

# Getting It Built: Community Centre Project

## Q1 We'd like to hear your biggest dreams for a community centre in Sooke. When you envision a community centre, what do you see? How does it make you feel? What is happening there?

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#	Responses	Date
1	seniors and youth working/being together :)	7/18/2014 8:44 AM
2	don't make it too big to start but with plans to expand.	7/17/2014 7:41 AM
3	A place where everybody feels welcome, all ages, all abilities. Youth, senior's, children's groups/meetings/programs or just a place to drop in. People working together for the benefit of the whole community. I see a gym, a large kitchen, small and large multi purpose rooms, indoor/outdoor play space for kids, free computer access and classes, pool tables, a games room? Public health nurse available, education available regarding health, nutrition, mental health. Information available about local events, local volunteer organizations, local farms, programs offered there and elsewhere in Sooke. Activities available for all ages and abilities. I see senior's helping children, children helping seniors. Opportunities for inclusion, not each group always in "Their" space.	7/17/2014 1:15 AM
4	A large facility with both indoor and outdoor (lit in the winter) safe area for people of all ages to gather and PLAY. Partner with other successful organizations/businesses - coffee shop will be necessary and something to draw teens too. It has a great sense of community and safety. It would also serve as emergency shelter in case of disaster. A year round market!	7/16/2014 10:23 PM
5	modern west coast theme youth & recreation centre	7/16/2014 7:01 PM
6	Something for Kids, like for birthday parties, and gyms to play in.	7/16/2014 6:10 PM
7	I see a combination of Seaparc and sooke child and youth centre and possibly employment services. It makes me like efficient use of money and brings varied members of community together. Community health - social services, fun, community becoming strong working together.	7/16/2014 5:59 PM
8	Family fun, and something for kids of all ages to do as well as our seniors	7/16/2014 5:18 PM
9	It should feel like the heart of the community. Where there is something for everyone and people feel connected to each other and their town. Where people go to get support, learn something new, have fun or give back. Youth (teen) and seniors drop in areas; raquetball/squash court or indoor tennis court; art room (pottery studio?); fitness centre; community dinners; summer market; seasonal community family events (easter egg hunt, safe halloween party, etc)	7/16/2014 1:11 PM
10	Somewhere for teens to work, make a bit of money, stay safe...interact with younger children and seniors and become role models.	7/16/2014 12:20 PM
11	A big open kitchen with a long table for community feasts. Gardens with food and flowers. Nature inside and out. An activity room for movement. A quiet room for peace. A place for everyone.	7/16/2014 11:46 AM
12	I see SEAPARC but with added gym facilities and another multi-purpose room for use by community groups. It is already a multi-generational space which is how I envision a community centre.	7/16/2014 11:18 AM
13	I see a multi purpose common area that is full of activity, a community gallery, art workshop spaces, a library and cafe. Check out the <a href="http://www.npcc.bc.ca/about-us-mainmenu-30/tech-specs-mainmenu-35">http://www.npcc.bc.ca/about-us-mainmenu-30/tech-specs-mainmenu-35</a> for a fine example although our centre should also bring the outdoors in and maximize the outer areas (park, gardens, etc.)	7/16/2014 11:11 AM
14	I see basketball courts, a water park, families spending time together, and making us feel a bond with others.	7/16/2014 10:38 AM
15	A multi-use building dedicated to all residents of Sooke. A place for the arts, open space, kitchen and dining space, meetings and workshop/studio rooms and a gallery space.	7/16/2014 7:27 AM

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16	Multi-purpose indoor/outdoor space with flex rooms (with mirrors) for yoga, aerobics, zumba, dance, etc...; outdoor basketball courts (with lights for playing at night); coffee shop; study area; rentable kitchen space for food prep/cooking classes; community book exchange. When I'm there, I'm probably a bit tired from so much physical activity, or maybe relaxed because I'm enjoying a coffee and a really great book. Hopefully a few different generations are represented (although I think it's so important that young people in particular have a place at the centre that feels like their own!). There is lots of art everywhere (local artists, street art, murals...), lots of plants and trees (with benches outside), and no shortage of water fountains! Maybe most importantly, the community centre is easily accessible by public transit.	7/11/2014 10:27 AM
