

SUMMERLAND RODEO GROUNDS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

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This report represents the compilation of broad-spectrum feedback received during community engagement events held in November and December 2022.

The intent of the report is to provide an overview of community members opinions and desires, regarding future use of the Summerland Rodeo Grounds site and will become a core part of the development of the Master Plan concept design and final project report.

The opinions, wants and needs of all engagement contributors will be considered throughout the design process. The final project report and draft Master Plan will include the design rationale behind each of the planning choices and will reflect the information and feedback collated in this report.



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

In the Fall of 2022, the District of Summerland retained the services of Ecora Engineering and Resource Group to act as consultants in creating a comprehensive Site Master Plan. This process started with a thorough site assessment, including environmental and structural evaluations, District staff and council engagement as well as a community workshop and open house.

The Summerland Rodeo Grounds (SRG) project was initiated by the District of Summerland’s commitment to the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan which provides strategic direction to the District of Summerland regarding park use, facilities and services. One of the Plan’s recommendations is to undertake a master plan for the Rodeo Grounds, exploring community needs and possible uses for the site, service requirements and costs and possible operating arrangements.

1.2 PROJECT SCOPE & PURPOSE

The overall expected outcomes of the Summerland Rodeo Grounds Master Plan (the “Plan”) project are to:

- Provide a long-term vision for the property
- Provide staff with direction on property operations and management
- Provide recommendations for operational requirements and capital investments, including costing over the next 15 years

1.3 SITE OVERVIEW

The Summerland Rodeo Grounds are located at 17202 Bathville Road, and occupy 73.76 acres of rolling parkland property. The Rodeo Grounds property is bordered to the east by Conkle Mountain Park, by Trout Creek along the south and west edges and the Trans Canada Trail and Kettle Valley Railway on the north side. The property has long been owned by the District of Summerland, with the operation of the Rodeo Grounds coming under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department in the mid-1990s and is zoned as Parks and Recreation (PR2).

In addition to a multitude of informal trails, the site itself currently includes several existing structures and facilities, including: three outdoor grandstands, both a large and small riding ring, a clubhouse building, concession shack, public washroom, some stabling enclosures and accommodation for an on-site caretaker, as well as small storage building.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The intent of the engagement and consultation process is to engage the community in the planning process before moving forward in creating a Master Plan for the Rodeo Grounds site. By engaging citizens as part of the design consultation process, the District of Summerland and consultant team are seeking to develop a unique and appropriate long-term vision for the grounds, based on a foundation of broad community input.

“SRG is an important part of our culture. It can meet the needs of a vast number of people, with many different interests.”

(Online Survey Response, December 2022).

Meaningful engagement with all community members, allows the District of Summerland and the consulting team to better achieve the time, scope, quality, cost and engagement targets established at the outset of the project. Engagement improves transparency, accountability and trust between all parties.



2.1 PROJECT TIMELINE

		2022	
	Project Start Up Site Visit	13	Oct
	Meeting with Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee	18	
	Key Contributor Workshop		Nov
	Public Open House	23	
	Online Public Survey Opens		Dec
	Engagement Review with City Council	12	
	Online Public Survey Closes	15	Dec
			2023
WE ARE HERE	Preliminary Engagement Report Available Online	Mid	Jan
	(Two) Master Plan Concepts Public Open House & Online Survey	Mid	Feb
	Master Plan Engagement Review with City Council	Mid	Mar
	Final Submission of Project Deliverables	Mid	Apr

2.2 PHASE-1 ENGAGEMENT

Preliminary engagement opportunities throughout Phase 1 of consultation, were created to receive feed back from both District of Summerland Council, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation staff, key contributor user groups as well as the public.

MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION

PARKS & RECREATION PROJECT TEAM

In mid-October 2022, the consulting design team facilitated an on-site working session at the Rodeo Grounds with the District of Summerland project team. The outcomes achieved during this inaugural meeting include:

- A review of site background/ history
- An assessment of current site and amenities
- Solidification of project goals, scope and timelines
- Identification of current key user groups to be consulted
- Confirm parameters of public engagement plan

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On October 14, 2022, representatives from the consulting design team attended the Summerland Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, to present and gather feedback on the visioning of the Rodeo Grounds.

Questions posed to the Committee included:

- What is your vision for this site?
- How can the vision of other interested groups relate to your vision?
- Is the vision you have for this site sustainable for 5 years? 25 years? 100 years?
- What is the most important thing to achieve with this site right now?
- What is not important for this site?

Primary takeaways from the consultation with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee include learning:

- The Rodeo Grounds is a unique and valuable asset within the region
- Any new plan should include a broad-spectrum of community appeal
- The site should maintain some element of its equestrian heritage and that the rustic, natural aesthetic of the park, especially any environmentally sensitive areas, should be prioritized and protected

CITY COUNCIL

On December 12, 2022, representatives from the consulting design team, (virtually) attended the District of Summerland's standing monthly meeting. Councilors were offered a full briefing of the site and project scope, as well as a review of preliminary survey trends received up to that point in time. (The online survey was officially closed on December 15 after 2 weeks).

Additional feedback and input from Council, will be sought during Phase-2 of engagement, in response to the two Master Plan concepts presented.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

KEY CONTRIBUTOR WORKSHOP - November 23, 2022

As part of a concerted effort to ensure primary user groups of the Rodeo Grounds were distinctively heard, several active and regular user groups, identified at the start of the project, were invited to a Key Contributor Workshop. In total, 14 people representing nine different user groups, attended the workshop event. Each group was given an opportunity to discuss their historical relationship with the Rodeo Grounds, and convey their group's vision and/or concerns regarding any future development of the site.

KEY-CONTRIBUTOR GROUPS PRESENT INCLUDED:

- S.R.G.E.D.C. (SRG Equine Development Committee)
- Summerland Bluegrass Association
- A.L.E.R.T. (Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team)
- E.R.A.B.C (Endurance Riders Association of BC)
- P.P.C. (Penticton Pony Club)
- SRG Site Caretaker

The benefit of inviting key representatives allowed for an in-depth understanding of the primary user experience and for the consultant team to receive valuable input regarding the larger community vision for the Rodeo Grounds, as well as the wants and needs of its unique user-base, particularly the equine community.

Based on spoken-feedback received during the workshop, it was clear to the consultant team that there are passionate community groups eager to utilize the Rodeo Grounds to its full potential. These primary groups were collaborative and saw value in the cross-over facility utilization, however they also cautioned against over programming the space or not paying due caution to the special needs of equine activities, animals and equipment.

The emergent themes from the workshop discussions as well as the open-house event are summarized on page 6 of this report.

See Appendix A for a copy of key open-house panels, and talking points recorded during the workshop session.





COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE - November 23, 2022

Directly following the contributor workshop, the general public, was invited to attend an open-house information session, which offered an overview of the current site and sought input from the public on visions for the future.

In addition to completing a written survey, attendees to the open-house were asked to indicate their preference for certain activities, events or park amenities using a 'dot-mocracy' survey method.

Dot-mocracy, also known as dot-voting or idea rating, is a fun and informal technique used to select options or make decisions. For this open-house, attendees were presented an array of images reflecting possible park activities, events or amenities.

Each participant was then invited to "vote" for their favorite options by placing stickers on the photo representing a preferred choice. In addition to placing voting-dots, participants were encouraged to add any additional ideas or comments, they did not see represented by the image options.



Poster announcing the open-house event on November 23, 2022



Example of the 'Dot-mocracy' panels showing results of the visual survey

EMERGENT THEMES FROM WORKSHOP & PUBLIC OPEN-HOUSE

Via round-table workshop discussion, breakaway conversations, completed hard-copy surveys, and the 'dot-mocracy' voting exercise, the following themes emerged from the November 23rd community consultation sessions, as key priorities for future planning of the Rodeo Grounds site.

<p>REVITALIZATION</p>	<p>The SRG was strongly viewed as a valuable (and unique) natural asset not only for the Summerland community, but as a regional/ provincial destination. The majority of respondents believed the site is currently underutilized, largely due to safety and maintenance concerns - not lack of interest or want.</p>
<p>SAFETY & MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>Feedback largely focused on the inability to maximize the usage of facilities and trails -particularly for equestrian events - due to lack of facility maintenance (e.g. arena footing); the concern over the structural safety of buildings /grandstands; as well as the need for clearer signage across the site, and designated circulation during weekends, larger functions or private event bookings. Equestrian advocates stressed that both the animals and equipment of riders need special care, and consideration compared to other recreational activities.</p>
<p>EQUESTRIAN PRIORITIZATION</p>	<p>Many opinions strongly indicated that the grounds and facilities should focus on equestrian activities and events. While open to sharing the facilities with other groups, where feasible and reasonable, equestrian advocates stressed how few sites like the SRG exist within the BC interior, despite a growing demand. Given the rarity of similar facilities, and the historical investment of time and money made by equestrian groups, a theme of prioritization towards equestrian activities and events emerged.</p>

DIGITAL CONSULTATION

In mid-November 2022, the District of Summerland (DOS) created a landing page for the SRG Master Plan project through the Parks and Recreation portal of the DOS website. This landing page will remain open to public access until the final report and Master Plan recommendations are submitted in April 2023. In addition to providing a project overview and background information for the general public, the landing page also provides a link to the online survey tool.

