

Quick statistics

Survey 772615 'Electoral Area "G" Let's Talk Land Use!'

Results

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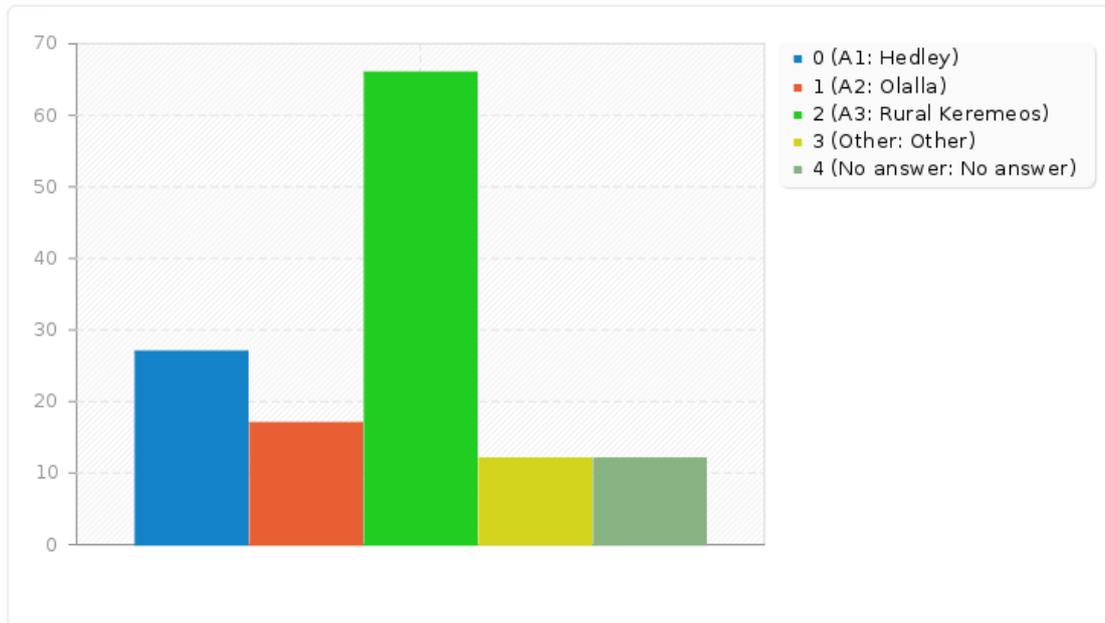
Summary for DS1**A. Where do you live in Area " G"?**

Answer	Count	Percentage
Hedley (A1)	27	20.15%
Olalla (A2)	17	12.69%
Rural Keremeos (A3)	66	49.25%
Other	12	8.96%
No answer	12	8.96%

ID	Response
4	rural Hedley
9	Rural Hedley
24	Cawston
31	Rural hedley
36	Cawston
38	Keremeos
61	Sunkatchers RV Park Co-Op
86	Rural Hedley
96	cabin in rural Keremeos livein Summerland
101	see below

