

SURVEY - How To Make Cortes More Friendly As We Age

The collective wisdom of our community will ensure that this island becomes even more supportive and friendly as we age together. This survey is being conducted in preparation for our Community Plan review. The purpose is to identify the priority issues, then find solutions & services that enable us to remain on the island as vital community members for our entire lifetimes. Your contribution is most valuable.

Please fill in ONE form PER PERSON over the age of 50, answering all questions that are applicable to you. Your input to these generic questions will help us to formulate a meaningful community meeting in the New Year, which will focus on specific issues that received the most support in this survey.

Results are confidential and anonymous thereby allowing your full and honest participation. If someone you know needs a copy of this survey, hardcopies are outside all post offices, OR download and print one from www.cortes-seniors.com OR click on the Seniors/Elders tab at <http://www.cortescommunityplan.ca> to print an extra copy.

Complete all 4 pages of the survey and send to Sandra Wood, Box 88 Squirrel Cove BC, V0P1T0 by **January 15, 2010**. The survey can simply be folded (the address is already printed at the bottom of page four) and dropped in the mail. If you mail on Cortes, the postage is prepaid. If you'd like assistance filling out the survey by phone or in person, please call Sarah O'Shannessy at 250-935-0282 or Brenda Hanson 250-935-0162 who are happy to help you.

Indoor & Outdoor Spaces:

Circle One Answer

1. Would you like more level easy walking green spaces or trails?
If you answered YES, located where:

YES / NO / Maybe

2. Would you like more outdoor seating to rest along the way?
If you answered YES, suggested locations:

YES / NO / Maybe

3. Would you like paved level sidewalks or pedestrian crosswalks in Mansons?

YES / NO / Maybe

4. Any public buildings that need better signage (bigger letters inside or out)?
If you answered YES, suggested buildings/shops:

YES / NO / Maybe

5. Do we need more public toilets outdoors or indoors?
If you answered YES, suggested location:

YES / NO / Maybe

6. Would you support the building of a Seniors Activity Centre?

YES / NO / Maybe

7. Would you like more safety features like ramps, railings, non-slip steps?
If you answered YES, specific locations or buildings:

YES / NO / Maybe

8. Does your existing home allow safe & free movement in all rooms/halls/entry?
If you answered NO, which rooms or areas need repairs/renovations:

YES / NO / Maybe

9. Would you like to have more in-home support services available?

YES / NO / Maybe

If you said YES, then CIRCLE ALL THAT YOU WOULD USE in-home help with laundry, meal preparation, housekeeping, haircuts, errands, shopping, gardening, driveway maintenance, driving, snow removal, tree blow-downs, firewood/kindling, house repairs, recycling/trash removal, propane refills, more:

YOUR SUGGESTIONS:

Health Services:

Circle One Answer

10. Would you like to have more home-based healthcare services available?
If you said YES, then CIRCLE ALL THAT YOU WOULD USE in-home help with medical assistance, footcare, massage, physio, bathing, exercise, more healthcare **COMMENTS:**

YES / NO / Maybe

11. Is clear accessible health and social services information available?
If you answered NO, what information would you like to see:

YES / NO / Some

12. Are health & community support services affordable on Cortes?
If you answered NO, which services would you like to be more affordable:

YES / NO / Some

13. Do you feel confident that your basic medical needs are being addressed?
If you answered NO, your suggestions on how to improve medical care:

YES / NO / Unsure

14. In a community-wide emergency, do you feel confident that someone would come to your aid (like a friend, neighbour, emergency worker)?

YES / NO / Maybe

15. What other health & community support services would you like offered? _____
YOUR SUGGESTIONS:

Transportation:

Circle One Answer

16. Are parking and drop-off areas safe, sufficient & conveniently located?
If you answered NO, your suggestions on where to add more parking:

YES / NO / Unsure

17. Is traffic flow well-regulated and speed limits reasonable?
If you answered NO, what traffic improvements would you suggest

YES / NO / Unsure

18. Would you like to have driver education courses on Cortes?

YES / NO / Maybe

19. Would you use a private Cortes taxi service?

YES / NO / Maybe

20. Would you use a scheduled bus service to get around Cortes?

YES / NO / Maybe

21. What other transportation ideas would be reliable, affordable & convenient? _____
YOUR SUGGESTIONS:

Communication & Information:

Circle One Answer

22. Do basic, effective communication system reaches all community residents?

YES / NO / Unsure

23. Is public access to computers and the Internet available at minimal charge?

YES / NO / Unsure

24. Should people at risk of social isolation receive info from trusted individuals?

YES / NO / Maybe

25. Does printed info have large lettering, clear headings, and bold-face type?

YES / NO / Maybe

26. Do local magazines, radio, newsletters have information of interest to you?

YES / NO / Some

YOUR SUGGESTIONS:

Social Inclusion & Civic Participation:

Circle One Answer

26. Are a wide variety of affordable activities offered?

YES / NO / Some

27. Are Seniors & Elders consulted by the community for their opinions?

YES / NO / Some

28. Do you volunteer for community projects or help support community groups?
If you answered NO, what volunteer activities would engage your expertise?

YES / NO / Some

29. Do schools provide inter-generational learning opportunities?

YES / NO / Unsure

30. Does outreach include people at risk of social isolation?
If you answered NO, your outreach suggestions:

YES / NO / Unsure

31. Do you participate in civic decision-making or community wide meetings?
If you answered NO, what would engaged your interest:

YES / NO / Some

32. What other social interaction, activities, or clubs would you like to participate in? _____

YOUR SUGGESTIONS:

Pension Income & Employment Options:

Circle One Answer

33. Is your pension income sufficient to cover your Cortes living expenses?

YES / NO / Unknown

34. Would you like more info on veterans/widows/old age pension options?

YES / NO / Maybe

35. Are you in need of, or interested, in paid employment?

YES / NO / Maybe

36. Are self-employment options of interest to you?

YES / NO / Maybe

37. Would you be interested in attending training/educational classes?

YES / NO / Maybe

YOUR SUGGESTIONS:

38. What age group are you currently in? **Check 1 box below:**

50-59 60-69 70-79 80-89 90 or more

39. What are your top 3 priority areas for making Cortes more supportive as you age?

Place your ranking in order 1-2-3 below:

- Communication & Information
- Pension Income & Employment Options
- Social Inclusion & Civic Participation
- Transportation
- Housing
- Health Services
- Indoor & Outdoor Spaces

40. Open space for your ideas on how to make Cortes more Age-Friendly:

Create Envelop by Folding Survey in HALF along Dotted Line

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