

**PROTECTION ISLAND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE 2009**

Since 1974, the Protection Island Ratepayers Association (PIRA) has endeavored to secure improvements in the best interests of the ratepayers and to promote and develop the welfare of all island residents.

Every 3 - 4 years Islanders have the opportunity to add their opinions and ideas to contribute to future actions of the PIRA board Here is your chance!

Please respond to this questionnaire and return it in the enclosed envelope by March 31st. Note drop-off places below.

PIRA SURVEY Return to one of the following: Deadline March 31

1. PIRA Box 116, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5K4
2. Designated box at the Dinghy Dock Pub
3. Designated box on porch at 176 Captain Morgans
4. For pick-up please call 250 753 1913 and leave a message

or

JOIN US FOR A DESSERT AND TURN IN YOUR SURVEY PARTY

Saturday March 28, 1 - 3 p.m.

We invite all Protection Islanders 18 and over to fill in a survey.
If you need additional copies of the survey, please
call Thora Howell 250 753 1913

**There is a space at the end of the survey for you to
Comment on any issue that relates to Protection Island.**

A. PROTECTION ISLANDERS TELL US WHO YOU ARE

1. Are you a:

Property owner Renter

2. Are you a

Full time resident Part time resident Non resident owner

The following question requires one response per household

This question will provide valuable input should we need to access services for preschoolers and seniors.

Please tell us the number of people in your household who fit into each category.

Ages 0-5 Ages 6 - 12 Ages 13- 19
 Ages 20 - Ages 60 plus

B. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PROTECTION ISLAND

Tick as many as are applicable

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/> Unpaved roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinghy Dock pub
<input type="checkbox"/> Sense of security	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited commercialism
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace and quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Beacon House
<input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community	<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"/> Legal golf carts
<input type="checkbox"/> Not much traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Beaches	<input type="checkbox"/> Burn days
<input type="checkbox"/> Quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/> No vehicle ferry service
<input type="checkbox"/> No garbage collection	

Other Please specify: _____

C. ACCESS TO PROTECTION ISLAND

1. Do you use a private boat for access to Protection Island?

Regularly Rarely Never

2. Do you use the Protection Island ferry for access to Protection Island?

Regularly Occasionally Rarely Never

3. Would you like to see changes to the ferry service to accommodate locals at busy times of the day/season?

Yes No N/A (Not Applicable)

What would you suggest ? _____

4. The current ferry service to Protection Island is privately run. Do you think it should be subsidized by the City of Nanaimo and the Regional District?
 Yes No N/A

5. What access changes would you support ?
 All weather emergency dock
 Wheelchair access
 Allocated downtown parking
 Easier access from ferry to the circle

6. What access changes would you be willing to pay for?
 Expanded moorage
 Land acquisition to expand moorage
 Allocated downtown parking
 Easier access from the ferry to the circle
 Other (please specify) _____

D. BOATS AND MOORAGE

1. Please indicate the kind of boat you use to access Protection Island
 Motor boat Canoe
 Row boat Kayak

2. Is availability of moorage on Protection Island a concern for you?
 Yes No N/A

3. Is availability of moorage on the Nanaimo side a concern for you?
 Yes No N/A

4. If available, would you pay for additional deep-water moorage?
 Yes No N/A

5. If available would you pay for assigned moorage?
 Yes No N/A

E. MUD BAY DOCK

Moorage at the Mud Bay Community Dock, maintained by volunteer labour, costs \$120 per boat or kayak per year.

1. Do you currently moor a boat at the Mud Bay dock?
 Yes No Summer only N/A

2. If not, would you moor a boat at Mud Bay dock if more moorage were available?
 Yes No N/A

3. Are you satisfied with the current physical condition of the Mud Bay dock?
 Yes No N/A

4. What changes, if any would you like to see?
- Improvements to the physical condition
 - Additional moorage
 - Assigned moorage
 - Lighting
 - Canoe/kayak racks
 - Other _____