Summary for DS1

A. Where do you live in Area "G"?



Summary for DS2

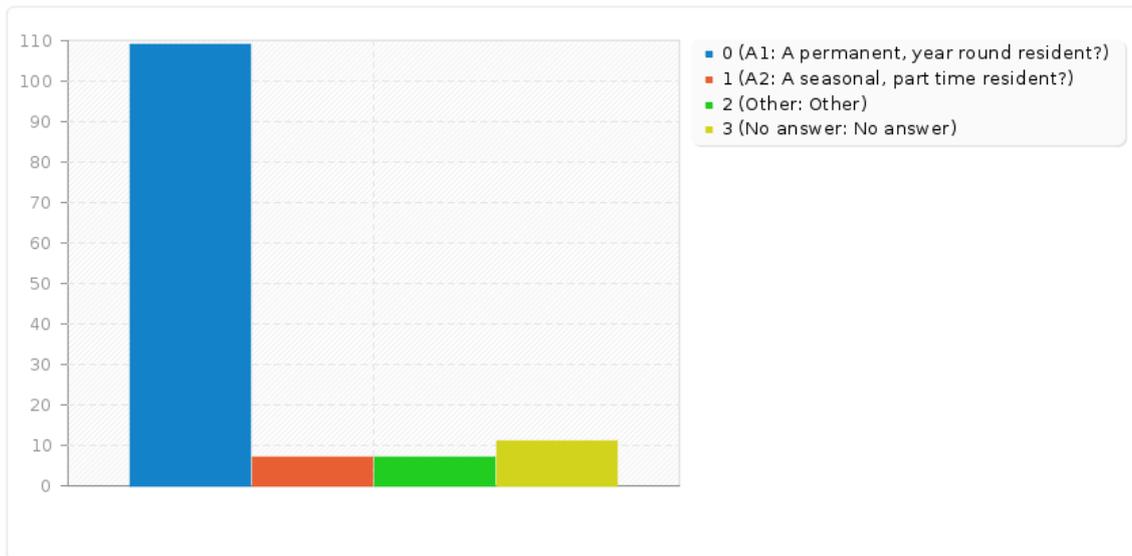
B. Are you

Answer	Count	Percentage
A permanent, year round resident? (A1)	109	81.34%
A seasonal, part time resident? (A2)	7	5.22%
Other	7	5.22%
No answer	11	8.21%

ID	Response
68	own but winter in the south
70	Absentee landowner - moving there in a few years
81	own land
96	recreationa use only. nopower, nophone, no heat, no water
101	Landlord, living in Lower Mainland
107	seasonal for last 50 years, however, have now relocated here permantly

Summary for DS2

B. Are you

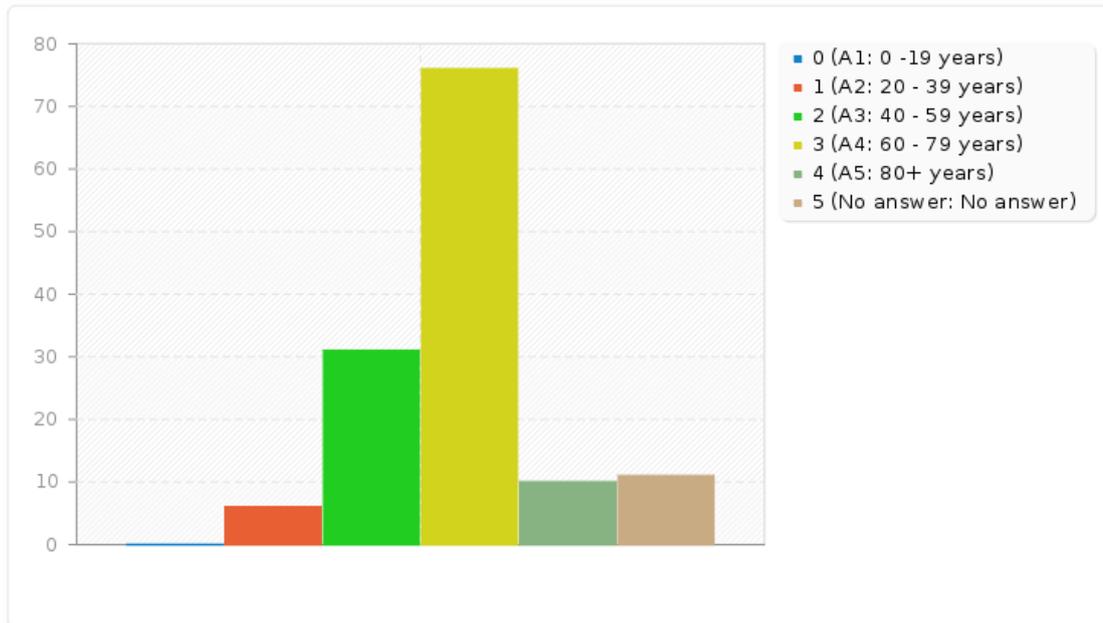


Summary for DS3**C. What is your age group?**

Answer	Count	Percentage
0 -19 years (A1)	0	0.00%
20 - 39 years (A2)	6	4.48%
40 - 59 years (A3)	31	23.13%
60 - 79 years (A4)	76	56.72%
80+ years (A5)	10	7.46%
No answer	11	8.21%