ONLINE SURVEY

The first online survey was available to all members of the public between November 23 and December 15, 2022. The purpose of this first public survey was to gather information, listen and understand.

In total, 438 participants completed the survey, with approximately 66.6% identifying as Summerland residents, with 33.3% residing in surrounding communities, throughout the Cariboo, Kootenay, Thompson, Okanagan, and Similkameen regions.

What type of activities would you like to see happening at the Summerland Rodeo Grounds site? (check all that apply)



Above shows a visual example of the categorized feedback received to one of the engagement survey questions, identifying activity preferences at the Rodeo Grounds site.

A second online survey will be held February/ March 2023, to solicit community and Council feedback on the two Master Plan concept designs. Participants will be asked to evaluate the design and programming appeal of the two separate concepts, providing input on aspects they see fit.

See Appendix B for the detailed summary of the online community survey results.

EMERGENT THEMES OF DIGITAL CONSULTATION

The emergent themes of the online survey feedback largely mirrored that of the in-person feedback, with additional focus on general amenities, and inclusion of activities, with minimal impact to the current arrangement, such as a disc-golf course or bike skills park.

<p>REVITALIZATION</p>	<p>Similar to the workshop and open-house feedback, respondents of the online survey strongly view the SRG as a valuable asset to the Summerland community, but consider it underutilized. Suggestions for revitalization include improved washroom and water facilities, regular maintenance of the arena footing and trails, with the ultimate goal of expanding community event opportunities, such as seasonal festivals and special interest events.</p>
<p>NATURAL PRESERVATION</p>	<p>While many respondents are eager to pursue the untapped potential of the Rodeo Grounds site, strong sentiment remains that efforts should be made to protect and preserve the site as a rustic destination.</p>
<p>EQUESTRIAN PRIORITIZATION</p>	<p>Online feedback maintained a strong focus on upgrading and expanding the equestrian facilities, including stabling, trail maintenance, and equestrian camping opportunities. Creating opportunities to maximize equine bookings, but also sharing the space simultaneously with other users when possible.</p>
<p>TRAILS & INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>There is a strong sense amongst respondent that (non-vehicular) multi-use trails should be maintained and upgraded with signage, for safer and easier use. The integration of amenities, such as a disc golf course or mountain-bike course, have been advocated as part of a multi-use site, while maintaining the natural and rustic aesthetic.</p>

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 OVERVIEW - PHASE-1 ENGAGEMENT

With the variety of engagement activities completed, the following summarizes the principles and themes that will help to guide the new concept developments.

The SRG is popular with both local and out of town residents. The facilities are used all year round with the highest use in summer. There seems to be few barriers for people wanting reach the site for an event. Several respondents were unaware of or had never been to the Rodeo Grounds.

The majority of site users are based around the equine community, but trail use for walking, snowshoeing and biking remains a high priority of the user-base.

The leading choices of desired future uses for the park includes:

1. Diversified non-vehicular trails
2. Equine training and events
3. Festival and special event staging
4. Camping (rustic)
5. Private bookings (weddings, reunions etc.)

The most important existing facility on site is the public washroom. Followed by trails, parking, clubhouse, equine infrastructure and then a cook shack.

The leading desired future facilities/ infrastructure improvements include:

- Overnight camping (Rustic)
- Outdoor skating rink/trails
- Upgraded horse ring and stabling
- Off Leash Dog Park
- Disc golf course
- Designated festival space/ concert stage

PRIMARY GUIDING THEMES:

- 1- Upholding of the rustic nature of the site and facilities, as well as preservation of the natural habitat.
- 2 - Equestrian prioritization, based on creating more event opportunities and upgrading facility safety.
- 3 - The desire and benefit of making the property more multi-use - allowing for varying activities to take place at the same time.
- 4 - Revitalization of trails and activity spaces, as well as facilities (such as bathrooms) and amenities (such as signage), in order to improve overall user experience and safety.

3.2 MASTER PLAN CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

During the Concept Development stage, the project team will be evaluating the cumulative feedback from the community members and groups consulted, during the Phase-1 engagement. The Master Plan design process will begin in January 2023, incorporating all elements of consideration, including environmental impact, future sustainability, fiscal feasibility, industry research and best practices in addition to the Phase-1 municipal and community input.

3.3 PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT

Public participation in the Phase 2 engagement, will once again come in the form of an open-house (February/March 2023) and an online survey, which will showcase and request feedback on the two potential Master Plan concepts. The input received during Phase-2 engagement will be used to refine the preferred Master Plan concept.

In addition to the broader public feedback, Phase-2 of the engagement process will include expanded consultation with the District of Summerland City Council, the Parks and Recreation staff, as well as structural and environmental specialists.

AND RODEO GROUNDS PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

What would you like to see in the new Master Plan. Place a dot on all the activities and amenities that you think we should incorporate!



What did we miss?

- HIGH SCHOOL RODEOS
- PS PARTNERSHIP?
- FOUNTAIN
- HORSE SHOWS
- RODEO? (with note: "Don't forget about the rodeo!")
- BARBECUE RODEO GROUND AND TENT
- FOUNTAIN PRODUCTIONS RODEO EVENTS
- OVERNIGHT HORSE CAMP
- FOUNTAIN PRODUCTIONS RODEO EVENTS

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER TO THE RODEO!



APPENDIX A

OPEN HOUSE / WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

The following are the 'dot-mocracy' survey results and round-table discussion notes recorded during public open-house and workshop events, held on November 23, 2022.

In addition to the results presented here, many of the attendees of the November 23 workshop and open-house completed the community survey questionnaire in hard-copy form. Identical to the public survey made available online - from November 23 to December 15 - all hard-copy submissions of the survey have been digitally incorporated into the larger online data bank of survey feedback. See Appendix B for the final results of that survey.



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- HIGH SCHOOL RODEOS
- NO RODEO?
- SUMMERLAND STOMP (DANCE) Two on one, two weekend event tents.
- P3 PARTNERSHIP?
- BARRIER RODEO GROUND A GOOD PRECEDENT
- EQUINE ENDURANCE RACING EVENTS
- EQUINE CLINICS
- OVERNIGHT HORSE CAMPING
- HORSE SHOWS - RC Games, Amigo (Soccer), Improved Saddle, Acrobatic Moves, HORSES & Beer Club
- HORSES HAVE PITTS TO REMAIN DOWNTOWN - NOT BE RELOCATED TO SEE
- HORSESHOE PITTS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED IN MEMORIAL/TREAT PARK
- TREAT CREEK WHAT END OF BRICK FOR HORSESHOE MEMORIAL PROPOSED TREAT PARK, PRE OF YOUTH

HIGH LEVEL ISSUES

EXACT ACRES OF ENVIRONMENTS —

POSSIBLE 2nd ARENA

- BIGGEST STAKE HOLDER
- 15 HORSES 100' x 200'
- ENCLOSED OR COVERED ARENA FOR YEAR ROUND FACILITY — 20m x 60m
- 65m x 65m
- EXPAND SMALLER ARENA
- MULTI-USE COVERED ARENA
- FALL FAIR
- RENTABLE SPACE

- ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENTER EQUESTRIAN SPORT
- HORSES NEED "SAFE SPACE"
DOGS MAY NOT MIX WELL.
- 2 TYPES OF EQUESTRIAN
 - DROP INS - PARKING AREA
 - SCHEDULED
- 4-5 HORSE TRAILERS/DAY *NO TURN AROUND FOR HORSE TRAILERS
20 TRAILERS PER WEEK
- COW DOG - CATTLE DOG - REQUIRES COWS
- EQUESTRIAN CAMPING.
- WORKING EQUITATION -
- AGRICULTURE -
- AGRICULTURAL FAIR -
- OBSERVER HORSE TRAILS -

- EQUESTRIAN MOUNTAIN TRAILS
WITH OBST. LOGS - BRIDGES.
- CAN BE A SHARED TRAIL

BLUE GRASS GROUP

- RESPECTFUL OF HORSES
- MOVE FESTIVAL TO THE "TOP MEADOW"
FOR A SEPARATION
- POSSIBLY A STAGE
- PARKING ISSUE - W/OVER 1000
- POWER - WATER - KITCHEN
- BIG EVENT TENT
- CAMPING IS PART OF BLUEGRASS
FESTIVAL.
- SEPARATE FROM EQUESTRIAN FACILITY

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- PS PARTNERSHIP?
- FOUNTAIN
- HORSE SHOWS
- RODEO? (with sticky note: "RODEO STUMP GRUBS" and "let me see if I included that")
- SHARED RODEO GROUND AND FACILITIES
- FOUNTAIN PRODUCE MARKET
- OVERNIGHT HORSE CAMP
- Facilities for the 1000+ people that will be attending the event
- Additional Arts Programs to be located in proximity to the main event center and also to provide additional space for the public



APPENDIX B ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

The following is a formatted version of the digital online survey that was conducted as part of the public engagement activities for the Summerland Rodeo Grounds Master Plan. The graphs have been formulated via the Survey Monkey website and provide an accurate visual representation of the collective responses given.

