

COMMUNITY CONVERATION WITH SADI

Number of Participants = 18

ANSWERS	# RESPONSES
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1) What is Culture?

Heritage	1
Community traditions such as Light Up	1
Sense of community	1
Language	1
Local food and restaurants	1

2) How do youth fit in to Summerland Culture?

Not well – Summerland is filled with elderly people	3
Summerland has nothing for youth to do	2

3) What can be done to make Summerland Culture more appealing to youth?

New skate park	2
The Summerland pool is having problems (pool tiles shifting, hot tub blew up last night); it is a small pool and not aesthetically pleasing. There is no lazy river and it could use multiple pools with classes.	3
The gym at the Recreation Centre needs more space and newer equipment	2
Action Fest is good, but festivals do not have a lot to do for youth	3
More frequent festivals (such as peach pie contest, children’s festival, Taste of Summerland, easter egg drop)	4
Dances for youth at festivals or teen town dances (school dances are often cancelled)	3
Attracts families with kids to the community	1
Night/evening activities for people who live in Summerland (not tourists)	1
Summerland “closes” by 9pm. At 5pm, youth hang out at 7-11 because it is the only place that is open because there is nowhere to hang out at night. A place for youth to hang out during evening/night (like an arcade/restaurant/pub) is needed. This is also needed locally because drivers licences are received when youth are older and they don’t have a way of travelling out of Summerland.	6
When youth hang out at night, other people think that there are problems and start calling the police or Citizens on Patrol. SADI organized an after-hours water fight and notified the police in advance, but there were complaints and the police attended the event. This does not make Summerland appealing to youth.	3
Creation of a downtown business association	1
Music concerts for youth (make use of the amphitheatre in the Park)	2

4) What can be done to attract more youth of local cultural offerings?

Increased transportation around Summerland. The transit bus is poorly planned and underused. Bus stops are needed at the High School, Trout Creek, Giants Head and Rotary Beach. Hop on-hop off passes are also needed rather than paying for each ride. The bus schedule should also consider the High School schedule so, for example, a student does not need to leave school early to get to work on time in Penticton.	3
Creation of a Summerland loop for BC Transit year round. A stop at the Waterfront Resort should also be included as there is very limited taxi service.	2
Increased resources for SADI so it can be open 7 days a week and hire more staff	3
Youth are happy to volunteer and get involved in activities, but activities need to be planned to make them more interesting for youth and they need to be given an opportunity to participate (ie. How do they get there and how do they get home?)	2
Creation of a well-kept hangout which includes a pool, an arcade and a kitchen for snacks or a pub with a family area or an all-ages night club or an indoor skate park and restaurant	4
Extended hours skate park with key card for entry with security cameras (fee for skate park can help pay for cost of skate park)	1
Outdoor skate rink at Spirit Square that is free or has a nominal cost so no youth are excluded	3

Additional Comment

- Sunday farmers' markets were good, but they negatively affected businesses that did not have booths or that were not on Main Street. Not everyone who went to the markets went into the stores.