Summary for DS3

C. What is your age group?



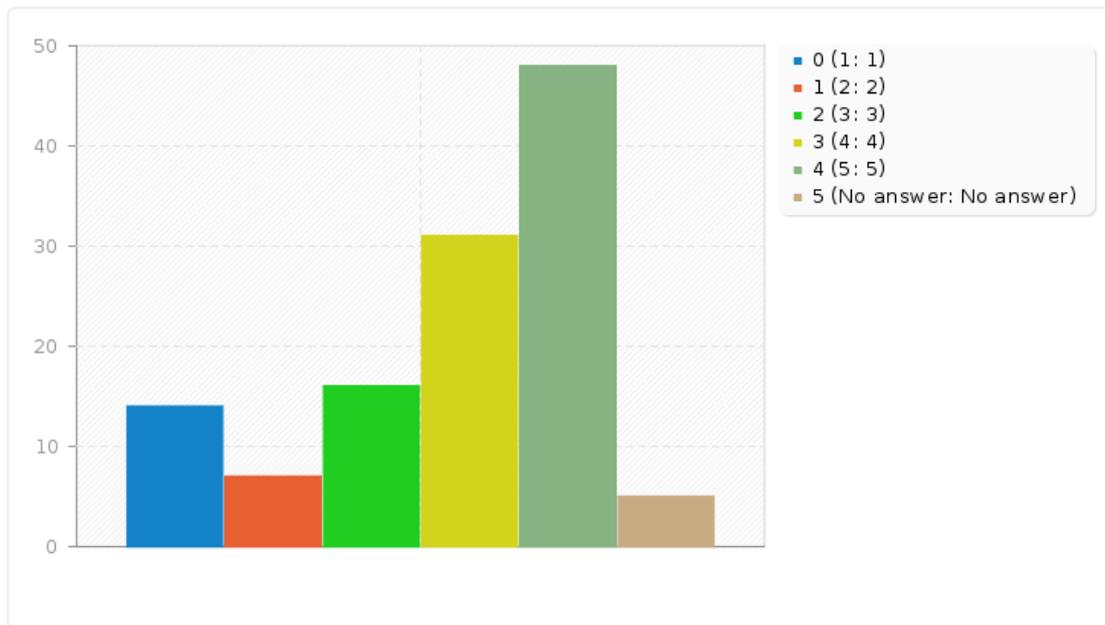
Summary for DEVG1(SQ001)[Defining areas for future growth]

1. Please rate the following issues in importance for you by circling your answer (1 = not at all important , 5 = Very important)
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Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	14	10.00%	15.00%
2 (2)	7	5.00%	
3 (3)	16	11.43%	11.43%
4 (4)	31	22.14%	
5 (5)	48	34.29%	56.43%
No answer	5	3.45%	0.00%
Arithmetic mean	3.79		
Standard deviation	1.36		
Sum (Answers)	116	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

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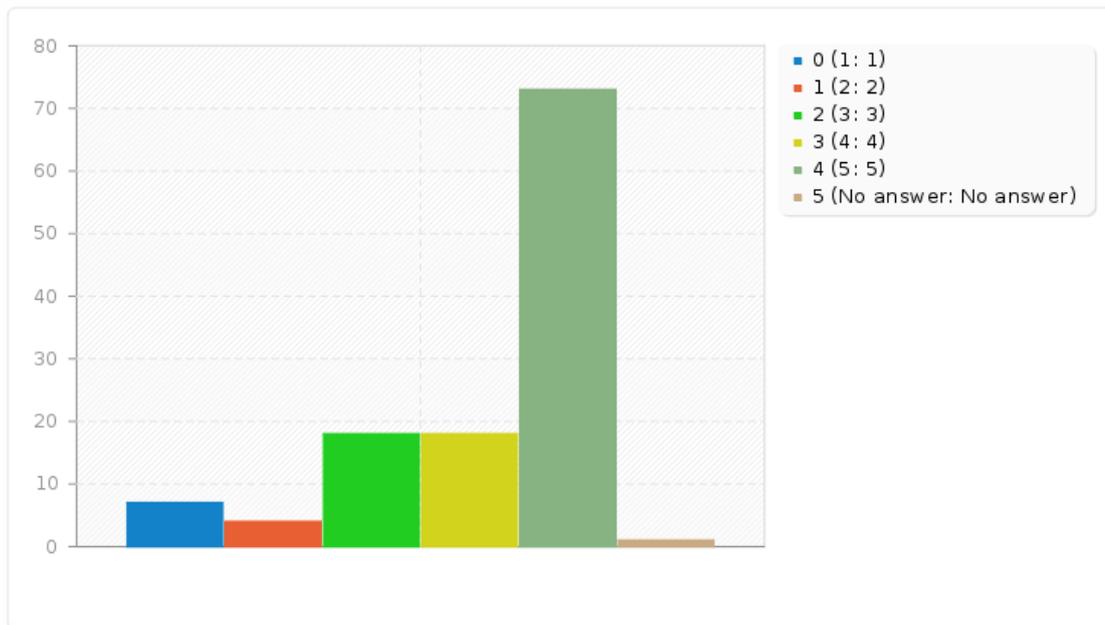
Summary for DEVG1(SQ002)[Maintaining ALR land primarily for farming and food production only]

