

PIRA Community Questionnaire 2005

Since 1974, the Protection Island Ratepayers Association (PIRA) has served as Protection Island's community association. PIRA's goal is to promote and develop the welfare of residents. All ratepayers are welcome to join.

Every 3 years, PIRA conducts a survey to determine residents' priorities and concerns. The results are used to guide future actions and form the basis of our community plan. Please take time to respond to this questionnaire and return it in the enclosed envelope by March 15, 2005. You may respond anonymously or provide your name and contact information.

1. Protection Islanders – tell us who you are:

- a. Are you a: property owner renter
- b. Are you a: full-time resident part-time resident non-resident owner
- c. If you are a full-time resident, how many people live on your property? _____

2. Protection Island Ratepayers Association (PIRA)

Currently PIRA membership costs \$10 per person per year, collected each spring. Membership fees are used to pay the cost of insurance, mailings and office supplies, etc.

- a. Do you support the idea of having a community association?
 Yes No
- b. Are you currently a member of PIRA?
 Yes No
- c. Is the annual fee a barrier to your being a member of PIRA?
 Yes No
- d. Currently only ratepayers can be members of PIRA. Would you support PIRA changing its constitution to include both ratepayers and renters?
 Yes No
- e. If yes, would you support renters becoming voting or non-voting members on property issues?
 Voting Non-voting
- f. Do you attend PIRA Annual General Meetings?
 Regularly Sometimes Never
- g. In addition to the Annual General Meeting, do you think there should be more community discussion events?
 Yes No
- h. Would you be willing to let your name stand for PIRA board of directors? If yes, please speak to one of the current PIRA directors listed on last page of this survey.
 Yes No

i. How would you suggest that PIRA's relationship with the community be modified?

3. What do you like about Protection Island?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural atmosphere | <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaved roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> No vehicle ferry service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinghy Dock Pub |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peace & Quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited commercialism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community | <input type="checkbox"/> No garbage collection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of security | <input type="checkbox"/> Beacon House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of life | <input type="checkbox"/> Protection Island Museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investment potential | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Bulletin Boards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Burn Days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not much traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf carts legal |

4. Access to Protection Island

- a. I use a private boat for access to Protection Island:
 Regularly Rarely Never
- b. I use the Protection Island ferry for access to Protection Island:
 Regularly Rarely Never
- c. What access changes would you support and be willing to pay for, if necessary?

	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes to the ferry schedule.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ferry to connect to 7 am HarbourLynx sailing.	How often would you use it?
<input type="checkbox"/> Car ferry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair access on and off the island	
<input type="checkbox"/> Easier access from ferry dock to road	
<input type="checkbox"/> Allocated downtown parking	
<input type="checkbox"/> Expanded moorage	
<input type="checkbox"/> All-weather emergency service dock	

5. Boats and Moorage

- a. Is availability of moorage on Protection Island a concern for you?
 Yes No
- b. Is availability of moorage on the Nanaimo side a concern for you?
 Yes No
- c. Are you concerned about human waste discharge from vessels in the Nanaimo Harbour?
 Yes No

6. Mud Bay Dock

Moorage at the Mud Bay Community Dock, maintained by volunteer labour, costs \$100 per boat or kayak per year. It is approaching capacity. Usage rules are posted at the dockhead.

- a. I currently use the Mud Bay dock.
 Yes No
- b. I would use the Mud Bay dock if more space were available.
 Yes No
- c. I am satisfied with the current physical condition of the Mud Bay dock.
 Yes No No Opinion
- d. If available, I would pay for additional deep-water moorage
 Yes No

7. Parkland / Beaches

Currently we have two developed parks, seven undeveloped interior parks, and some beach accesses.

