

## Parkville Resident Survey 2010 - QUESTION #32

Would you be prepared to support a tax increase for the following:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More recreation facilities	25.4%	422
Improved public transit	20.9%	348
More sidewalks	25.1%	418
Downtown enhancement	29.5%	491
Increased policing	21.6%	359
Affordable accommodation	31.4%	522
Special needs housing	22.5%	374
Other (please specify)	25.6%	426
		<b>answered question</b> 1663
		<b>skipped question</b> 256

Better access to mall and road restrictions for large trucks  
 there is already a tax to downtown businesses. No more taxes  
 No  
 better traffic pattern ie. Jensen extention  
 not asphalt sidewalks  
 More green space - parks, pathways  
 none of the above; reduce employee salaries and base pay on performance!!  
 In general wouldn't support tax increase; case could be made to spend money to improve schools and/or make town more sustainable.  
 Better sidewalks with slants to curb  
 Bicycle routes improved when road maintenance or additions are carried out.  
 underground wiring  
 improved accessibility for wheelchairs, scooters, etc.  
 Professional top-quality engineering staff  
 NO we already pay enough in taxes  
 no tax increase  
 either recreational services or community groups to involve the young people in programs and maybe volunteer  
 on  
 council to see how local government works may help to stop vandalism. Get the young people involved ground  
 No tax increase; allocate the funds you already receive more appropriately and cut back on the waste.  
 a small increase for any of the above

definitely not increased policing

hospital

no tax increase

swimming pool

new or upgraded fire hall

definitely NOT improved public transit

sewage treatment facility

a good senior citizen recreation centre

improved infrastructure and more greenspace, parks, gardens

up grade in fire facilities

NO MORE TAXES!

NO

NO

uncontrolled taxes; seen my taxes double in 20 years. Where is that taking us? My take home pay has not.

No

medical

Park access - close the waterfront highway.

No

More trees an greenspace and preservation of natural areas

NO!

24 hour medical clinic

NO

Thinking about it.

Clean up old buildings

More water availability as more people are moving to Parksville

outside exercise equipment park for elderly,revitalized fire station

green spaces; rationalization of existing roads, sidewalks, etc.

Don't want a tax increase.

Bus shelters are needed. Another bus shelter is needed at Wembley Mall for bus route #90. I realize this is in the RDN.

critical care hospital

Hospital and Permanent Fire Services not Volunteers

Fire Hall and Equipment is needed. That got dropped and Jensen Extension came up?

no

It should not be necessary to always increase taxes to improve services.

recreation programs

Solar powered buildings - wind mills

NONE, you steal enough money from us

enhance or establish public parks along the coastline

Is a tax increase always the only way?

youth recreation facilities

access to beach (steps like at Doehle)

swimming pool

Can't answer as the question is not specific enough, i.,e what type of recreation facilities, or where would the sidewalks be etc.

new fire hall

Youth facilities. They are the future of this community

Land use vis a vis urban and rural areas needs to be integrated and land use policies should be developed

based on

entire watersheds. This needs to be a civic, regional and provincial initiative if we are to manage our land well.

no, taxes are high enough

I feel that I already pay way too much taxes and would not support more or an increase in any taxation for any purpose.

no increase

Why do we not hire 'peace officers' to hand out parking, no helmets on bikes, stop sign infractions?

I notice whenever there's something arranged in the Community Park it's heavily supported, by multigenerational

families.

Everyone has a really good time, free.

if taxes keep going up only retired government people with indexed pensions will be able to pay

none

swimming pool with fitness centre

No

beach access off Gaetjen and Fairwind

Would not support an increase.

No

none of the above

Don't need tax increase because of the HST.

Depends on how much you're talking.

too high already

Improving the firehall - why is this not considered a priority?

Swimming Pool, special needs housing NOT in the downtown core.

none of the above

more sidewalks in older residential areas--safety concern

Some street festivals, like QB's Fire and Ice

senior independent housing

No

As I have stated before finish what you have already started, sidewalks, curb and gutter, etc

Maintain what we have

community gym

Keep what we have maintained and get more bylaw officers.