1. Please rate the following issues in importance for you by circling your answer (1 = not at all important , 5 = Very important)

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	7	4.86%	7.64%
2 (2)	4	2.78%	
3 (3)	18	12.50%	12.50%
4 (4)	18	12.50%	
5 (5)	73	50.69%	63.19%
No answer	1	0.69%	0.00%
Arithmetic mean	4.22		
Standard deviation	1.18		
Sum (Answers)	120	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

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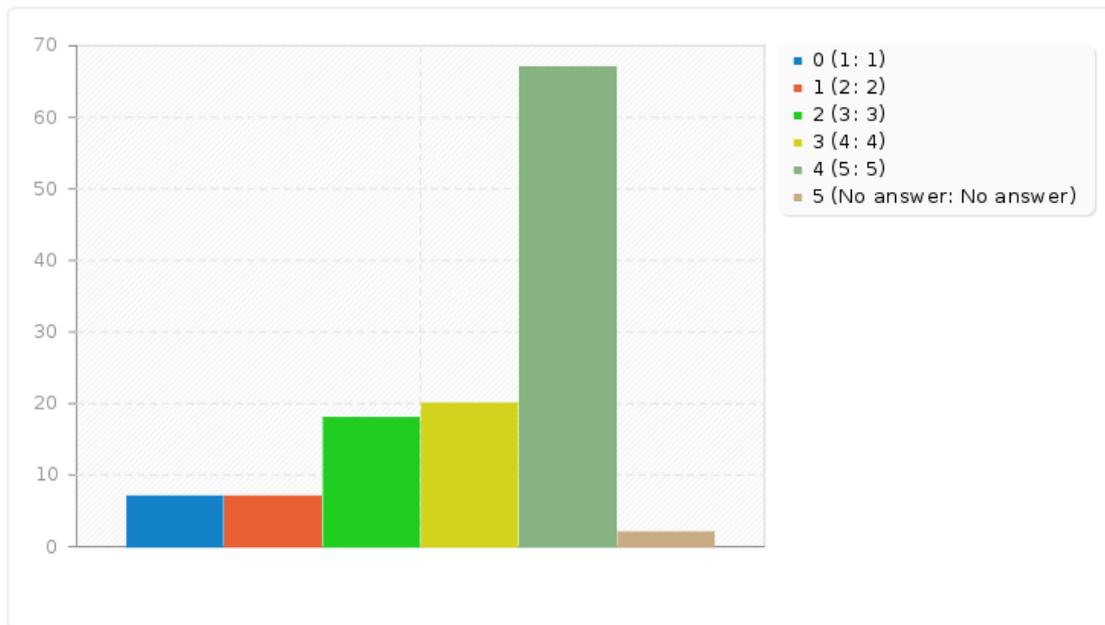
Summary for DEVG1(SQ003)[Ensuring new development is outside hazard areas such as floodplains, geotechnical hazardous areas, or high fire risk areas]

1. Please rate the following issues in importance for you by circling your answer (1 = not at all important , 5 = Very important)

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	7	4.90%	9.79%
2 (2)	7	4.90%	
3 (3)	18	12.59%	12.59%
4 (4)	20	13.99%	
5 (5)	67	46.85%	60.84%
No answer	2	1.38%	0.00%
Arithmetic mean	4.12		
Standard deviation	1.22		
Sum (Answers)	119	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

