

News Release

VOTE YES

For immediate release

Residents of Sooke will be given the opportunity to **show their support for a future Community Centre** when they cast their ballots on November 15th.

Voters will be asked:

“Would you support the District of Sooke working with the community to
develop multi-use community centre facilities?
YES or NO”

This question is designed to allow the electors of the community an opportunity to give direction to the newly elected Council as to whether or not the renovation of existing buildings and / or construction of a new building for multi-use purposes is a community priority.

Representatives of community groups and non-profit organizations have been working to assess the needs of the community. Involving community groups in the process from the visioning stage to planning and beyond is of primary importance to ensure community ownership of the project. Extensive work is required to expand on information already collected, including a full review of existing facilities, further exploration of sharing opportunities, detailed functional planning, location identification, prioritization, as well as funding opportunities.

A number of needs and concerns have already been identified (e.g. parking concerns, supporting what we have before building new, keeping costs down, addressing fears, finding a home for our seniors and youth, achieving consensus, building vs. renovating, who’s going to manage it all, etc.)

“There are a number of community groups which have funds with which to leverage these projects.” Says Al Beddows, Sooke Lions Club. “This topic has been bandied around for years in various circles. This is the first time we’ve started to bring all of the players together.”

The conversation has begun. Let’s take it to the next level! On November 15th, vote ‘Yes’ to the referendum question “Would you support the District of Sooke working with community to develop multi-use community centre facilities?”

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