F. PARKLAND AND BEACHES

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

1. Should the city acquire environmentally sensitive lots for additional parkland?
 Yes No
2. Should existing interior parks remain green spaces?
 Yes No
3. Do you consider interior parks a fire hazard?
 Yes No
4. Should beach access trails be cleared and better marked?
 Yes No
5. Should interior park access trails be cleared and better marked?
 Yes No
6. Are you concerned with the natural erosion of community shore land on the island?
 Yes No
 If yes, where? _____
7. Would you support an ongoing plan to invite people to replace trees that have been cut?
 Yes No
8. Would you support regulations on cutting garry oak trees?
 Yes No
9. Would you support a plan to enhance the boulevards by planting native plants and trees?
 Yes No
10. Are you concerned about human waste discharge from vessels in the Nanaimo harbour?
 Yes No

11. Would you support the formation of a committee made up of representatives of PIRA, DIGS, the Lions Club and a Parks staff person to discuss how Smugglers Park can be developed in the interests of all Islanders?
 Yes No No opinion

In order to facilitate communication among the organizations that have projects in Smugglers Park, we are proposing that a committee made up of representatives of PIRA, DIGS, LIONS CLUB and Nanaimo Parks staff, be formed to exchange information. This committee will be asked to work cooperatively to bring forward ideas that will benefit all Protection Islanders. The members of this committee will report to their respective boards. The deliberations could be the basis for a community meeting which would allow for more input.

12. Would you support installing a public toilet ?
 In Smugglers Park Yes No No Opinion
 Elsewhere on the island Yes No No Opinion
 If yes where _____

13. Do you (and your family) use the playing court?
 Yes No

14. Would you support the upgrading of the existing basketball court to be a multi-use court? This would include an all-weather surface, fencing the court and installing removable tennis courts and nets?
 Yes No

15. Do you have other suggestions for improving the community playing area?

G. CITY OF NANAIMO SERVICES AND BYLAWS
Protection Island is part of the City of Nanaimo. City bylaws apply

1. Are you satisfied with the condition of our island roads
 Yes No No Opinion

2. If not, what improvements would you suggest (please check)

- more regular maintenance of existing road surfaces
 upgrade all roads to harder non-paved surface (chip seal)
 pave the main island roads with asphalt
 upgrade only problem areas to harder surface roads
 Other please specify _____

3. Is drainage on your property an issue for you?

Yes No

4. What is your opinion of the current street lighting?

want more want less leave as is

5. Would you be in favour of exploring different types of lighting?

Yes No

6. Would you support additional lighting for problem places (e.g. high traffic areas)?

Yes No

7. If yes where _____

8. What is your opinion of the current signage?

(a) Speed limit want more want less like it is

(b) Dog Leash want more want less like it is

(c) Littering want more want less like it is

(d) Caution children playing want more want less like it is

(e) Parking Circle want more want less like it is

(d) Other comments _____

9. Are you concerned about unsightly premises on the Island?

Yes No No Opinion

10. Are you concerned about excessive noise coming from activities on the Island?

Yes No No Opinion

11. Are you concerned about compliance with animal control bylaws (e.g. poop and scoop/ dogs off leash)?

Yes No No Opinion

12. Would you support designating a location for dogs to run?

Yes No No Opinion

13. Protection Island has a special exemption from the burning ban now in force in the rest of Nanaimo. Do you support burn days?

Yes No No Opinion

14. Would you support a year-round method of disposing of yard waste?
 Yes No No Opinion

Suggestions _____

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

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Garbage pick-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (b) Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (c) Annual spring Cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

16. Are you in favour the current maximum/minimum size (sq. ft of floor area) for new residential construction on the Island?

- (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Opinion

17. The current minimum floor area for a house on Protection Island is 936 square feet. What would you support as a minimum square footage? _____

18. The current maximum floor area for a houses on Protection Island is up to 40% of the lot size (this would be 3840 sq. ft. for an average 80 x 120 ft lot.) In Nanaimo the maximum is 4200 sq. ft. What would you support as a maximum square footage? _____

19. Would you favour a maximum site coverage ratio (percentage of lot covered with structures for residential lots on the Island)?

- Yes No No Opinion

H. PROTECTION ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. On Protection Island do you own and operate a?

- | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelbarrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Car | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric golf cart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas golf cart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scooter/ Motorcycle | | |

2. Do you find adequate parking at the Circle?

- Yes No N/A

3. Would you support investigating the re-establishment of a car pool?

- Yes No No Opinion

4. If coordinated on a community basis, would you use and if necessary be willing to pay a fee for:
- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community golf cart | <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly scheduled barge service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community car/van | <input type="checkbox"/> Community boat trailer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community boat | <input type="checkbox"/> Community truck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community bicycles | <input type="checkbox"/> Community wheelbarrows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Propane delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic tank cleanout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Community car in downtown Nanaimo |

5. Do you think that the community facilities at Gallows Point (Beacon House and the Lightkeeper's Cottage) are large enough to meet community needs?