17	Volunteer centre, free meeting spaces from boardrooms to a larger space perhaps divided by sliding walls, offices for non-profits with central reception and access to office services like a photocopier	7/10/2014 5:12 PM
18	A walking friendly town with waterfront setting access and shops and park	7/10/2014 9:49 AM
19	Community. Children growing, learning and smiling.	7/9/2014 10:09 PM
20	An outdoor horse shoe, walking track, dog park, the outside gyms that even parkville playground has - can be used by seniors, family's, teenagers etc. just an outdoor facility for everyone.	7/9/2014 4:00 PM
21	A place that invites the youth of sooke to want to participate.... 21st century things to offer. I want to see lots of youth having opportunities to have fun in their community in a safe way (release from boredom and an escape from small town "other" ways of escaping). Lots of clubs, hang out spot, safe facilities for gymnastics etc...	7/9/2014 2:49 PM
22	I see a space that is flexible in its configuration with core amenities like a kitchen, storage, and outdoor covered area. The space should be available for use by all ages and abilities and welcoming to everyone. Non-profit groups hold meetings, skilled community members share their expertise, youth and the elderly interact, support groups assemble, art/creativity based activities have space and opportunities to offer classes, rehearse or evolve projects that benefit the community.	7/9/2014 2:49 PM
23	Multiple rooms, kitchen facilities, large open common area, accessible washrooms (both for the disabled and appropriate for babies/toddlers/small kids), bike and scooter and stroller parking, maybe even a small coffee shop. Rooms could be rented one-time or on an ongoing basis by community groups. Huge bulletin boards for wanted ads, event posters, etc. A babies/kids' room with toys that's always open (use at own risk) for moms and kids to play and chat (people could donate toys). It should be open all day for people to meet and chat - long hours would be important, no closing at 5 PM or not opening until 9 AM. A place for true community connections to be made. Openness.	7/9/2014 2:32 PM
24	Somewhere I could bring my kids for activities and participate myself without having to drive to a different location	7/9/2014 2:15 PM
25	A place for youth. A long term/permanent lease for out of school care is badly needed.	7/9/2014 12:40 PM
26	A lit walking track, tennis court and lawn bowling area, along with a fenced lit dog park. The walking track could be used by all ages and toddlers on training bikes as well. This would make it an all ages attraction which also includes seniors which would be good for Sooke. Having a dog park is important because it brings together people from all walks of life. One might also consider a natural playground area made from recycled items and items found in nature including a water element and some benches, a rustic play fort. This would encourage kids to use their imagination. Montessori schools can give you great ideas for this. I personally think a lit outdoor space has more practical use than an indoor facility, it is something Sooke does not already have. if we have to choose where to put the funds there are no after dark activities in Sooke. There is nothing more magical than getting a group of people together by lamplight and playing a game of frisbee, going for a walk together, sitting and chatting over a coffee after work. Playing a game with our kids and dogs,	7/9/2014 10:20 AM
27	A space for seniors and teens to meet, and someone to plan a facilitate activities for them. A water park for children ages 0-12. A group fitness room able to accommodate groups over 30 people. A gym, with it's fees integrated into membership fees at seaparc.	7/9/2014 9:27 AM

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28	I envision a Giant Energy Plex. A place for children aged 6months - teen to play indoors. Rock wall, climbing structure complete with gated baby area, laser tag arena, gymnastics area, upstairs rooms to hold parties and functions( at a fee of course) . I have been to a similar place in my hometown of Kelowna and it is amazing. In my opinion a place for children to play, especially during the wet months and all throughout the year, is something this community desperately needs. There are tons of families with children and nothing geared towards our growing community of families. Making it a multipurpose space with rooms to rent for functions and birthday parties is a way to maximize the space. There is a place called tumblebums in Langrod. It is tiny and families from out here pay 8\$ a kid to go there in the rain. INSANITY. Why not just have something local and keep our money in our community.	7/9/2014 8:12 AM