would like a theatre

Hiking and walking trails particularly those that are pet friendly

acquisition of land for public parks

Craig Bay does not receive many services that we pay taxes for.  
new fire hall  
traffic light at 19A & Shelly Road  
No one wants to pay taxes but I'd rather pay a few bucks in taxes vs. driving to Nanaimo every other day and support their families and businesses. The increased taxation would be offset by less other costs.  
Build "run free" parks for dogs. I is not enough.  
No more taxes!  
green space and park development  
Buying land to save it from development and speculators.  
School public transit  
we need to look after our police, firemen and paramedics  
Rents are far too high for low income people.  
stay within the tax budget  
no  
Qualicum pool too far away!  
renter  
police street patrols  
Health care clinic with beds for emergencies such as urgent care. Nanaimo hospital is too far away in case of accident.  
none  
At 87 I feel as long as I am able to stay in my townhouse I am happy.  
Stop asking for more money!  
Prefer not to have tax increases for any of the above !  
No more tax increase.  
None; taxes are too high.  
No  
want expenditure reduction--not increase. Get a grip please, council. I would not support any tax increases.  
Re-allocate existing money for my choices.  
Do not downsize the highway lanes on 19A.  
Improved bylaw enforcement.  
Daycare centres/parks for kids  
I do not support a tax increase.  
Bike paths  
A bylaw officer to enforce the bylaws everywhere, not give you excuses as to why this or that cannot be looked at.  
purchase the Park Sands make the community park bigger!  
bike trails and designation on street  
More bike & walking trails or perhaps make us aware of what is already there.  
Community Pool in Parksville  
More small parks. Groomed walking trails. Bicycle lanes.  
more parking downtown

Increased fire protection.  
senior's rental accommodation  
more parking downtown  
hospital  
safer routes access for special needs  
a Health / emergency clinic service staffed 24/7  
I don't pay taxes but my rent will increase if any increases are implemented. These are the ones I would not question.  
A proper totally certified firehall (earthquake)  
more sidewalks on Doehle  
Firehall  
Wembley Road needs another bike path shoulder.  
No tax increase. Reduce staff at the City. We pay higher taxes than QB/Victoria/Vancouver, etc.  
More walking and biking trails. Need a path right through the town.  
No  
I cannot afford tax increases.  
Acquiring significant green space in the community such as the property at Pym, Island Hwy and Doehle.  
No  
No  
No  
more forested parks  
Fire Hall  
Need swimming pool. Streets are too narrow.  
A Parksville pool--as long as we wouldn't have to still pay for the one in QB.  
more cultural facilities  
We cannot afford to support increased taxes. Financially we only just make it.  
Better recycling. They will not take glass at our condo.  
Can't afford more taxes on limited income.  
Outdoor pool is needed.  
more bike lanes/paths  
We already are getting a tax increase.  
swimming pool and theatre  
The rec facility needs to have open public times like the Wave Pool aquatic center in Nanaimo (not one hour per day).  
I'd want to know what the cost is for.  
Acquisition of more public beach land.

Buying Parksville's critical, irreplaceable natural habitats which are the foundation of our Community. We need to secure our wetlands and forests. For a Community with such natural riches, we need to invest in acquiring natural areas of importance. Large tracts of critical habitat and natural areas can be purchased at a relatively minimal cost, with very high benefits. The status quo of large scale development of natural habitats, Parks money being spent on maintaining small, inadequate or non-natural parks rather than in acquiring significant natural habitats is putting at risk our ecosystems and wildlife. Parksville is behind other municipalities in terms of City action to acquire natural areas. This needs to change.

None.

Although I support affordable/special needs housing, not sure how city taxes would be implicated

Bike trails, walkways. Taxes are too low.

New fire hall

Public washrooms, wide roads to accommodate bikes, scooters.

Our taxes are actually very low if you compare with other provinces. Our infrastructure is falling apart and we want to spend \$400K on a

new OCP. I don't mind paying more tax if the money is spent wisely.

Safer bike route from community park to Dogwood St.

I cannot afford any tax increase.

There are a lot of poor younger families who can't afford decent housing. Serious suffering happening.

more attention by police to files; active response to calls

All of the above, rally. We need it all.

Seniors assisted living.

Recreation facilities if youth related

swimming pool needed

public health services

senior care facilities

Accommodation for young workers. More designated paths to walk, cycle and use golf carts, more trees planted!

Health centre

I do not support a tax increase. Would like improved management and efficiency of spending of existing tax revenue.

Upgrade Fire Hall

community garden

individual water meters

No tax increase. Better management of public works, etc.

Why should we pay for affordable and/or special need housing?

modernization

Hospital

Bike paths/trails, multi purpose trail from Parksville to Qualicum Beach.

no more tax increase

No. Fixed income. Get more volunteers, get creative

hospital

Slow traffic on Hirst Ave near Pym. People do 70 to 80 km/hr.

No

none

more green space and parks

Upgrade sewer/water, streets. Support arts/activities for youth. Affordable housing is needed; not sure how it is achieved.