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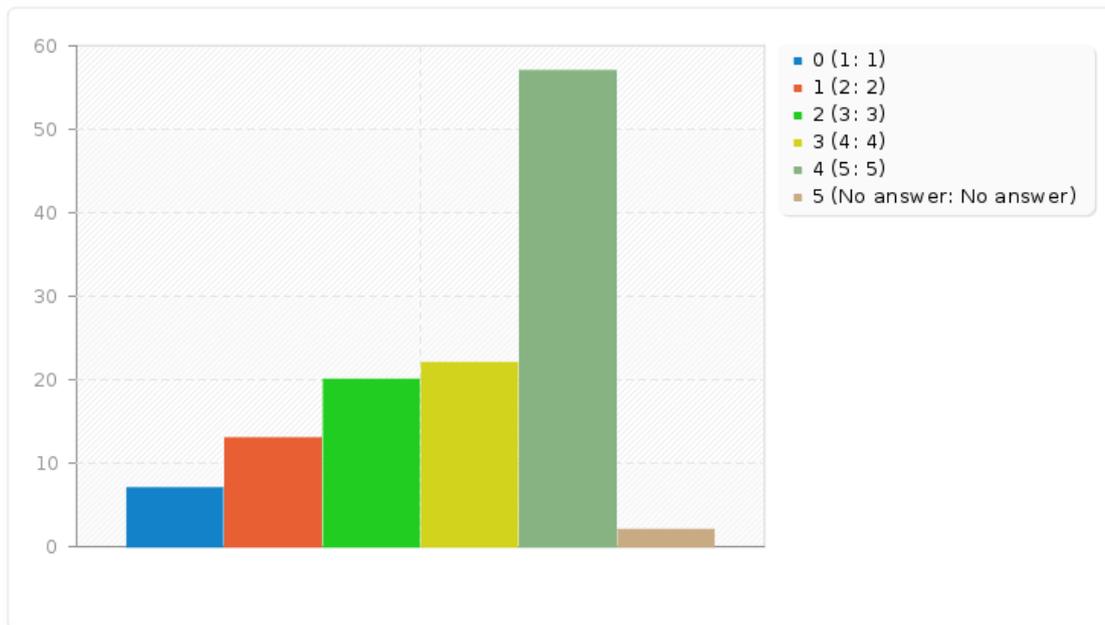
Summary for DEVG1(SQ004)[Protecting heritage and important Archaeological sites]

1. Please rate the following issues in importance for you by circling your answer (1 = not at all important , 5 = Very important)
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Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	7	4.90%	13.99%
2 (2)	13	9.09%	
3 (3)	20	13.99%	13.99%
4 (4)	22	15.38%	
5 (5)	57	39.86%	55.24%
No answer	2	1.38%	0.00%
Arithmetic mean	3.92		
Standard deviation	1.27		
Sum (Answers)	119	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Summary for DEVG1(SQ004)[Protecting heritage and important Archaeological sites]

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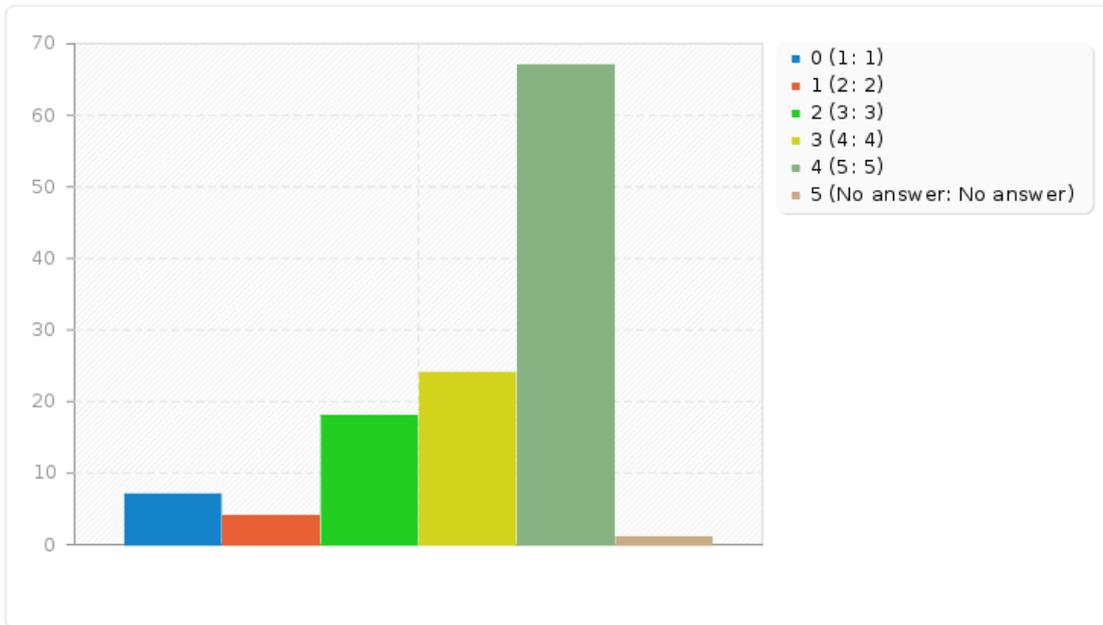
Summary for DEVG1(SQ005)[Protecting sensitive ecosystems such as grasslands, riparian areas, forests, wetlands and shallow soiled rock outcrops]