All hard-copy submissions of the survey, completed during the November 23 workshop/open-house event, have been added to the results of this report, including any additional written comments submitted by participants.



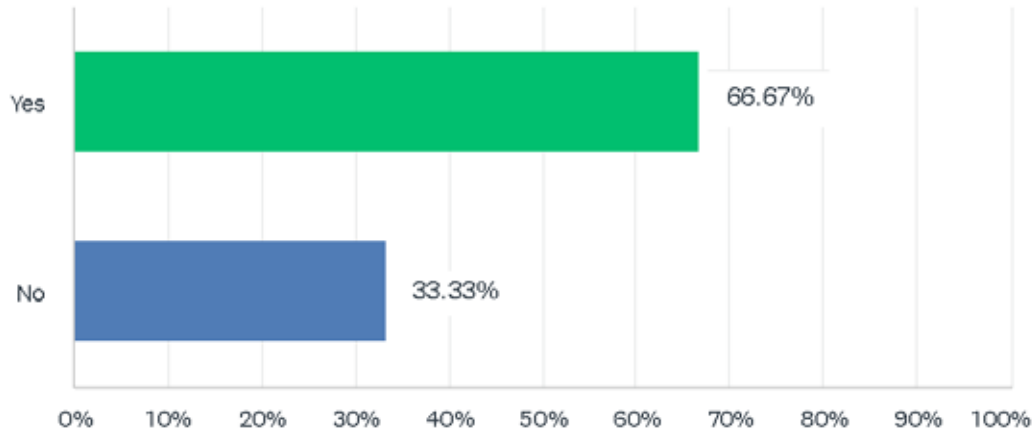
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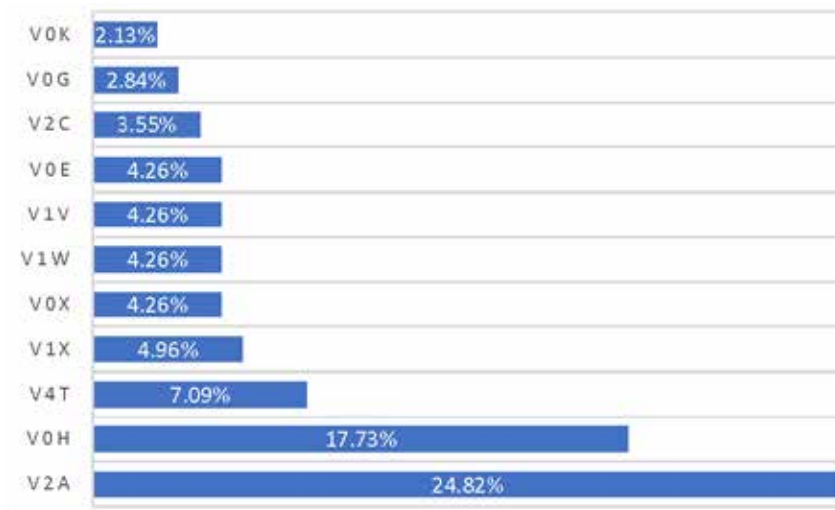
Question 1a

Are you a Summerland Resident?



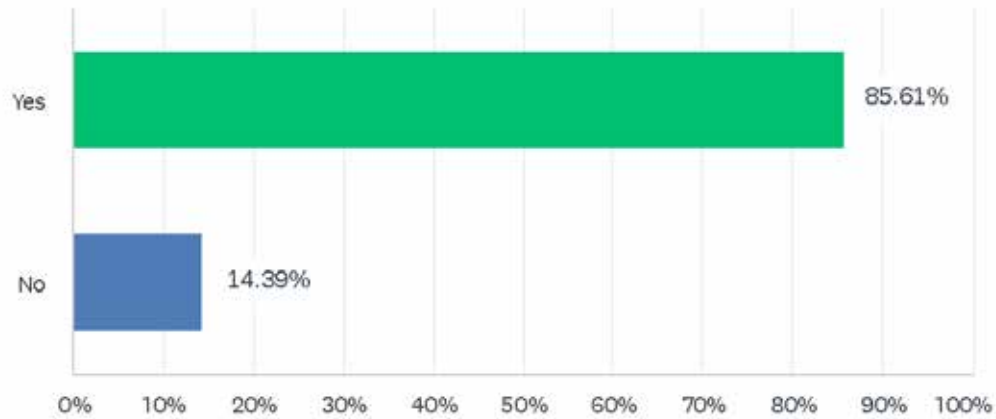
Question 1b

If you are not a Summerland resident, please provide the first 3-digits of your postal code:



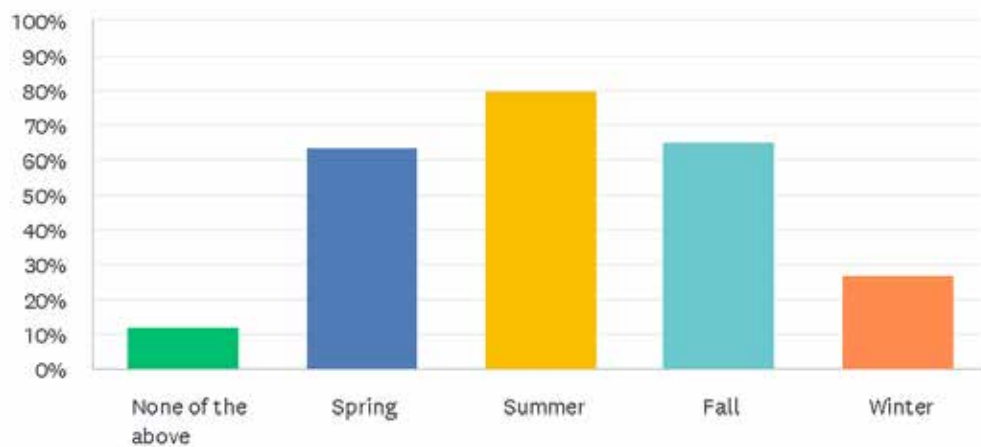
Question 2

Have you visited the Summerland Rodeo Grounds in the last 10 years?



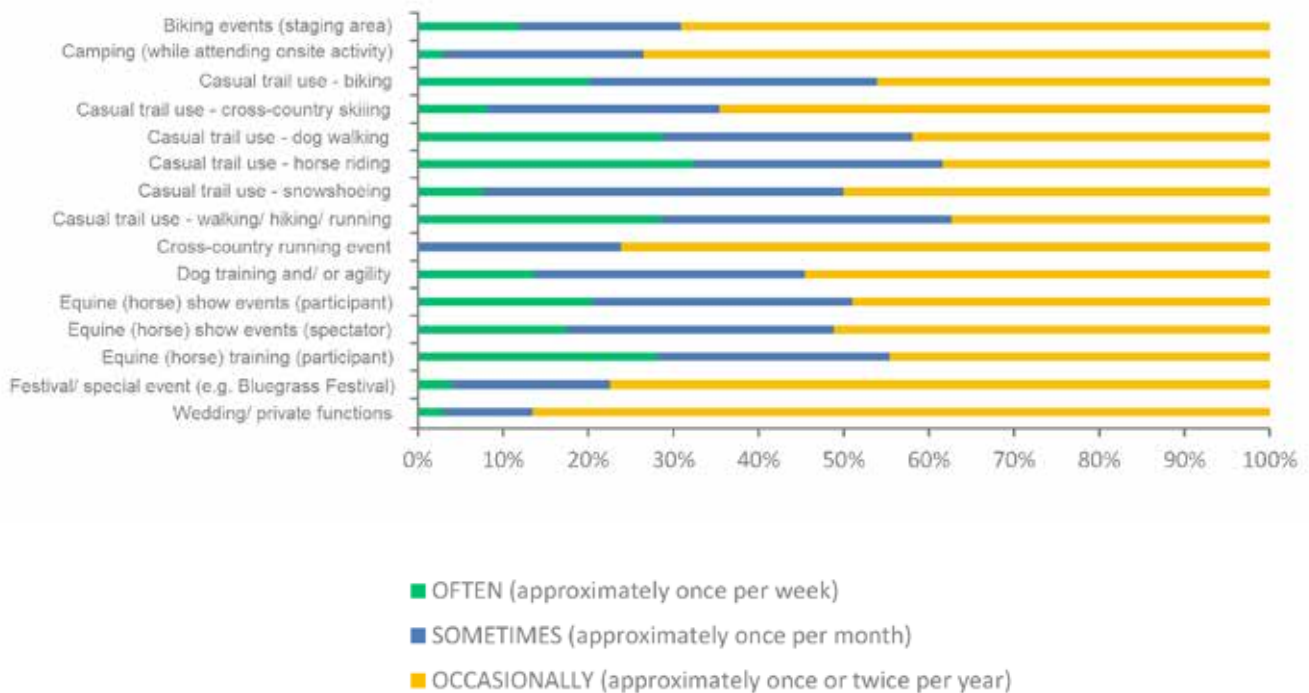
Question 3

During which season(s) do you visit/ use the Summerland Rodeo Grounds?



