night, people dumping their clippings right under the "do not dump" sign and burning piles of leaves in their yard on the weekend when there's no one to call.	City services	traffic	noise

May 20, 2010 10:26 PM	This is the first town I have ever lived in that charges for water, and it seems that no matter how little I use, the cost just keeps going up. Garbage collection is also poor and keeps going up. The cost of the transfer site means more and more people are dumping illegally.	City services		
Jun 18, 2010 10:38 PM	Your bureaucrats for City planning are arrogant and abusing. Mayor come and go but Gayle Jackson and company remain. So the cost of building permits are exhorbitant!	City services		
May 31, 2010 9:41 PM	Council is allowing the downtown and other areas to become hideous by allowing ugly buildings that are too large. Traffic is becoming too crowded due to unlimited expansion of dwellings.	development	traffic	
Jun 7, 2010 4:54 PM	We have lived in Parksville for 30 years. The quality of life here, especially with the last three administrations' mentality of development, has deteriorated to the point we are considering moving to Qualicum.	development		
Jun 8, 2010 5:06 PM	It used to be very good until this Mayor and Council (and previous Mayor and Councils) started to detract quality by erecting ugly buildings on the beach.	development		
Jun 18, 2010 6:40 PM	Better without the crooked Mafia Beach Club.	development		
May 27, 2010 3:11 PM	Only live here because of my job. Can't wait to retire and leave.	employment		
Jun 15, 2010 4:14 PM	No hospital. With influx of more people there is no satisfactory medical service.	health care		
Jun 8, 2010 6:29 PM	As a 30 year old woman, it isn't fabulous, but there are things that I do enjoy about Parksville. There are also many things that are frustrating, as a young family with two children that are different in age.	recreation, entertainment	family life	
May 7, 2010 9:07 PM	There is NOTHING to do here except to play in the natural setting. There is a bowling alley and a skating rink. Sad... no theatre, no cinema... no culture	recreation, entertainment	natural setting	

May 18, 2010 8:52 PM	There is a shortage of public recreational facilities and a swimming pool. As well as a shortage of alternate transportation paths (bike and walking).	recreation, entertainment	walkability	cycling
May 26, 2010 9:15 PM	Parksville does not know what it is. Is it trying to become a city or a small retirement community?	size of community		
May 28, 2010 8:23 PM	Compared to the 1980s, there are too many people here now. The community has changed for the worse.	size of community		
Jun 18, 2010 9:39 PM	Too close to neighbours. Too many bad drivers.	traffic		
May 26, 2010 4:42 PM	Would be better with improved public transport, more stores and local economy/job creation improved and a thriving downtown "core" (not spread out).	transportation	amenities	employment
May 23, 2010 3:47 PM	It could be and should be so much better. We do live in the world's best country, in the nicest province of that country and arguably the nicest area of that province. Yet, we're ranked around 140th in best places to live in the country.....something is seriously wrong.			
Jun 4, 2010 10:22 PM	I think old people should accept the fact that there are young families living in the community as well.			
Jun 14, 2010 5:51 PM	It's not so wonderful as many think.			
Response Date	Comments associated with "Poor" rating:	Issue A	Issue B	Issue C
Jun 16, 2010 4:27 PM	Can't afford to live here. Taxes too high and no work.	affordability		
Jun 10, 2010 8:37 PM	I had my income tax return done at the S.O.S. The man that prepared my income tax return was shocked at how little income I had to live on. I told him I only eat once a day.	affordability		
May 25, 2010 9:44 PM	Well I'll say fairly good. Compared to places worse off. When everything in price goes up except our wages how can you expect us to live excellent? We are barely struggling to make ends meat.	affordability		