29	The centre "happening" where everyone is welcome to engage in healthy living. The merging of the CASA, SEAPARC and the addition of multipurpose spaces which can be utilized for both seniors and youth — but, not isolated space. Spaces need to be suitable for particular demographics but flexible enough to be used and rented to help ensure some fiscal responsibility and sustainability of the centre. Additionally, inter-generational opportunities versus isolated initiatives also support a holistic healthy community.	7/9/2014 7:23 AM
30	When I envision a community centre, I see one thing of more importance than all others combine. I see a court.	7/8/2014 10:54 PM
31	interactive, multi-use. Free wifi, coffee bar. indoor kids play area. open. IT NEEDS PARKING TOO.	7/8/2014 9:26 PM
32	I would love to see a community centre like what langford has built. with an indoor playground, spraypark waterpark, ice rink, mini golf swimming pool, out door park . I have young children and find it very hard with no car to do anything here. gymnastics work out facility.	7/8/2014 8:42 PM
33	community meals. skill sharing. movie nights. intergenerational hangouts. welcoming, in it for the long game.	7/8/2014 8:13 PM
34	the main focus for a community center should be the aggregation of every demographic group. I would set it up like a mall, where there are large open public spaces and smaller spaces within dedicated to each demographic. I think it should really heavily on an outdoor courtyard with covered areas for bbqs, fundraisers etc. that takes advantage of our almost 365 snowfree environment.	7/8/2014 7:56 PM
35	A community centre should be for everyone in the community from babies to seniors and especially for youth. The space should have PlayZone like area, for kids under 12; an area for movie nights for kids and families alike. Fenced in off leash dog park; community garden; outdoor park/picnic area. & lots of parking. A community centre that is open for all during the day at anytime. Drop in for kids is so important, especially where there isn't a place for them to hang out. Maybe games room too.	7/8/2014 7:54 PM
36	Community centre for all ages, young & senior with varied programs, varied events and hours of operation. A real sense of belonging with minimal costs of attending. One stop center for all that doesn't conflict with existing programs ie SEAPARC & CASA. including senior center, library, youth center, community services ie community kitchen, food bank, etc.	7/8/2014 7:00 PM
37	I would like to see a safe, fun and all ages welcome environment. A variety of programs and activities offered for individuals as well as families would be very nice. As my little ones grow up I would love for them to have this centre to engage with their peers! I have spoke with many other parents and we all agree that an indoor play area for younger children and an outdoor play area with the soft matting to prevent injuries are urgent! As well as a slash park/ water feature as many of us travel into town weekly to visit those places.	7/8/2014 6:39 PM
38	Sports not offered at rec centre. Badminton, tennis, squash..etc.	7/8/2014 6:08 PM
39	Awesome. Open gym some nights indoor organized sports teams other nights	7/8/2014 6:07 PM
40	I see a family-geared multi-use facility with a playground, a spray park, an event facility (eg: concerts), a cafe, a preschool, an indoor play area. A place that offers playgroups to take your kids. It makes me feel connected, and it is a happening place! :) heck - build in the new library too...that would be perfect!	7/8/2014 5:46 PM
41	A place for both youth and seniors with programming for preschool aged children, especially an indoor play area for the rainy season. An outdoor lit walking track would also be a huge plus. Great for safety for night walking and little ones to ride bikes. In gym space also drop in sports for adults and kids, floor hockey, basketball etc.	7/8/2014 5:41 PM

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42	A place that is big enough to house activities for ages 0-100 that has room to grow! A water park is enough and an adult play ground as well as a childrens	7/8/2014 4:38 PM
43	I would love the library to have a larger facility so that there is ample room for events for all ages. Events where the activity can take place without shutting down an area of book browsing or disturbing the other patrons. I think creating a community centre WITH this library is a fantastic way to sustain more traffic in ALL of the areas ie: if a gymnastics class is on, the patrons may see a knitting, discussion group or book club that interests them, and vice versa. I would love to see a heated, indoor multipurpose place that could house physical activities such as gymnastics, martial arts, aerobics, floor hockey, etc. A place for children to have unstructured, active play for a reasonable drop in price. I would love to have rooms in which art classes could be taught; painting, printmaking, ceramics, etc. For children as well as adults of all ages. I would love for there to be a splash pad of some sort for the children (and playful adults) in the summer. A moderately sized playground, sitting and picnic areas, walking trails, a fenced dog park and a community garden. I would love for Sooke to have a running track. Tennis courts would be lovely, too. I would love for this facility to be a meeting place for young and old and to include learning, art, culture and physical activity programs. A clean, modern facility that is well maintained. It's architecture looks natural in our west coast environment and it is a welcome place for all ages.	7/8/2014 4:35 PM