Question 4

What frequency do you and/or members of your household participate in activities at the Summerland Rodeo Grounds property? (check all that apply)

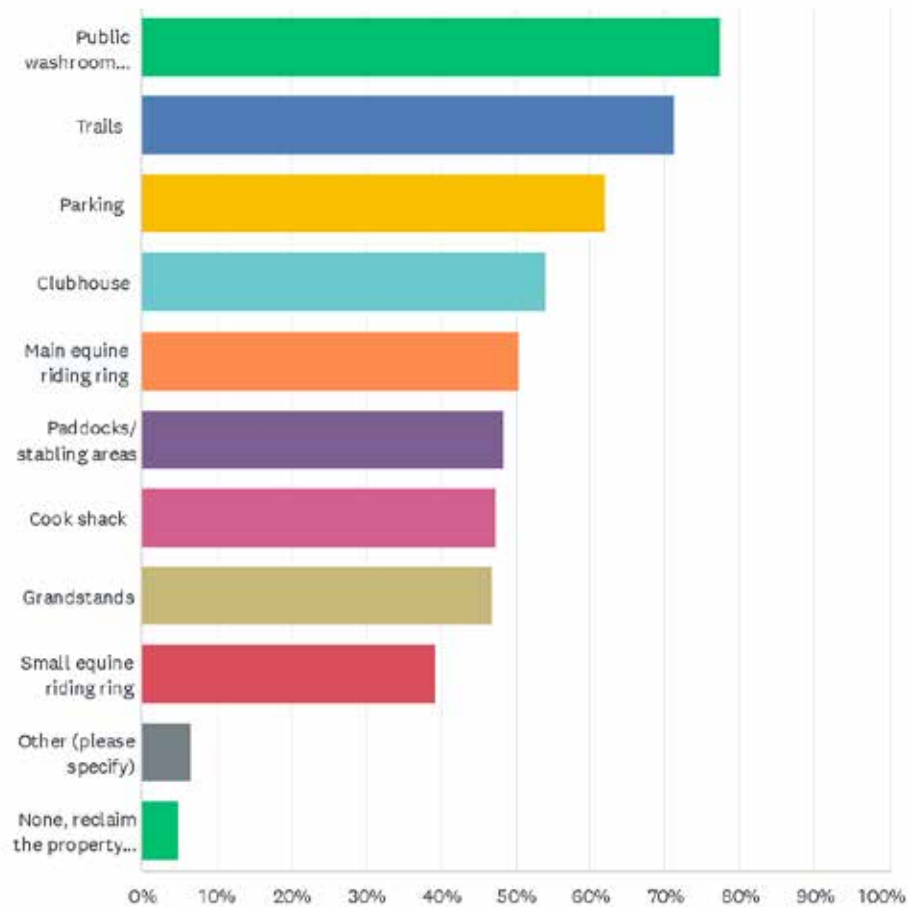


Common "Other" Answers:

- Creek access/ swimming
- Train Robbery events
- Long board festival
- New Years Eve party
- Botanizing
- Did not know about any events/ Did not know SRG was public facility

Question 5

What current infrastructure do you think is important, and should be maintained and upgraded when required? (check all that apply)

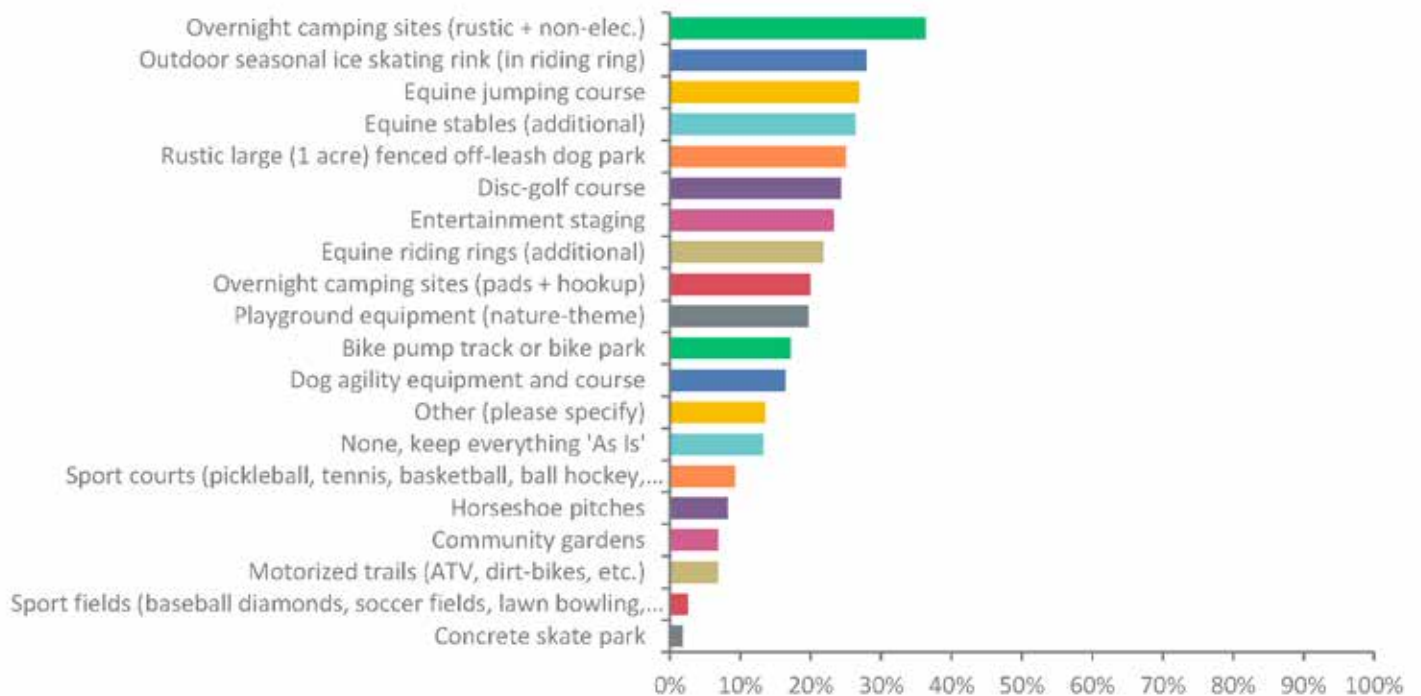


Common "Other" Answers:

- Arena footing

Question 6

What new infrastructure do you think should be added as future planning priorities? (check all that apply)

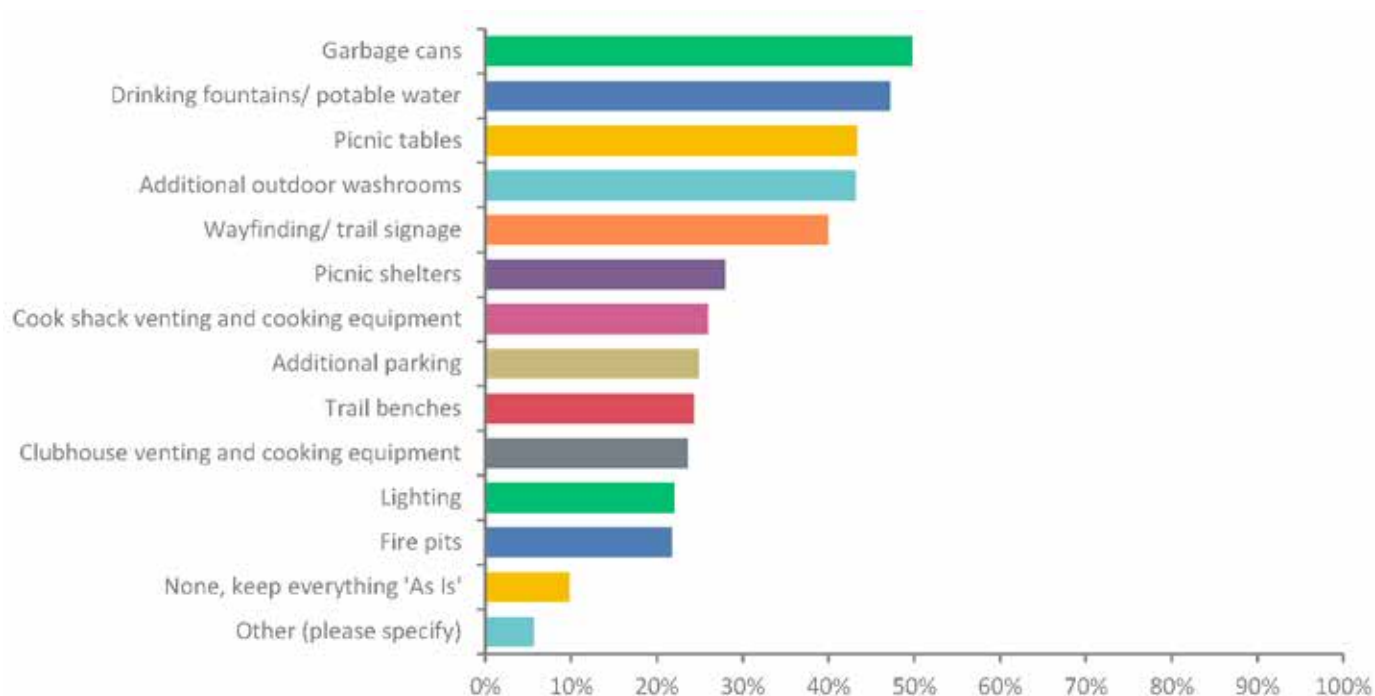


Common "Other" Answers:

- Arena footing
- Covered arena
- Equestrian amenities (roping equipment, mounting posts, mountain trail course)

Question 7

What additional amenities do you think should be considered in future planning priorities? (check all that apply)

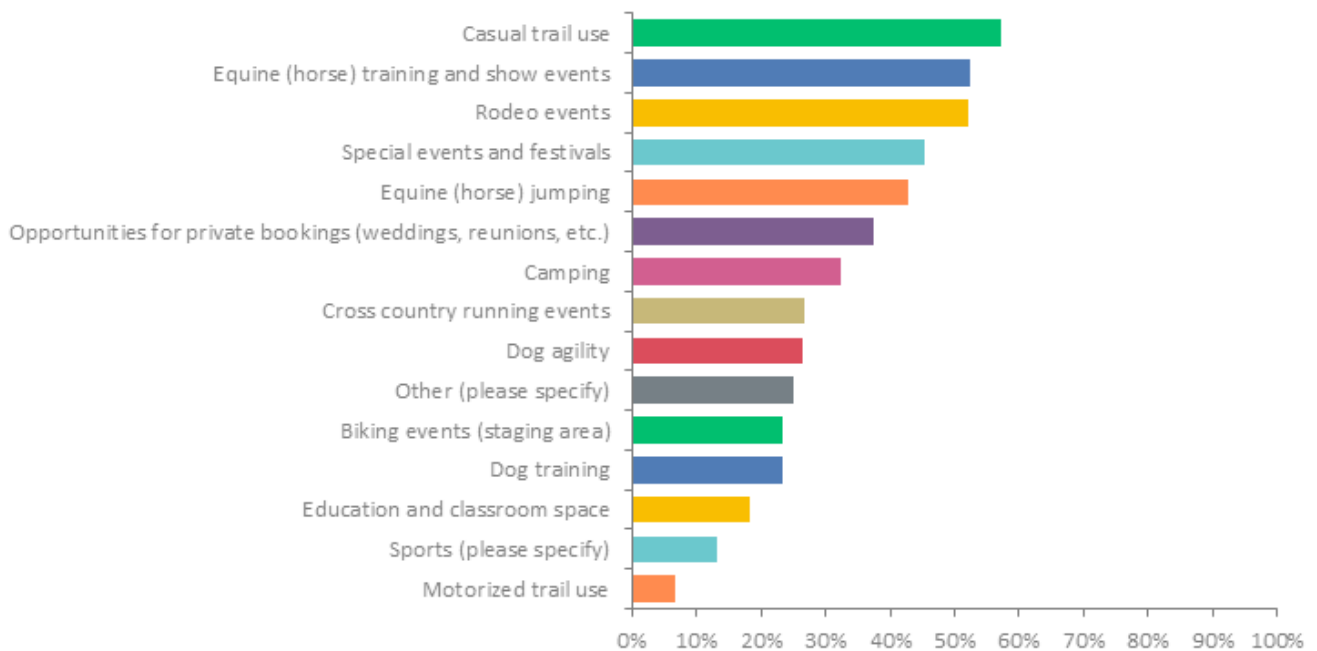


Common "Other" Answers:

- Irrigation for dust control in riding arenas

Question 8

What type of activities would you like to see happening at the Summerland Rodeo Grounds? (check all that apply)



Common "Other" Answers:

- Live music
- Outdoor skating rink/ skating trails
- Pump track/ bike park
- Disc golf course

Question 9*

What existing feature or aspect of the park is your top priority to be preserved/maintained/upgraded? (optional response)

[The below percentages represent each time a feature or aspect was cited in a response.]

- **61%** of responses cited maintaining, or prioritizing equine related structures and activities on site
 - **22%** specifically mentioned maintaining/ upgrading the **riding arenas** (incl. footing)
 - **9%** specifically mentioned maintaining/ upgrading the **grandstands**
 - **7%** specifically mentioned maintaining/ upgrading the **stabling**
- **27%** of responses cited maintaining access to hiking/biking/horse trails as a top priority
- **24%** of responses cited the existing site structures
 - **8%** specifically mentioned maintaining/ upgrading the **clubhouse**
 - **8%** specifically mentioned maintaining/ upgrading the **washroom facilities**
 - **7%** specifically mentioned maintaining/ upgrading the **cook shack/concession stand**
- **12%** of responses cited wanting to preserve the natural/rustic feeling of the park

Other common responses include:

- **4%** parking/vehicular circulation
- **4%** special event venue space
- **2%** camping
- **1%** signage
- **1%** maintain status quo

Question 10*

What new feature or aspect of the park is your top priority to be added? (optional response)

[The below percentages represent each time a feature or aspect was cited in a response.]

- **25%** improve/ expand **site amenities**
 - **10%** year-round washroom/ additional washroom
 - **5%** trail signage/ interpretive signage
 - **4%** designated event space (incl. stage area)
 - **4%** year-round potable water source
 - **3%** improve parking/ trailer turnarounds
- **20%** improve/ expand **equine facilities**
 - **5%** covered/ year-round arena
 - **4%** day-paddocks
 - **3%** water access/irrigation for harrowing
 - **3%** cross-country horse trails/obstacle courses
 - **2%** improved stables/ horse boarding
 - **1%** new grandstands
- **18%** improve/ expand **activity infrastructure**
 - **20%** disc golf course
 - **12%** additional bike/ xc-ski/snowshoe trails
 - **8%** rustic camping sites
 - **6%** mountain bike skills course/ pump track
 - **6%** fenced dog park
 - **3%** horse camping sites
 - **3%** dog agility course
 - **2%** tennis/pickleball courts
- **5%** add nothing/ keep as is, or upgrade existing structures & amenities only

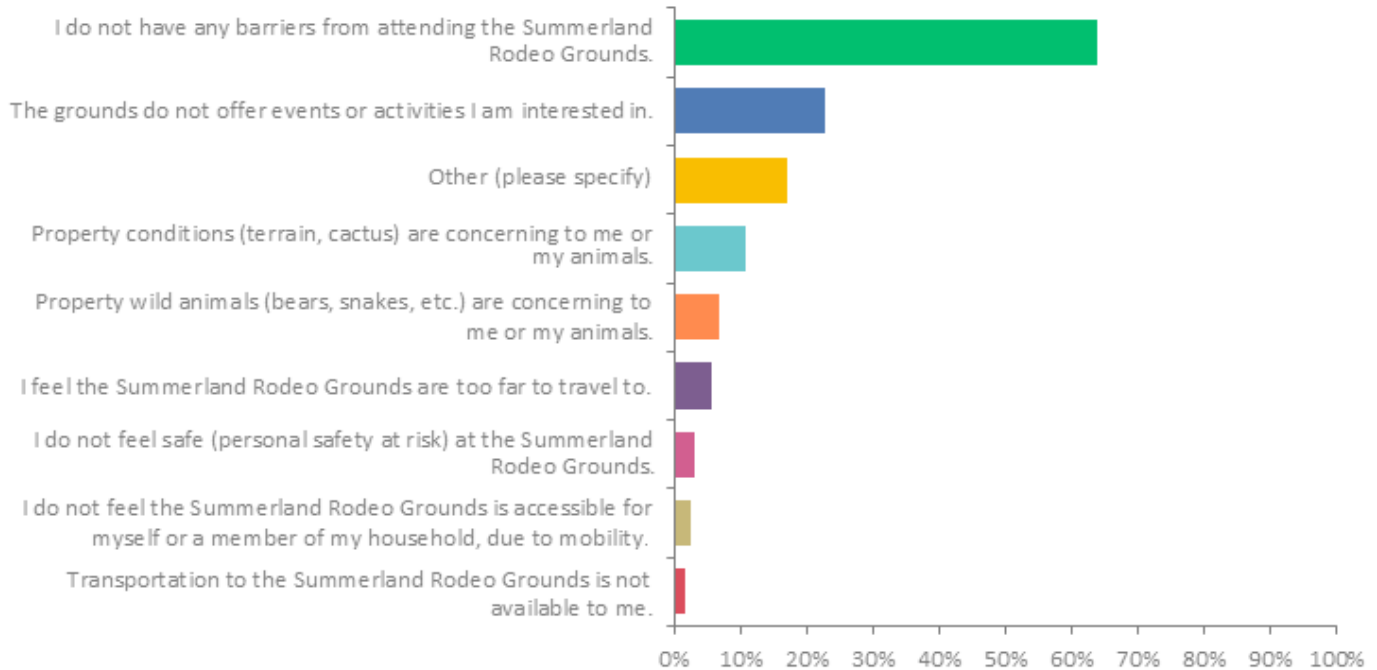
ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS:
(**<1.5% ea.**):

- Dedicated educational space
- More family friendly events
- Skating rink/ skating trails
- Designated kids area/ playground
- Rodeo events
- Picnic benches/ covered picnic area
- Fire pits
- Improved wheelchair accessibility

* Voluntary Question - 299 answered

Question 11

What do you feel are the main barriers that keep you from using the Summerland Rodeo Grounds more often? (check all that apply)



Common answers under the choice of "Other":

- Winter - lack of seasonal amenities and/or event opportunities
- General maintenance concerns (particularly arena footing)
- Unaware of what happens at the Rodeo Grounds/ lack of scheduled-event awareness
- Access road to SRG unfit/ safety concern

Question 12

Do you have any final suggestions or comments you would like to contribute? (optional response)

Please keep the land, something out there. It is a wonderful natural area

Leave the wildlife alone please (re: question 11 about wildlife or cactus limiting access to the rodeo grounds). Please don't add OHV access to the trails, they already see some damage from non-motorized use in poor conditions and they would rapidly deteriorate under motorized use.
An off leash dog area (or agility area) would be in direct conflict with other trail uses, and if there is significant pressure to add these facilities, they should be fenced and separate (like the riding rings) to reduce user conflict

I pay to keep my horse in Summerland even tho I live in Penticton. A big draw is the availability of horse trails, and the Rodeo grounds. That's money into the local economy plus when I buy supplies, gas, food, etc. in Summerland while there.