More beach access Temple/Sanderson area.

Updating of older streets/roads in some neighbourhood

We live on Newcastle Ave and would like a sidewalk. Look after existing areas before new developments.

taxes are high enough

Swimming pool for Parksville accessible to disabled on scooters to use for water exercises.

Medical centre/urgent care centre like Chemainus and Ladysmith have.

Hospital

No to all.

No

Change in traffic flow

No tax increase, please.

I would like a complex (swimming) similar to QB.

Movie theatre

Retention

Firehall upgrade

firehall renovations and staff

Emergency room care clinic.

Enhanced fire services (new fire hall)

no tax increase

Parkade in downtown core.

Some sort of music festival or a carnival.

Put smaller buses in areas. A roller rink or more things for our young people.

Bike lane on highway ties in with healthy living/tourism/safety. Be able to bike to downtown and beach safely.

Clean up unsightly properties on west end of city--19A south side.

Reduce taxes. Manage our money better.

Increased policing, if they would go where needed.

No

A few more garbage cans on the streets in residential areas, eg. Hirst Avenue

Tax base is enough. Spending on more essentials than study and waste.

we believe we are over taxed as it is!!!

no more tax increases. Stop spending dollars that aren't yours.

Better medical facility

Pool

none

More responsible councillors

No

No

Bikes off sidewalks.

I'm a widow on a small salary.

Landmark

24 hour medical facility and better accommodatins for our fire protection. Ample clean water forthe future.

No

No tax increase. My taxes should go down since the City doesn't do much for us in the strata situation.

Firehall

a pool

Would not support tax increase.

One city, one administration for Parksville, Qualicum and Errington. Less tax, less staff.

Definitely not increased policing.

depending on the amount of the increase

Fire services new building.

hospital

don't increase taxes

fire station

No

No

None

No

not applicable as apartment dweller

No, I would rather see better management of current taxes.

more stores

biking/walking trails connecting to downtown

It would be nice for the teams to have a field house down in the park when the Community Hall was torn down.

Also decent sidewalks on Corfield, Bagshaw and McVickers for the residents here

more water

taxes are too high as it is compared to other communities around Parksville

improve the sidewalks we have

If this is done (sidewalks), all streets from 19A to Stanford. I'm opposed to any tax increase.

Residents haven't benefited from tax increases. Too much business influence.

No. Use tax dollars already collected more responsibly.

all above should be included in the taxes we now pay

Prefer not tohave tax increase for any of the above.

No

environment

No

No

no

Bike lanes and trails.

Some roads do not have sidewalks!

none at all

You can't have all of these at the same time, but steady growth is important.

I don't want anymore taxes.

None--income too low.

Lots of streets need potholes filled.

None of the above.

Would like to see a swimming facility in town and would like sidewalks in our area (Pym)

environmental programs

cycle paths

more green spaces and playgrounds

No. It's time some of the more fortunate businesses put back a little more into the community, not just provide low income jobs.

Police. This town needs to have a clean out and get some people working at the detachment who are willing to work.

I financially can't afford any more taxes.

Too much is spent on sidewalks now.

Firehall and training facilities. Local swimming facilities.

parks, trails, waterfront development

I am a low income, fixed income senior and can't afford higher taxes

No chlorine in water. Please switch to UV technology (solar/heat).

Purchase of private land to expand Parksville's beach park

People with disabilities especially; there is a huge problem in the mid-Island. People come here because they can manager better

(climate, smaller community). I have seen people on fixed incomes living in hovels in this community - we can do better.

No

I do not want a tax increase

No--live within our means.

Taxes are very high now.

Add pool.

No

more seasonal 'festivals'

Do we have a choice? If we want these things we have to pay for them.

How about we try less of these things and lower taxes?

Medical

Local swimming pool, gym, meeting space, etc. Just example (by no means expecting the same) of West Van's community centers.

None of the above.

Put taxes down.

sports for all youth

recreation for teenagers

Our taxes are already too high. I'm not sure why taxes are so high. The development was supposed to pay for itself.

bike trails

No tax increase.

Our police officers are too much of a buddy. Who gives a ticket to their buddy?

Vegitable and meat farms in Parksville

more green spaces

No

I can't afford an increase. I am not unhappy.

Not specifically any of the above, but to support community service maintenance.

We need a 20 bed hospital now on land adjoining Stanford Place. Try for Government funding.

Projects geared towards sustainability.

Disability, accessibility increased.

Biannual pickup of large garbage and pick up garden waste.

