

WHAT IS WORKING WELL FOR YOUTH AS PART OF THE CULTURAL FABRIC IN SUMMERLAND?
WHAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED?

Working – Lots of activities for kids if you're looking for them. Arena, pool, Shakespeare Festival, Blossom Pageant, S.A.D.I. Community tends to respond to new needs. Summerland offers a safe community for kids.

Not Working – 12-17 year olds need more places to “hang out”, need funding so low-income families can afford programs and day-care, some programs only available in Penticton, need more family counseling/support, need a male program similar to Blossom Pageant, need more interaction between youth and seniors.

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO WITH CULTURE FOR YOUTH IN SUMMERLAND? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? WHAT WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Need more Fall/Winter outdoor free activities.
- Extend S.A.D.I. hours
- Make facilities more multi-purpose – eg, central civic centre with pool, indoor driving range, walking track etc.
- Make facilities more accessible so 12-17 year olds don't feel so isolated – downtown to beach accessibility.
- Theme for town – eg “Knowledge-based community fibre optics, innovation centre, professional building to set up in, internet cafes, discussion groups.
- Need to attract volunteers.
- Teach an Entrepreneur course at school to encourage youth to start their own businesses when they graduate

HOW DO WE GET THERE? WHAT RESOURCES DO WE NEED TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL?

- Need more dollars for the community.
- Need more volunteers.
- Remain an agricultural community – encourage research, science, green strategy.
- Raise taxes.
- “Buzz words” to get tourists into town and help business