44	An indoor play ground would be amazing! Or a center big enough for strong start to move there. Also, a water park for kids and maybe a nice turf for soccer.	7/8/2014 3:15 PM
45	Fun, affordable place where community can gather to improve themselves in a healthy way	7/8/2014 1:27 PM
46	Children's indoor play area. Youth center. Outdoor water play for kids.	7/8/2014 12:43 PM
47	I envision it being a place where everyone feels welcome... families, young children, youth and seniors. I would love it to host a seniors centre, an indoor play area for kids so families and daycares have other options besides McDonalds on those days that they just want to play inside, I would love a gymnastics facility since none exists in Sooke and I would also love an outdoor play area with a spray park. Also, much needed is a separate area for youth activities.	7/8/2014 12:21 PM
48	A place that is used -- where multiple generations cross paths. My biggest dream is for a new Sooke Elementary to be built, in cooperation with a library and community centre on site!	7/8/2014 12:21 PM
49	A beautiful, open and welcoming space that expresses the natural surroundings and local cultures. A place where seniors activities share space with youth and community programs. Views of Harbour would be wonderful, maybe from an outdoor patio. Accessible, friendly, healthy for people and the environment.	7/7/2014 11:33 PM
50	A beautiful building that makes our town look better. Let's make it a building that people will want to visit. Hire a good architect. If we can't afford to do a good building, then don't bother. Just renovate a building we already have.	7/7/2014 11:31 PM
51	There's a library, open space for rent, art facilities - and usually a pool/skating rink/track (which SeaParc has covered)	7/7/2014 11:03 PM
52	A multi use centre, focusing on seniors, youth & family groups.	7/7/2014 7:05 PM
53	Our new community centre would be a place where young and old would meet and enrich their lives.	7/7/2014 6:55 PM
54	When I envision I community centre, I imagine a place where people can meet with each other and show their love for the sport that they play. Where everyone is having a good time and getting along; regardless of the age or gender. It would make me feel extremely happy to know that Sooke wants to encourage an healthy living style.	7/7/2014 3:29 PM
55	We already have a community centre in Sooke, SEAPARC, but it needs more rooms to offer programs for children, youth, adults and seniors	7/7/2014 1:11 PM
56	A place where everyone is welcome. Different age groups and activities can all share space.	7/7/2014 12:51 PM
57	Seniors day centre with kitchen facilities and recreational space (bingo, socialising). Meeting room for community groups. Storage for community groups including crisis centre and loan cupboard	7/7/2014 11:50 AM
58	Proud and happy that Sooke is keeping pace with many communities across the country by offering hang-out spots for youth & the 55+ crowd in a centrally located complex adjoining our new library. Failing that and working with a limited budget, a repurposing of existing space in town ... a downtown spot for the seniors (the Legion perhaps) and an addition to SEAPARC for young people.	7/7/2014 10:57 AM
59	Multi use facility that is welcoming to all ages and stages of life.	7/7/2014 8:46 AM

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60	• Seniors' Drop-In Centre modelled on Juan de Fuca (LOTS of activities) - open weekdays shared with ... • teen drop-in centre ... with new larger library	7/7/2014 12:03 AM
61	In no particular order. Table Tennis, Badminton, kitchen with attached Lounge ( For "Hanging out) & Dining facilities, Bingo, library, Shuffleboard - Floor and Table,Bowling,MULTipurpose Room(s) - would accomodate many of the above. Storage facilities - both private and general accesability, Art, Weaving, Toilets of course, Make sure intergenerational mixing can occur. lty os important that all users understand that mutual respect and cooperation is essential, THIS IS NO.1 PRIORITY. A co-ordinater (Paid) really helps move things along. Stage, sound system.	7/6/2014 5:00 PM
62	multi age, multi purpose, and another rental hall for events and weddings. warm friendly, classy. a place seniors and children go and can run into each other.	7/6/2014 2:47 PM
63	Lots and lots of basketball, I really want an indoor basketball community court here in sooke!	7/6/2014 2:45 PM