Yes No No Opinion

Comments _____

6. Are you concerned about the delivery of home and nursing care to Protection Islanders?

Yes No

7. Are you interested in services for preschoolers?

Yes No

8. Would you like to see more play structures on Protection Island?

Yes No No Opinion

9. Do you feel there is a need for services for teenagers on Protection Island?

Yes No No Opinion

If yes do you have suggestions _____

10. Would you support the circulation of a Protection Island phone book?

Yes No

11. Would you support the establishment of a Protection Island community library?

Yes No No Opinion

12. Would you support investigating a dockside recycling station in downtown Nanaimo?

Yes No

13. Are you concerned about Emergency Preparedness for the Protection Island Community?

Yes No

14. Are you aware of the Protection Island Fire Department's training and equipment for emergency preparedness?

Yes No

15. Do you have the skills or tools to offer in case of a disaster on Protection Island
If so, please speak to a member of the Protection Island Fire Department
or Neighbourhood Watch. (Phone contacts are given on the last page of
the survey.)

Yes No

16. Would you be interested in the establishment of a long term care/assisted
living facility on Protection Island?

Yes No

I. PROTECTION ISLAND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Yes No

If yes tell us what you like _____

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

Yes No

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

Frequently Sometimes Never

4. Do you attend Protection Island community events?

Frequently Sometimes Never

5. In addition to the Annual General Meeting, we have had several community
meetings this past year.

Would you like to see more community discussions?

Yes No No Opinion

6. Which of the following open community discussions might you attend?
(please check any number of choices)

Health services for Islanders

Moorage

Barged-on houses

Protection of trees and other vegetation, including the foreshore

Development issues e. g house sizes, siting of houses on lots

Developing a neighbourhood association

Formulating a neighbourhood plan

Roads

Parks and community garden development

Other _____

J. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

1. Do you support the idea of having a community association?
 Yes No No Opinion
2. Are you currently a member of the Protection Island Ratepayers Association (PIRA)?
 Yes No
3. Do you attend PIRA meetings?
 Frequently Seldom Never
If not why not? _____
4. Currently PIRA membership costs \$10.00 per person per year, usually collected at the AGM each spring. Membership fees are used to pay the cost of insurance, mailings and office supplies etc.
Is the annual fee of \$10.00 per person barrier to your being a member?
 Yes No
5. Currently, under the PIRA constitution, only property owners are members of PIRA.
Would you support PIRA changing it's current bylaws to include renters?
 Yes No
6. If yes would you support renters becoming voting members on
(a) General community issues (beaches, parks, moorage, services, events)?
 Yes No

(b) Property issues (issues the ownership of property)?
 Yes No
7. If renters are not members would you support renters having an advocate on the PIRA board?
 Yes No
8. Do you think the Protection Island Ratepayers Association should be changed To The Protection Island Residents Association?
 Yes No
9. How could PIRA best represent you?

10. Would you be willing to let your name stand for PIRA board of directors.
If yes, pleased speak to one of the current PIRA Directors listed on the last page of this survey.

**We welcome comments on any community topic relating to
Protection Island**

 I wish to remain anonymous
Here is my personal information:

Name _____
Address on P.I. _____
Mailing address if different _____
Telephone Number(s) _____
Email _____

Your comments (please use the other side of the sheet for additional comments)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

PIRA Board of Directors 2008 -2009

Denise Bonin President and Communications
David Essig City Liaison/Roads
Peter Frewin Treasurer
Coreen Hanson Vice President & Mud Bay Dock liaison
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PROTECTION ISLAND INFORMATION

Contact info

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Fire	250 753 7311
Police	250 754 2345
Station No. 7 Nanaimo Fire Rescue	Veronica Zehntner 250 754 6759
Earthquake Flood Dangerous Spills Tsunami	1-800-663 3456
Nanaimo Regional General Hospital	250 754 2141
Neighbourhood Watch	Roger Gumbert 250 753 5343
Pro-Isle email network	Barb Lebrasseuremail barbith@telus.net
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Delivery service	Fraser/Alice Farquhar scallywagman@telus.net
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