

Community Feedback

Public Consultation and Input >>

Throughout the planning process, community members have been encouraged to provide their ideas regarding the Village Core and the types of needed services and amenities through feedback forms, written submissions, comments posted during the open house events and those provided through the Township website.

Community Feedback: Key Themes

Sports and Recreation Services >> Many community members expressed strong support for the retention of the sports services and amenities of the Archie Browning Sports Centre, with some noting a desire to see the existing facility upgraded and retained and others noting interest in a new facility located within the Village Core.

Should a new facility be considered, it is a priority for the provision of existing sports services to continue during the construction period. Additional sports services, such as soccer fields, basketball, tennis or racquetball courts and recreational amenities, including walking and biking trails and children's play spaces were also noted.

Village Core Revitalization >> Many comments emphasized the need to revitalize the Village Core, suggesting a range of strategies such as building improvements, diversified commercial services and public realm enhancements. New commercial services and retail shops - such as restaurants,

cafes, boutiques, a hardware store, produce market, butcher - were noted as potential additions to enable more people to meet their daily shopping needs within Esquimalt.

Mixed-Use Development >> Comments received expressed support for the idea of a mixed-use Village Core where people can live, work and play. The current mix of uses within the Village Core - including a range of recreational services - was noted as a unique feature of Esquimalt. Mixed-use development, with more residential living opportunities, was noted as an important addition to the Village that will allow for more sustainable development.

Public and Community Amenities >> The need for additional community amenities was noted by many and ideas included a theatre, art galleries, arts and cultural learning facilities, a dance hall, an enhanced public square and overall public realm improvements.

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