The trailer? Do we need onsite caretaker? I think its a good idea but it needs to be kept up.

Very happy this facility is getting revamped is a equestrian who grew up using the facility its nice to see the attention it is getting. Would love to see more fun safe events happen at the property. My concern for festivals or live music is damage to properties buildings and land from litter disrespectful people ect

It is important to have Rodeo Grounds accessible to all public from those using strollers to those in need of wheel chairs and scooters. We are VERY fortunate to have an equine ring with treed area for camping where families can be enveloped by nature.

The regional district has higher priority projects that need funding. Keep this park as it is - nice and natural!!!

I believe the Rodeo Grounds are good as-is. The RD has many better uses for its limited financial resources.

clinics are a good way of strengthening grass roots equestrian competition, and experienced riders need venues to bring young horses along, while inexperienced riders need to go to instructors to school over different types of courses

Music/dancing events here would be wonderful. We went to one once and it was so much fun!

This space is under utilized. Let's plan carefully for the future and make it "multiple use " for Summerlanders and tourists!

I hope that any increased traffic (foot/bike/ATV) will not compromise the natural state of the areas around the rodeo grounds (Conkle) and that it will not increase the risks of wildfire in the area. Increased access and sites for camping concerns me for this reason.
If you are to put in a dog park, be mindful of the equines and put it on a different area where horses won't necessarily see them. A lot of horses aren't good with dogs and can cause injury's to people who are riding. Also keep in mind the rodeo grounds is the only place people can afford to ride at for free in our town. If it is taken away then a lot of people will no longer be able to ride in arenas as most don't have the time or means to travel elsewhere
The addition of motorized vehicles, such as atvs and dirt bikes would not work with existing users.
If looking for ways to generate financial revenue, please keep the local environment in mind and build low impact on nature infrastructure. Thank you for consulting the community.
I can remember exciting motorized events as part of action festival were hosted there. Also 4H show events were hosted there. Those were good times.
The summerland rodeo grounds area does not need to turn into another 'park' with prescriptive playgrounds, and 'features' nature is enough of a feature
With the right vision, Summerland could attract some events out there and bring more tourism into town
Host more events there
Thanks for considering input from the locals !
Please listen to the community- thanks
Please keep it running, but not too commercial.
It is currently underused. Please don't cater to a single focus group such as dog owners or equine. Make it so that there is something for everyone.
I assume that it was used for rodeo events at one time. How about an agricultural fair? Winter craft market like in Millarville, AB?
Keep it simple
Please keep the Wilderness and trails intact.

Disc Golf is the fastest growing sport in North America. Summerland is the last community in Okanagan that doesn't have a disc golf course

Further enhance Summerland natural trail areas being sure to separate cyclists from others as there are already many shared areas which can be extremely hazardous of walkers/hikers and pets.

It would be great to have an upgraded facility. Grandstand included. Could draw more events.

Disc golf is one of the fastest growing and most accessible sports in North America. It provides a great activity for people who may not be able to afford other activities this valley offers.

Please build a disc golf course! There is a big need for low cost recreation in the Okanagan, and a serious lack of park land. The Rodeo grounds would be the perfect place for a great disc golf course.

We walk the trails nearby often. Would love to make a day of it if washrooms and picnic areas were available.

Cycling is a very popular activity and many cyclists are riding multi day tours from Hope to Midway and beyond. "Designated cyclists" camping at the Rodeo Grounds would Enhance the experience and the marketability of this type of Tourism.

A multi-use property that generates money for the District

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. When Council discusses reconciliation, please remember that land use planning is an important part of it. If Summerland recognizes that we are in Syilx territory what kinds of meaningful actions can be done? Syilx have the best answers to that. If Summerland wants to know, ask the Syilx, limlemt.

Hopfully by fixing it up, and having frequent use, it will deter transients from camping there to use drugs.

A partnership with city and private group/society - fund and maintain existing with growth for long-term plan

This is a valuable asset to the equine community and hopefully will be preserved as such!

Summerland Rodeo Grounds have great potential for future income for the District as an equine facility . Similar success has been has in Vernon and Armstrong. The horse community is strong in Summerland.

Good luck! Limited days camping. A safe and marked camping area.

whatever is planned for this area must also take into consideration the area/land surrounding it. eg watershed/KVR/ band land/ wildlife habitat

Really appreciate having the Summerland Rodeo Grounds. Would love to see more out there - the outdoor playground or obstacle course for kids/young adults sounds like a great idea too.
Outdoor Music festival venue? Better footing in the outdoor arenas if wanting to host more equine related events. Better Camping facilities
I have heard that the environmental assessment of the surrounding area was done poorly and lacks much detail outside of the riparian area. Reassessment of the native species present and their habitat requirements should be considered.
Rental pricing needs to be more aligned with local facilities - such as Summerland Community Centre. Availability should be prioritized or made available for equine bookings. Example - Campbell Valley Equestrian Society/ RV park
Once again, keep the SRG primarily as an equestrian facility and PLEASE STOP WASTING TAXPAYERS MONEY WITH THESE ENDLESS SURVEYS AND TRYING TO FORCE THINGS ON US WHICH WE DO NOT WANT OR NEED.
The Great Trail (TransCanada) - A long time plan for this trail was to pave the portion of the trail to the reservoir. Would make this trail accessible for wheelchairs.
Rental fees are not in line with other facilities. Overnight camping should NOT require full facility rental. Better access to water and harrowing for arenas. Allow for equine activities to book events prior to opening it to outside events (i.e. music/ weddings) **Consult existing facilities such as Campbell Valley"
Would be nice to combine train and rodeo grounds
The rodeo grounds are an important part of Summerland. There USED to be major rodeos held here, dances, RCMP rides. Money was made, but not put back in. SRG COULD be as big as PRC and bring in the money with major events.
Please, understand that a lot of community members have pets, but live too far from the rodeo grounds to go there and run their dogs on a regular basis. We need a dog park that is closer to town.
Keep horse events still a thing!
Sand for winter riding
Please spray for hoary allysum again.
Back Country Horsemen of the Okanagan could be interested in a partnership for horse camps

It's been used for horses for many years; would be a shame to have that change. Would be great to have other events so the rodeo grounds can be multiuse (weddings separate from horse events from bluegrass).

"I support some multi-use, but the historical equestrian use and contribution should be acknowledged and primary. Any multi-use/non-equestrian use should not conflict with (or be a danger to) horses and riders. It would be nice to see SRG upgraded/ maintained to the same degree as other parks in Summerland e.g. Dale Meadows Park, Peach Orchard Park

Bike park

Skatepark would be nice or like dirt track

A wifi location/ call booster at arenas for access to help if ever needed.
Water 2"" for arenas and fire prepared; additional garbage facilities

Just to repeat for emphasis; there should be no consideration whatsoever for creating a motorized vehicle component to this park. As it is, motorized vehicles can be heard in the vicinity including when on top of Conkle Mountain. To introduce Motorsport use to the rodeo ground area would destroy the peaceful escape from our ever-increasing noise filled world. Positive mental health experiences are hard enough to find already - let's not lose this little bit of easily accessed serene parkland to revving motors!

Leave the park the way it is except for minor improvements. Spend the money on Summerland roads...

A second facility would be neat

Disc golf has been growing like crazy and a course in summerland would be a fantastic idea. Its not invasive and would bring business to your local shops

The rodeo grounds are a valuable asset, my family value them greatly. Please keep them usable for us riders!

It would be nice to see the area kept as natural as possible while still inviting and usable. To find that human/nature balance.