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Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	7	4.86%	7.64%
2 (2)	4	2.78%	
3 (3)	18	12.50%	12.50%
4 (4)	24	16.67%	
5 (5)	67	46.53%	63.19%
No answer	1	0.69%	0.00%
Arithmetic mean	4.17		
Standard deviation	1.16		
Sum (Answers)	120	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

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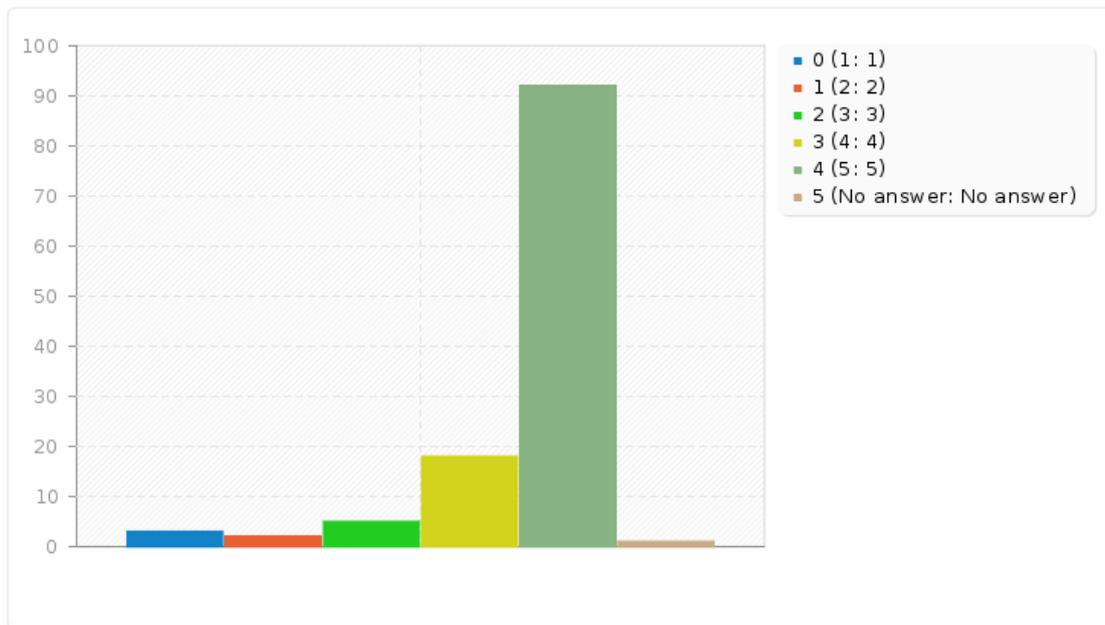
Summary for DEVG1(SQ006)[Protecting community watersheds for water quality and quantity]

1. Please rate the following issues in importance for you by circling your answer (1 = not at all important , 5 = Very important)

Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	3	2.08%	3.47%
2 (2)	2	1.39%	
3 (3)	5	3.47%	3.47%
4 (4)	18	12.50%	
5 (5)	92	63.89%	76.39%
No answer	1	0.69%	0.00%
Arithmetic mean	4.62		
Standard deviation	0.85		
Sum (Answers)	120	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

