

Dear Recipient,

Our housing needs often change over our life time and it is important that communities have the flexibility to meet these various needs. The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee appointed a Mayne Island Housing Options Task Force to review and make recommendations about the current and future housing needs for Mayne Island. The purpose of the Housing Options Task Force is to provide overall strategic advice to the Local Trust Committee on Mayne Island housing. The task force objective is to identify land use requirements and issues related to addressing the present and future need for housing diversity on Mayne Island.

To obtain the information necessary in developing policies and land use for Mayne Island, we are studying local housing needs and all factors that affect the availability of housing in this area. You are the people who (live / work) on Mayne Island and whose opinions are important to describing our housing situation. To assure that the attitudes and experiences of all local (residents/employees) are represented, it is very important that each questionnaire be completed online or in print copy and returned. No names or addresses will be placed on the surveys or used in our housing report. When the housing needs assessment is completed, we plan to share the results with the community at a public meeting. If you wish a summary of our report, it will be available online at <http://mayneltc.com/housingtaskforce.htm> and in the Mayne Island Housing Options Task Force binder at the library. If you have questions, feel free to write or call Terrill Welch during business hours at 250-539-5877 or via email at tawelch@shaw.ca . Thank you so much for your help.

A SURVEY OF THE HOUSING NEEDS OF MAYNE ISLAND RESIDENTS

This survey will help us to learn more about housing for residents in our community. The information you

provide will help our Local Trust Committee to make informed decisions about community housing needs. Input from all residents is very important. No individual identifying information will be gathered in the survey. We are only interested in the combined results from all people in the community.

If you have more to say about our housing needs:

- please feel free to give us your thoughts in writing; or
- attend our next public meeting.

Your ideas are important and will be read, heard and taken into account.

Thank you for your help.

Please complete this survey before **PROPOSED DATE APRIL 18, 2011**

Online at: put in survey monkey address

Or by completing this print copy and returning the questionnaire to:

Terrill Welch

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Mayne Island, B.C. V0N 2J0

Instructions:

To determine the housing situation on Mayne Island, we need information about your housing experience, adequacy, affordability, and assistance and support service needs.

4 Dissatisfied

5 Very dissatisfied

PAST EXPERIENCES

The following questions are in regard to respondents' past experiences with housing. This information can be useful in identifying existing housing obstacles within the community.

Q-8 Have you experienced any of the following difficulties in housing yourself or your family? (Circle all that apply)

1 Shortage of affordable rental housing

2 Limited numbers of affordable homes for sale

3 Available, affordable homes are poor quality or too small

4 Don't have enough money for required down payment on a home

5 Can't qualify for a mortgage at today's interest rates and home prices

6 Trouble qualifying for home financing because of credit rating

7 Finding housing that is both accessible for my disability and affordable

8 Other, explain _____

Q-9 If you circled any of the above, which ONE was the most important problem? _____

HOUSING PREFERENCES AND PLANS

The following questions are being used to obtain information on your housing aspirations and short-term housing demand within the community.

Q-10 When do you anticipate you will next change your place of residence?

- 1 within 12 months
- 2 between 12 and 24 months in the future
- 3 between 2 and 5 years in the future
- 4 more than five years in the future
- 5 never (proceed to **Q-14**)

Q-11 When you change your place of residence, where do you expect that your new home will be?

- 1 On Mayne Island
- 2 Not on Mayne Island

Q-12 What type of housing would most appeal to you when you change your place of residence?

- 1 single-family detached house
- 2 semi-detached duplex, row house, or townhouse
- 3 suite or room within a house
- 4 apartment building or multi-unit complex
- 5 mobile or manufactured (RTM) home
- 6 seniors housing
- 7 small second dwelling
- 8 special needs unit
- 9 co-housing/shared
- 10 low income assisted
- 11 other_____

Q-13 When you change your place of residence, do you intend to rent or purchase your new residence?

- 1 rent
- 2 purchase (includes building new home)

Q-14 Does Mayne Island has any of the following housing problems?

	Disagree	Agree	Definitely Agree	Don't Know
Enough different dwelling types	1	2	3	4
5				
Enough affordable homes for sale	1	2	3	4

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Enough affordable rental units	1	2	3
4 5			
Enough subsidized/assisted housing	1	2	3 4
5			
Enough housing for the elderly	1	2	3
4 5			
Too much poor, dilapidated housing	1	2	3 4
5			
Too much vacant/abandoned housing	1	2	3
4 5			

Q-15 What types of housing should your community encourage (more of)?

(Circle all that apply and note whether each should be rental and/or owned)

	Rental	Homeownership
1 Subsidized housing for low income elderly	1	2
2 Subsidized units for nonelderly low income families	1	2
3 Accessible/adaptable housing for disabled persons	1	2
4 Mobile/manufactured homes in mobile home parks	1	2
5 Mobile/manufactured homes on individual house lots	1	2
6 Semi Detached homes		1
2		
7 Co-operative land share properties	1	2
8 None of the above--adequate housing is available	1	2

HIDDEN HOUSEHOLDS

The following question may is being used to identify hidden households

(individuals and households that are currently "doubled up", but which would

exist as a separate household if possible).

Q-16 Are there any individual residents of your household who currently desire to relocate to a home of their own? If there is more than one, please indicate.

1 Yes (# _____)

2 No (proceed to **Q- 19**)

Q-17 What is preventing this individual (or individuals) from relocating at this time?

_____ Financial situation

_____ Job Situation

_____ Can't afford rent / down payment

_____ Homes are too expensive

_____ Interest rates

_____ Caring for or being cared for by other family members

_____ Can't find housing of the type they want

(type)_____

_____ Can't find housing in the location they want

(location)_____

_____ Other _____

Q-18 If this individual (or individuals) did purchase or rent a home, where would this home most likely be located?

_____ On Mayne Island

_____ Off Mayne Island

Q-19 Is there anything else you would like to tell us about housing needs on Mayne Island?

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our survey, we look forward to sharing our results with you at an upcoming Community Meeting.

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