I feel strongly that this is already a beautiful community area that is utilized by residents. I don't mind the bluegrass festival, the equine use, any staging for events as necessary, but I wouldn't want to see any additional infrastructure developed or for it to be used as a tourist area.

the road out to the rodeo grounds really needs some work

Keep most of nature

I would love to see a rodeo being held at the grounds again and a covered riding area
It is a beautiful natural area which needs to be retained without the inclusion of motorized trail vehicles.
A couple of comments..... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having a long-term vision to keep the rodeo grounds natural and undeveloped is important as land in Summerland becomes densified with development. Residents need a place to connect with nature, a place with open space, and a place not overwhelmed with activities. The rural aspect of the rodeo grounds is a gem and as a community, we need to protect it. Overdevelopment of the space will only devalue this beautiful place. 2. Not knowing a lot about the rodeo space, it would be interesting to know what the community value of the rodeo space is. How often is it used? What types of events is it used for? How many horses are in the community? In the next twenty years will horsing/rodeo events increase or decrease or will this space be needed more for community festivals/events? Having more public information on the community value of rodeo/horse space now and in the future would be helpful to make decisions. 3. As the world and life become more complicated, the serenity of natural space will become more valuable. Long-term planning is crucial when it comes to natural open space, especially for future generations.
"Build it, and they will come. Plain and simple. Look at Peachland rodeo grounds. The parking is horrendous, but the grounds etc are good, and horse people spend lots of time there for events. There is no reason why Summerland can not do that. None. There used to be rodeos there. Real rodeos. High school rodeo would be amazing at Summerland Rodeo Grounds. There are 8 rodeos a year. Vendors could set up to sell items. Maybe food trucks. Families driving into town for dinners. It can bring money. "
Perfect place for off leash dog park.: away from lots of people and houses. Upgrades to club house and kitchen would make more opportunities for activities and events . upgrading the camping and washrooms would help in attracting more bookings for activities.
"Work with what you have. Trails for hiking biking walking dogs etc. Picnic tables, garbage cans , public washrooms. Encourage horse related activities , small outdoor concerts etc."
Please keep the Wilderness and trails intact.
The rodeo grounds were developed by equine groups for the use by equine groups. The equine community have spent countless hours developing and managing the grounds and facilities. While multi-use can be incorporated it should not be at the detriment to the equine community. It should remain a primarily equine facility.
Thank you for this opportunity!

<p>It would be devastating to completely change everything about the rodeo grounds. Upgrades are needed and the space should be utilized better, however please do not take it all away without leaving some of it the same.</p>
<p>the south Okanagan or really the whole Okanagan is lacking in the area or bike parks. BMX and mountain biking are huge categories that have participants of all ages. Adding a bike park to the grounds would be a big benefit to the community and surrounding areas.</p>
<p>Disc Golf is the fastest growing sport in the world and offers a great experience without causing major interruptions for the natural setting. When designed properly is an excellent way to get multi use out of the property.</p>
<p>Camping and RV use during events is a big draw, keep space for this use!</p>
<p>We have enough areas in town for sporting activities. The grounds are better suited to equine, camping, festival type activities.</p>
<p>Increase suitable utilization of this beautiful property.</p>
<p>Keep it for the horses/equine community. It's one of the last access to trails that we have.</p>
<p>If you build a disk golf course, do it at the top level and plan it well with top level equipment so it can stand out as a destination. It is a great location, however too many communities build half baked courses which pose limited attraction.</p>
<p>Not useful other than hiking in the area at this point.</p>
<p>I am glad to see that you are seeking input from a wide range of interest groups. It is a large area that has untapped potential. The question: what is the budget and where will the money come from?</p>
<p>Providing people the opportunity to recreate in relatively unspoiled natural environments should be a pillar of the Parks department mandate. I see this area fitting that bill. Efforts should be made to remove/control invasives and enhance natural assets.</p>
<p>We desperately need sewer expansion, road maintenance/paving by a proper contractor.....not a deputy mayor,etc</p>
<p>Good to have a Master Plan for this municipal property</p>
<p>I love this sight for our endurance rides- we are a pretty no frills bunch so having a bathroom and a shower is amazing! Our horses will camp literally anywhere!</p>

<p>This has potential to be a more utilized activity hub for the community with hiking, biking, dog park by proving tables and washroom facilities</p>
<p>I think a disc golf course would make a great addition to the events that are already around Summerland and the rodeo grounds...and disc golf is a great inexpensive game That families can play together</p>
<p>This is my #1 concern: My wife and I have lived on Bathville Road for 23 years. There have been some events at the rodeo grounds that have been heavily attended and, as such, have become a parking nightmare. I can recall several times when traffic has parked on both sides of Bathville which instantly renders the road unsafe to travel.</p> <p>While we support the apparent interest to improve the rodeo grounds and increase it's use, there must also be very careful attention paid to vehicle management. Town Hall is well aware of the increase in commercial vehicle traffic (heavy trucks) along Bathville Road. There must be no parking permitted on either side of the road and I encourage the District, along with the RDOS, to set aside funds for necessary signage to hopefully control this problem.</p>
<p>If I lived nearer I would be using all the time as I have horses. It is a valuable asset to the whole area.</p>
<p>Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the world, is inexpensive to play, and is a great low-impact (on the terrain and the body) family activity.</p>
<p>Disc golf</p>
<p>Great asset for Summerland ,keep the facilities and have more events there .Music sports ect.keep it rustic and preserve the trails and nature</p>
<p>a great venue and few like it around</p>
<p>As a Penticton resident I would definitely travel to the Summerland Rodeo Grounds more often if there were more activities available, especially a new Disc Golf Course. I already visit occasionally to hike/walk the trails, and the area reminds me a lot of the Three Blind Mice trails in Penticton/Naramata which also holds a popular Disc Golf Course.</p>
<p>Many sports and events can co-exist with the existing use cases (horses), off leash dogs, parks or other dog related things do not mix with horses and will be an accident waiting to happen. The skate park makes no sense as it is unlikely skaters will travel a remote location when there is a good skate park in town.</p>
<p>Yes, leave it natural as it is. It's perfectly fine. I used to used Giants head park a lot but since all the upgrades it's lost it's feeling of being in rustic nature. Pls don't do that to the rodeo grounds/conkle</p>
<p>Please keep the rodeo grounds open to equestrians of all disciplines!</p>

<p>This is a great facility for Summerland horse riders, but caution should be considered when mixing animals / events, ie. uncontrolled dogs can spook horses and accidents can easily happen. A general area on the District Website that showed when events were happening up there would also be great. As sometimes, I just want to go up and train / work with my horse, only to pull in and then realize it's booked for something else.</p>
<p>Disc golf is easy on the environment, great exercise for the whole family, easy to learn and hard to master. Very inexpensive. And best of all it helped prevent me having a mid life crisis! Started playing 6 years ago and have been hooked ever since. My wife and two kids now play outside together quite often and we have disc golf to thank for that! Don't judge it until you try it I promise you that you will love it! Thank you</p>
<p>disc golf</p>
<p>Discgolf is an amazing activity for everyone. Easy and cheap to get into. And courses are low cost and require little maintenance</p>
<p>Disc golf, disc golf and more disc golf. If you need advice or help in building a course please reach out to the penticton disc golf club or kelowna disc golf association and I'm sure we would offer assistance! Good luck</p>
<p>If you build a disc golf course, people will come!</p>
<p>**please add disc golf! Amazing activity that anyone can do!</p>
<p>Thank you for considering disc golf at the rodeo grounds in Summerland. It's a perfect location and there is a considerable need for an 18 hole course in the South Okanagan with accessible parking and moderate terrain that it has.</p>
<p>Being active in disc golf for over 20 years, I've seen the benefits it brings to the community. It provides an avenue for affordable sport while building community. Hosting tournaments brings tourism to the community in the shoulder seasons, as disc golf is played year round</p>
<p>I hope the Rodeo Grounds are improved and used more frequently.</p>
<p>Disc golf brings so many people to the community for tournaments. People love to camp right at the courses for ease of practice.</p>
<p>I and many others would travel from Kelowna for a good disc golf course</p>
<p>The addition of motorized vehicles, such as atvs and dirt bikes would not work with existing users.</p>
<p>Facility was donated as equine facility and should stay as that</p>

<p>Please consider a disc golf course at the rodeo grounds. It is a great family friendly alternative to traditional golf.</p>
<p>This would be a fantastic space to put in a disc golf course. It's one of the quickest growing sports globally. It would be relatively low maintenance and all ages can play. It will put Summerland on the map if done right. Consult with the founders of The Penticton Disc Golf Club. Great guys with vision to accommodate cycling, hiking, dog walking etc. The 3 Blind Mice Course is a great example of what can be achieved.</p>
<p>I think people should be aware that the facilities cost the Municipality nothing until they took over the maintenance in 1998 when the Summerland Trail Riders gave up their lease.</p>
<p>keep the horse community thriving</p>
<p>Horses</p>
<p>You guys should add a disc golf course</p>
<p>The Rodeo grounds and surrounding trails are beautiful and good for people who enjoy this type of outdoor activities. As I do not participate in any events other than the one race once a year , I can't with any accuracy, comment on the parks overall usage. However, I do want to state my strong opposition to a fenced dog park being built on this site. For the last few years I have been extremely frustrated with the continued mention of a fenced dog park being located on or around the rodeo grounds. This has been brought up too often by the previous council, as some of you may remember. Even though it has been investigated too often, and proven not to be a suitable site , it keeps appearing as a possible site. The Rodeo Grounds are not safe for the dogs or their owners. The terrain and location holds inherent serious risks. From bears, to cougars and snakes this area is not suitable for most people to use on a regular basis. Not to mention that this site is the most inaccessible location that has been proposed for the fenced dog park. For the majority of dog owners that would regularly use a fenced dog park, this location is the worst. A dog park needs to be accessible to the majority of dog owners . Close to town , family friendly, accessible to people with mobility issues and safe for the users- that is why the Rodeo Grounds should not ever be considered for a fenced dog park . The Rodeo grounds are great for outdoor activities for people that want to participate in various events or recreation in that environment.</p>
<p>Disc golf is a fantastic activity for friends, family, and all experience levels.</p>
<p>Disc golf has become a very popular sport. I would use a course weekly throughout the year and know many others that would.</p>
<p>get rid of baseball diamonds by sumac ridge and build something there</p>
<p>Please keep supporting horse activities.</p>