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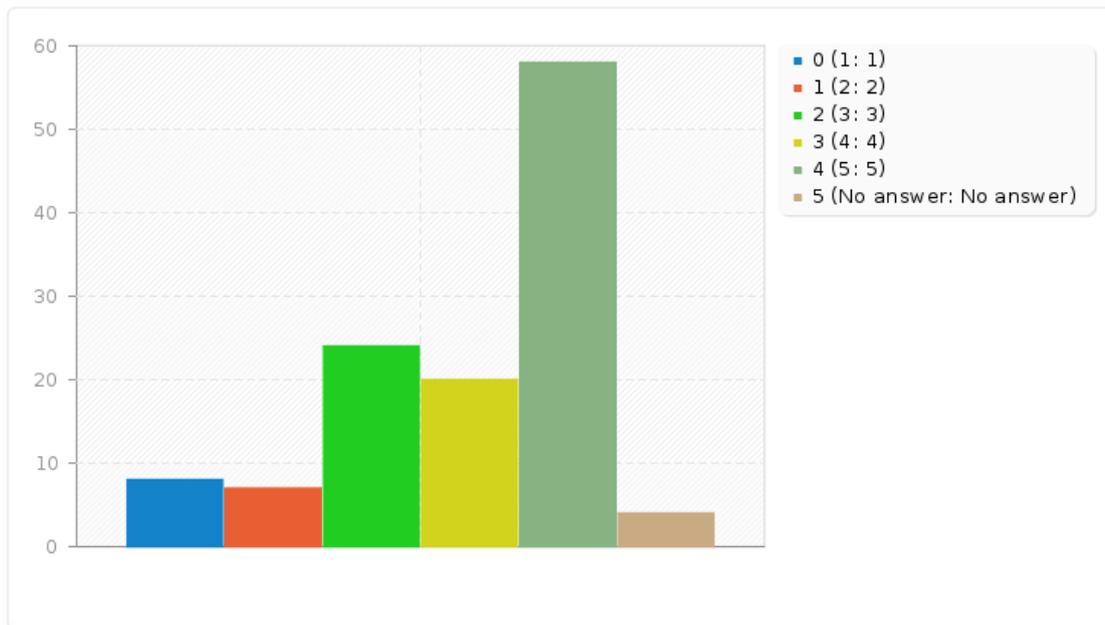
Summary for DEVG1(SQ007)[Access and transportation corridors]

1. Please rate the following issues in importance for you by circling your answer (1 = not at all important , 5 = Very important)
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Answer	Count	Percentage	Sum
1 (1)	8	5.67%	10.64%
2 (2)	7	4.96%	
3 (3)	24	17.02%	17.02%
4 (4)	20	14.18%	
5 (5)	58	41.13%	55.32%
No answer	4	2.76%	0.00%
Arithmetic mean	3.97		
Standard deviation	1.25		
Sum (Answers)	117	100.00%	100.00%
Number of cases		0%	

Summary for DEVG1(SQ007)[Access and transportation corridors]

1. Please rate the following issues in importance for you by circling your answer (1 = not at all important , 5 = Very important)



Summary for DEVG2

Tell us why you made the selection you did above?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	68	56.20%
No answer	53	43.80%

ID	Response
4	I believe they are all important
6	I want the least government regulation and interference possible.
9	No
10	- landform & private septic sewage systems limits growth opportunities - I consider others as important for quality of life for current and future generations. - Hwy#3 serves the valley well. Future needs should be met by rapid transit not highway expansion.
12	All of the above are important priorities. Protecting and conserving our ecosystems in the valley and conserving our heritage are priority to sustain for future generations. Access and affordable transportation is important for seniors and lower income to access services not available locally i.e. medical services.
13	Many are unable to get to the resources that are not provided by they're home. Health, social and or government resources
15	Preserving farm land is important for everyone's future
17	I find this survey isn't giving me a lot of info... as I suppose surveys don't. I hesitate to say protecting waterways and watersheds is a huge priority for me as I don't know what the plan might be to protect them. I believe people have the right to build where they'd like and as long as they are informed they are indeed building on a floodplain and they understand they are in a precarious fire area then they should be able to make their choice for themselves and they will need to work they out with insurance, etc. Protecting sensitive ecosystems is important but I do think for the most part that comes from lobbying or community groups. I don't believe local government should wade into this through land use matters before there is a community group coming forward with major concerns.
18	Transportation is important and that means access is important. However there are concerns set rate above that. And it's all have costs something has to come in lower. Water and protection of watershed along with the protection of ALR is above all.
24	Well alr is fine but peeps who have under 1 acr of land should be able to open a store / coffee shop as. The land isn't viable to grow enough to want farmland only use , I want to open a coffee shop for farm workers in cawston but I'm told no. Can we talk ??
25	Protect what we have for future generations.
33	The area is super important ecologically and economically and easily destroyed if left without guidelines.
38	Given the geographic location of Keremeos, creating a harmonious agricultural, rural , transportation and work environments within the mountains is a necessity to continued growth while protecting the very reason people moved here.
39	Transportation to Penticton is just about non existent and internet options are terrible we need high speed internet it's right at our door step find a way to bring it in.
50	All of these areas are tremendously important and it was difficult to not mark them all as #5! (a) That is what thinking and planning is all about so we don't look back and say that we could have easily done so much better; (c) It is much easier to prevent stupid developments than try to fix the problems after they occur.
53	I feel there should be some areas that are left inaccessible.
55	As a young person who grew up in the area and hopes to grow old in it too, I want to ensure that the same values of community, preservation, and sustainable farming are maintained for the benefit of my future family. I want assurances that the Valley will remain green and fruitful, and that the developing infrastructure won't take away from natural resources, agricultural land and the Valley's beauty itself. This is why it is important to have a plan and to ensure that it is followed.
60	Item A---Defining areas---Would need to know what kind of growth is being looked at before putting a value on this. Most good land is in the ALR and off limits to change in use. Are we looking at industrial or housing or?