64	A vibrant place, in the middle of Sooke, with access to the water that welcomes all ages and newcomers. Perhaps we should first look at the existing community hall and see why this will not serve the public and learn from the shortcomings. Could we rehabilitate that building both physically, socially and management wise.	7/6/2014 10:10 AM
65	we have a community center, it's called the town core and there is a building there if a special group want to use it	7/6/2014 10:07 AM
66	Central enough for easy access and to be suitable for groups doing fundraising or providing emergency services. All the proper facilities to allow food preparation and sale. A large central space with smaller areas to accommodate smaller meetings or workshops and so several things can be happening at the same time.	7/6/2014 9:22 AM
67	A place for everyone. Rentable for private function, utilized by all ages, food safe kitchen, wheelchair access. It brings a community together and there should be a nominal membership fee to make people feel pride in their community.	7/5/2014 11:42 PM
68	A meeting place and a center for non profits that is central and accessible.	7/5/2014 4:31 PM
69	I see a gymnasium, multi purpose rooms, kitchen, a comfortable lounge area for seniors. I would like to see a meeting place for all ages and a diverse group of organizations.	7/5/2014 4:09 PM
70	I see a place where kids and adults can play, have fun, stay in shape and play sport's! It would make me feel wonderful if you had access to a gym whenever we wanna play ball. Have a gym, basketball court and whatever else would make people happy.	7/5/2014 3:15 PM
71	an adaptive space, accessible to all , in the centre of town . Not monopolized by one group/ functional / commercial sized/outfitted kitchen and beverage space.Small groups to large groups and babies to the most senior meeting. Rotating art/ sport/self improvement use Realistic modern audio visual with wifi included.Locker/Shower room. In one month I see a morning running clinic followed by a moms and little ones yoga and toy exchange group, a senior luncheon with local school band entertaining, a weight loss cooking for health class, drop in guided genealogy on line sessions where users could bring their laptops, art and sculpture class, soccer goalie clinic, teens make their own jewel leery or sewn items, a chess or scrabble tournament, a rental to a family 50th wedding anniversary party, a taste of BC day, a small movie theatre showing not for profit movies.	7/5/2014 2:55 PM
72	Indoor basketball courts/ if not outdoor covered basketball courts Makes me feel good	7/5/2014 2:51 PM
73	Multipurpose, managed space with cooperative involvement for all ages offering workshops, studio space, weekend farmer's market	7/5/2014 1:09 PM
74	A nice area with a area to workout and an area to play drop in basketball because the schools are rarely accessible	7/5/2014 1:05 PM
75	I feel like there should be some type of sports facilities	7/5/2014 12:17 PM
76	Meetings, Senior's centre, activity centre, child care. accessible, gathering place. Commemorate our community history.	7/5/2014 11:49 AM
77	Sooke needs a place for all ages that makes people feel safe and is fun. Lots of activities available such as sports, crafts, hobbies, entertainment etc.	7/5/2014 10:25 AM
78	A place for our youth.Many affordable summer programs for our children. A bright spacious meeting place for our seniors. Many opportunities for our volunteers to be involved.	7/5/2014 9:51 AM
79	West Coast Theme Dances Seniors Centre Meals on Wheels	7/5/2014 8:21 AM

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80	I would LOVE if we could renovate the existing community hall, I envision a seniors/youth centre, farmers market craft fairs, and community celebrations	7/5/2014 7:53 AM
81	people of all ages doing different things like taking courses of workshops on various topics, socializing, physical activity classes, a nice kitchen offering lunches and snacks, a place to sit with your friends and have a coffee, good audio system for speakers, facilitated presentations or music (but not for major concerts we have other space for that). a place that helps promote dialogue and conversation, Youth and seniors working together (youth teaching computer skills and seniors teaching canning and knitting for example). A façade that reflects the values and history of the community.	7/5/2014 7:41 AM
82	space for all arts, meeting place for groups of various persuasions	7/5/2014 2:47 AM
83	Art shows, plays and concerts.	7/5/2014 12:10 AM
84	I see a pleasant easily accessed multipurpose space that provides opportunities for large and small groups of all ages and stages to connect, meet, and create community. It makes me feel as if I am welcome there, and it is buzzing with a range of activities from meetings, support groups, crafts, exercise activities to a quiet reading room with games and newspapers and books, to a community kitchen where folks learn how to cook and eat healthy food.	7/4/2014 9:32 PM