<p>Keep the facility equine with option of keeping the trails keeping the camping Provide top quality footing so different associations may rent it.</p>
<p>Indoor Tennis would be a huge credit and draw to not only the citizens that live in Summerland but the entire South Okanagan, and even the entire Province.</p>
<p>SRG is an important part of our culture. It can meet the needs of a vast number of people with many different interests</p>
<p>Continuing maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Love coming there and using it as a base for equine activities</p>
<p>Summerland Trail Riders' moved from using the 'old Jersey Club range' to a piece of land in the industrial area of Bentley Road, then to the Ball Park area off of Highway 97 and finally had a long term lease with the Corporation for the existing Summerland Rodeo Grounds. The Summerland Trail Riders had over 40 years of success keeping the young people of our community busy being involved in very healthy outdoor activities such as horse shows, trail rides, fund raising events and just downright fun and learning the respect for and of animals and humans alike. It is important to keep this facility for riding enthusiasts, as well as any other outdoor activity that would blend well with the natural landscape in the surrounding area.</p>
<p>A disc golf course would add so much to the space</p>
<p>Please keep accessible for horses and horse camping— shrinking resource</p>
<p>Not suitable for off leash dog park! There is no way I would take my dog there!</p>
<p>Would love to see a 18 hole disc golf course on the grounds</p>
<p>whatever is planned for this area must also take into consideration the area/land surrounding it. eg watershed/KVR/ band land/ wildlife habitat</p>
<p>We have bigger problems to deal with then the rodeo grounds</p>
<p>I am glad to see that you are seeking input from a wide range of interest groups. It is a large area that has untapped potential. The question: what is the budget and where will the money come from?</p>
<p>Would like to see/participate in equine driving events such as dressage, cones and marathon. Drawing in participants from the coast and northern BC</p>
<p>Motorized access will have a significant negative impact on other user groups, especially equestrian safety. A dog park and some other activities may also be concern for safety of riders and horses.</p>

<p>I would think that Summerland Rodeo grounds should be better maintained by the city of Summerland. Many times maintenance has been left to volunteers. This has been used as a multipurpose facility bit it seems that the equine Rodeo grounds committee has put in the most effort to keep it serviceable and maintained. Ie: cleanup, painting, building paddocks, arena footing, etc. I woul like to see the district do more to support these volunteers!!</p>
<p>Fence peach orchard area for dogs off leach</p>
<p>No dog park at that location I think the Dog Community made that clear. City did a survey already about this in 2021 only about 1% of Summerland people with dogs would use it all year around. It would be a waste of tax dollars to focus on that. Focus on keeping and restoring Rodeo grounds. Maybe use some extra land for baseball or pickle ball.</p>
<p>keep it horsey! we don't have anything in this town but the rodeo grounds.</p>
<p>The SRG has so much potential and one only needs to visit the Rock Creek fair to see how a small community can host thousands of visitors with a venue like this. We have 4 H, Pony club and numerous dog training clubs in our area. Financially it isn't responsible to only cater to one group with a municipal park, but looking at a multi purpose facility would certainly get the support from the tax payers.</p>
<p>Keep up the good work!</p>
<p>Yes. Please use the revenue to fix Prairie Valley Road is it is the worst road in Summerland, and also the busiest. Shame DOS for not fixing this road. Get 'er done. Such a wonderful facility and under utilized IMO as it's a rats nest in its present state. Nobody wants to bring their loved ones there for any party.</p>
<p>Keep its heritage and original purpose (equine activities). Equestrian activities are a huge draw and the industry contributes a huge amount to the BC economy. (See study done by Horse Council of BC). Thanks!</p>
<p>Whatever additional features you want to add I think is great. As long as summerland doesn't lose the existing infrastructures of the rodeo grounds. I always want to see that space used for rodeo</p>
<p>Please don't waste ANY money on the Summerland Rodeo Grounds. IT IS DEFINITELY NOT SUITABLE FOR A DOG PARK, SO DEFINITELY DON'T WASTE MONEY MAKING A DOG PARK AT THE SUMMERLAND RODEO GROUND.</p>
<p>The rodeo grounds are a great venue for equine events, festivals and local activities such as markets and more. Summerland is very lucky to have this place.</p>
<p>Considerations to develop the area in conjunction with the Kettle Valley Steam Railway. Complacency facilities, train viewing platform, etc.</p>

I feel it is incredibly important to preserve the facility for primarily equestrian use. I am on board for sharing the space if it is within reason and still allows for safe (and primarily) equestrian use. As equestrians we are getting pushed out of spaces more and more and we need to preserve what we do have so we still have a safe space to partake in our sport. This property also provides fantastic trail access plus ample and safe trailer parking, which is important. A lot of things don't mix with horses, so that does need to be considered. For example, off-leash dogs, flying discs (disc golf) etc.

I feel there should be better multi-use of the facility. I don't understand why the arenas or parking for the trails cannot be accessed when just the clubhouse is booked, for example. I also feel the rental fees are a little expensive in certain aspects especially when compared to other community spaces. You also should not have to rent the entire facility when you have overnight campers for an event that isn't using the whole facility. For example, we don't use the clubhouse or the cookshack for a lot of multi-day equestrian events, so we should not have to pay a full facility rental just because we have campers.

I feel the arenas should not be used as staging areas for events. You risk there being dangerous garbage left in the footing (nails, glass etc) and it also packs it down. Not having a tractor with a proper groomer makes it difficult to bring the ground back from that.

Booking the venue for non-equestrian events should be done after the equestrian groups are given an opportunity to book. There should be a deadline for the equestrian community to get dates in each year. After that date the calendar should open up for non-equestrian bookings. I would respect a few historic events maintaining their dates, like the Blue Grass Festival. It is getting increasingly difficult to find open dates at the grounds to book equestrian events, which should be the primary use of the facility.

Please do NOT 'santize' the rodeo grounds, thus making the area restrictive for the very activities enjoyed in a more rural location. Parks & amenities closer to the urbanized core serve such groups.

Would love to see more Equestrian events held at Summerland Rodeo grounds

I hope it is maintained for people and their animals. Dogs, horses. There are numerous places to host weddings another Venue is not needed. If it goes to weddings that will take over and more history will be lost. There will be nowhere for people to go and ride anymore or be outside with animals as easily. However, weddings and events are what makes the money and so that will win iam sure

A gate to the property would be a good addition

It is a very nice facility for our endurance race this year

Their have been funds in the districts Budget for the Rodeo Grounds for many years yet never utilized. Let's upgrade so that our younger generation has a equine future with many surrounding trails to access

I would visit there regularly if there was a tournament quality disc golf course.

Thank you for letting us have a voice in this!

<p>Though this facility can be used for a lot of different activities, I feel it should remain essentially an Equestrian facility.</p>
<p>Please incorporate a fenced dog park with agility. Remove cactus and make a large dog park.</p>
<p>Maintain an equestrian focus for the facility while accommodating multi-uses. Ensure equestrian access points from parking to Conkle Mountain park are maintained. Respect the "natural park" environment and avoid enlarging the infrastructure footprint.</p>
<p>No pickle ball No dog parks! As a 3 dog owner, I know there are soooo many options, as well as sports for people. Let's keep the rodeo grounds for equine.</p>
<p>The Summerland Rodeo grounds are an extremely important equine facility for the entire South Okanagan. Please retain these facilities for use by horse riders and their families.</p>
<p>Love having horse events at the Summerland Rodeo grounds. A few more cleared areas for rustic camping, bit of outdoor lighting, few more corrals. Everything is pretty good. Even had a rollicking New Year's Eve party there and loved it. We don't need urban facilities or modern fixtures. The place is clean and in reasonable repair. Feel very safe and welcome.</p>
<p>I think the stands are beyond the cost of being worth repair and the horse pasture has only one use. For the horses. It would be nice to make it another destination park that could host many events. From music in the park to family activities. This is limited to just horse use and should be utilized by all members of the public, not just those with horses. This could even generate revenue for the city if large events were hosted at the Rodeo grounds</p>
<p>Please keep the Wilderness and trails intact.</p>
<p>The Summerland Rodeo Grounds are a unique and integral facility for the local equestrian community, the committee in charge of running equine events has put in a lot over the many years in terms of volunteer hours and general upkeep of the facility from repainting the grandstands to picking rocks. In my opinion the facility needs some TLC from the district and given the potential to host some amazing events as it has done in the past, not to be ignored or turned into pickleball courts.</p>
<p>Motorized access will have a significant negative impact on other user groups, especially equestrian safety. A dog park and some other activities may also be concern for safety of riders and horses.</p>
<p>Please preserve your wonderful rodeo grounds!</p>