- a. Should the city acquire environmentally sensitive lots for additional parkland?
 Yes No
- b. Should existing interior parks remain undeveloped as wildlife habitats?
 Yes No
- c. Should beach access trails be cleared and better marked?
 Yes No
- d. Should interior park access trails be cleared and better marked?
 Yes No
- e. Would you support the development of a Community Garden on the Island?
 Yes No
- f. If yes, would you be willing to donate time and energy to make a Community Garden happen?
 Yes No
- g. Are you concerned with erosion of community shore land on the Island?
 Yes No

8. Protection Island Community Services

- a. I use the pub-based 'car pool' service:
 Regularly Rarely Never
- b. If you use the 'car pool' service, are you satisfied with it?
 Yes No

c. On Protection Island I own and operate a:
 car golf cart bicycle Other _____

d. Is parking at 'the Circle' (roundabout) a problem for you:
 Yes No

Comments _____

e. If coordinated on a community basis, I would use and if necessary be willing to pay a fee for:

Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Propane delivery	
<input type="checkbox"/> Septic tank cleanout	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grocery delivery	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly scheduled barge service	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Car	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Truck	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Bicycles	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Wheelbarrows	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Golf cart	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Boat trailer	

f. Do you think that the community facilities at Gallows Point (Beacon House and the Light Keeper's Cottage) are meeting the community's needs?
 Yes No No Opinion

Comments _____

g. Are you concerned about Emergency Preparedness for the Protection Island community*?
 Yes No

h. Do you have skills or tools to offer in case of a disaster on Protection Island? If yes, please speak to a member of the Protection Island Fire Department or Neighbourhood Watch*.
 Yes No

i. Would you be interested in the establishment of a long term care/assisted living facility on Protection Island?
 Yes No

9. City of Nanaimo Services

a. Are you satisfied with the condition of our island roads?
 Yes No

b. If not, what improvements would you suggest?
 More regular maintenance of existing road surfaces
 Upgrade all roads to harder road surfaces (for example, chip seal, asphalt or alternative)
 Upgrade only problem areas to harder road surfaces (e.g., from 'the Circle' to Treasure Trail)
 Pave the roads

Comments _____

- c. Unlike other City of Nanaimo residents, Protection Island residents do not pay user rates for home garbage collection and recycling. If available, I would use and be willing to pay for:

Garbage pick-up	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Annual Spring clean up	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

- d. If you want an annual spring-clean up, how should this be financed?

- Voluntary per use
 \$5 annual levy on City of Nanaimo user rates
 Community fund-raiser event
 Other _____
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- e. Is drainage on your property an issue for you?

- Yes No

- f. How do you feel about the current level of street lighting?

- want more lighting want less lighting like it as it is

- g. How do you feel about the current amount of signage (for example, dog leash, littering, 'poop and scoop', caution-children playing, speed limit, etc.)

- want more signage want less signage like it as it is

10. City of Nanaimo Bylaws

As Protection Island is part of the City of Nanaimo, all City bylaws apply.

- a. Are you concerned about unsightly premises on the Island?

- Yes No

- b. Are you concerned with the lack of compliance with animal control bylaws, for example, 'poop and scoop' and dogs off leash?

- Yes No

- c. Protection Island has a hard won special exemption from the burning ban now in force in Nanaimo. Do you support these burn days?

- Yes No

- d. I would be concerned if burn days were reduced or eliminated.

- Yes No

- e. I would support an alternative year-round method of disposing of yard waste (for example, a community chipper).

- Yes No

11. Community Communications

- a. Do you read the annual PIRA newsletter mailed to every ratepayer each spring?

- Yes No Sometimes

b. Do you belong to the Pro Isle email group?

Yes No

If you would like to join Pro Isle, please send an email to: bjneild@island.net.

c. Are you satisfied with the way the Pro Isle email group is currently being used?

Yes No

d. Do you post and/or read notices on the poster boards located at each mailbox location?

Frequently Sometimes Never

e. Do you attend Protection Island community social events?

Frequently Sometimes Never

f. Suggestions for improving communications: _____

13. If you could have three wishes for Protection Island, what would they be?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Contact Information (optional)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ email _____

THANK YOU for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire, your input is appreciated.
Additional comments are most welcome, please include on another piece of paper. Drop off this questionnaire with any PIRA Director, or mail by March 15, 2005 in the envelope provided to:

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