There needs to be a bike/walking trail system that stretches continuously from end to end of Parksville.

Make it easier and safer for people with walkers, wheelchairs and scooters to get around by providing smoother

and more even sidewalks,

and at curbs where crosswalks are located.

bike paths

cinema for the teens and elderly

More low income housing needed. Rents are too high.

Hospital

More for youths

No to all of the above.

Downtown enhancement, as long as it is beautification not real estate/growth.

Ensuring/protecting water supply can support the population.

No tax increases.

Pay plenty already.

Medical Centre with 24 hour services and overnight stay

park/green space

No

Sidewalks: We have short sidewalks because cost was downloaded to developers.

We need better planning of where sidewalks are needed; ie, around schools.

Fire Hall and equipment

Keeping all the green space and adding to it.

Signage for a public parking facility.

Taxes are way too high for services received.

Improved medical facilities.

None--taxes too high already.

Policing.

Taxes are high enough.

Medical enhancements - walk ins with more doctors or hospital  
More designated parkland.  
More parks  
Establishment of community gardens.  
Public washrooms are badly needed in the downtown area like the ones Qualicum Beach has in their downtown area.  
Improvements to parking in the Community Park. No where enough parking in park.  
None. Keep as is.  
Pool  
Public parks  
More improvements, stairways, paths at beach access points.  
Walk/bike pathways into town and beach.  
None of the above.  
More recreation facilities for youth 12 to 20--movie house, swimming pool.  
No  
None of these.  
I do not support any tax increase. Spend what you are taking from us more carefully.  
No tax increase. We have no policing now.  
No tax increase necessary for most of the above. Forget some of the capital projects to free up funds.  
Buy Walsh property. Prevent developments on the beach.  
Trail connectivity, bike lanes.  
No  
No  
Sidewalk on Despard for school kids from Alberni Hwy to Craig St.  
Improved firehall.  
Pedestrian beach walkway.  
sidewalks without poles, especially along 19A  
Affordable accommodation and special needs housing should not even be considered in the downtown area.  
pool in Parksville  
Taxes are high for a community with our population.  
road repairs  
Road maintenance and traffic lights.  
biking/walking trails  
Fire protection.  
I don't believe taxes need to be raised to improve public transit.  
Particularly for teens.  
People are taxed to death already.  
Stop paying consultants. Look at ways of saving our tax dollars, not spending them.  
A city swimming pool would be nice. More public skating rather than arena used for hockey all the time.  
cycling paths  
Purchase waterfront property and preserve as park for future generations.

Infrastructure changes, ie. Highway 19A changes  
Leaving beach land free and visible for all. Purchase and protect.  
purchasing green spaces  
Purchase back the waterfront.  
Upgrade to water system so as to not have water use restrictions.  
Since I live in an apartment building, snow removal, lawns, etc. do not come under the city services, therefore "no opinion" on some.  
No tax increase.  
I live on a street close to downtown; high traffic volume, barely 2 cars wide, no sidewalks, open deep ditches and few street lights.  
Safe streets should be a priority now and for the future.  
none of the above unless a long term plan is developed  
Affordable housing is a huge concern for those working in this largely minimum wage town. I think it's critical to address the cause  
(minimum wage) while preparing to address the solution (affordable housing).  
Curbside collection of reasonable amounts of yard waste on a weekly basis, to stop people from illegal dumping in inappropriate places.  
No tax increase. I am paying too much tax for nothing. Too many unnecessary employees.  
Don't support increase in taxes. Support overhaul of how council currently spends our tax dollars.  
Affordable accommodations in my book mean housing, not apartments or condos.  
Senior housing--rentals for low/fixed income folks.  
Better street maintenance.  
More walking and off leash dog trails/parks/green spaces. Garbage cans on trails for 'doggy bags'.  
Theatre (400 capacity)  
Cannot afford tax increase  
Ravensong pool is well over capacity. A pool here would be great.  
No tax increase. All is satisfactory. Doing good.  
Hospital, Health Centre  
Would support an increase if realistic and if the monies were dedicated to these improvements.  
No  
Town management costs are too high for the size of our town.  
Would like pool.  
None of these should require a tax increase, just better money management.  
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All types of 'pocket' parks to maxi parks developed to wilderness. Save the trees.  
Taxes are very high already. Need management smarts.  
Enhance Alberni Hwy entering town with trees in centre median, sidewalks, make entering Parksville look good, like QB has done!  
none of the above  
I don't support a tax increase.  
None.  
Better roads.  
City should buy out the Parksville Beach Motel property. There are many ways the City could develop property for resident use.