85	A successful community centre has to be many things to many people, meeting the needs of youth, of families and of seniors. Not an easy task. All want something. Not always willing to compromise or cooperate. A successful community centre provides activities and programs that meet the needs of the community. The trick is to identify the needs and then prioritize.	7/4/2014 9:15 PM
86	A place where everyone feels welcome; spaces that can be shared; smells like good coffee, cooking, baking; smiling volunteers to help you find things; busy with events, activities; all ages enjoying each other and learning from each other	7/4/2014 6:48 PM
87	a large, multi story building with room for a seniors centre, daycare, meeting rooms. display space, stage, good acoustics, capable of housing craft fairs, art shows and class rooms	7/4/2014 6:14 PM
88	A place where just about any Sooke resident will want to come to fulfill their interests.	7/4/2014 5:54 PM
89	Facilities for children, adults and seniors, making everyone feel part of the community	7/4/2014 5:11 PM
90	A welcoming building, walkable, in the Sooke core, that is inviting to everyone from little kids to seniors for indoor activities including art, music, crafts. The library could be a great adjunct.	7/4/2014 5:04 PM
91	what already happens there; sports stuff (karate!), fairs, funerals, weddings, public hearings. seniors centre, youth centre, play groups in winter for day homes/stay at home parents	7/4/2014 4:54 PM
92	I would like to see an all in one community Centre. I like what that have at Juan De Fuca with the Library, swimming pool, Seniors Centre, Arena for hockey and Lacrosse etc, velodrome, sports fields for lacrosse, soccer, tennis and lawn bowling and a golf course and zip lines for all ages. Of course we also have a bike skills park there already. That would be a dream come true. Using the properties I listed as 1,2,3, this might be possible because they are all in close proximity to each other. Maybe a year round art gallery featuring Sooke Artists.	7/4/2014 4:36 PM
93	a meeting place for about 125 people ( sitting down for a meal)	7/4/2014 4:34 PM
94	A nice outdoor area for kids/youth to play (grass, covered hard court), trees and picnic tables for families. It should be inviting for all ages, not just one or two groups. It should be have something happening every day. Lights outside for the grass and hard court until 10pm. A Community Centre is more than a building. It should include the surrounding area - a gathering place for all.	7/4/2014 4:32 PM
95	All inclusive centre that can house seniors activity centre, teen centre, medical clinic, and small meeting rooms rentable at reasonable costs or 'free' for non-profit groups, with kitchen facilities. This could be an add on to the Children Centre on Townsend Rd, only for other members of the community that don't fit the mandate of the Children's Centre.	7/4/2014 4:21 PM
96	A fully equipped gym/fitness centre, skating rink, yoga studio space, outdoor fields, lots of drop in classes for all ages, music, art. I want it all!	7/4/2014 4:17 PM
97	People of all ages accessing and sharing a public facility for multiple uses, programs and services.	7/4/2014 3:49 PM
98	Being a senior I am mainly interested in a facility that provides a place to meet and has a kitchen for seniors to have special dinners.	7/4/2014 3:44 PM

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99	a centre where various groups of all ages can meet, a place for the arts - both in terms of a gallery and performance space as well as classrooms, meeting space for groups - also a place where the various groups active in Sooke can mingle, share ideas etc.	7/4/2014 3:13 PM
100	Inclusive -all ages and as many interests as possible Promotes ACTIVITY - creative, physical fitness, mental well being Lots of positive experiences for youth in particular	7/4/2014 2:32 PM
101	Centre that can accommodate, Arts, Culture, Leisure, and Health & WellNess activiities.	7/4/2014 2:19 PM
102	It is an arts and cultural centre, multipurpose, and has the ability to accommodate all citizens of our Community. It brings our community together from all ages and ethnicities, to share in culture, art, education and recreation. It is the hub of the soul and spirit of our area.	7/4/2014 2:18 PM
103	User groups of all ages and special interests are able to have space to meet, practice, rehearse, gather, play, cook etc. It is a welcoming place for anyone and everyone. There's probably a pot of coffee on somewhere.	7/4/2014 2:14 PM
104	Sooke is a growing community, and i LOVE our community hall, just think we need another one. I would like to see the existing one upgraded, and a new one to accommodate more user groups and maybe the library?! Gathering place for seniors, youth activities, art & cultural events, etc. etc.	7/4/2014 1:51 PM