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- Item B maintaining ALR-- As far as I know this is already well established as a provincial mandate and the RDOS has little power to add extra rules, especially considering right to farm provincial legislation.
- Item C--Rated as 3. The provincial highways requirement for subdivision of land requires geotechnical hazard clearance. Considering the ALR nature of Area G there is limited opportunity for development for housing or industry.
- Item D--Heritage sites protection is a given on a "cost/benefit" consideration. I think the main ones are already managed and therefore protected.
- Item E ---protecting ecosystems---Am not convinced we need to put additional resources to this as I do not see specific problem areas.
- ItemF----Watershed protection---I do not see a problem area that needs to be dealt with
- Item G---Transportation /roads---wouldn't it be nice to be able to ride a bicycle or tractor safely along any of our roads. The distances in our community are generally to big for walking or bicycle .
- 61 Other than "d" and "g" the above are similar
"d" requires a structured approach to include facts.
"g" increased traffic and type of vehicles are significant factors also safety and enforcement
- 63 I marked they one item as not at all important but the question does not give enough detail. It is very important to maintain ARL but there is some tracts which should be allowed to be taken out to allow for building lots. I think the small tracts of 6 acres or less should be made available for sub division. There is no way you can make a living farming on such a small parcel and most of them have not been farmed in many years. This would allow faster commutiny growing
- 64 a ongoing need to protect the area the way it is, primarily rural agriculture. Not to allow development to make radical changes in the area.
- 65 I feel it's important to protect our agricultural lands, however I do not want to see unreasonable regulations for same. As an example: I recently learned of a "Pumpkin Patch" event run by a family farm that has occurred for approx. 20 yrs in the lower mainland that is now not allowed based on ALR regulations. This isn't right, especially when you see "mega-mansions" being built on these same lands. I'd be interested in understanding the ruling, as it seems to be somewhat biased, if you will. In regards to the "3" I gave for preserving archeological sites, while I understand the importance of preserving the sites; at the same time there is a current law suit underway in Area G in regards to this. My question is: if there are sacred sites important to the local indigenous peoples, why haven't they identified these sites prior to now? Is it fair to expect current land owners to submit to local indigenous demands after the fact?
- 67 I believe that BC needs to have areas in the south where wildlife can exist naturally, where water is abundant and useable by all who inhabit the area, where the water is naturally cleansed through the earth to allow for a somewhat chance of healthy living by all. Too much growth by humans in the ecosystems where wildlife exist is unfair and creates situations where wildlife are destroyed or disturbed. We need agriculture in the way of crops for cows or crops for humans moreso than increased buildings or tourism attractions.
- 70 I welcome growth in the area, but I believe it's important to honour the Valley's agricultural roots. People move to the valley because it is full of people who are proud of what they grow - we must respect the boundaries of the ALR. There is plenty of space for commercial growth and development within the town and village boundaries. I think most of the valley is within a flood and/or fire hazard area - there is no point in restricting growth on that front. As to access and transportation corridors - I think they are sufficient. I do not want them to be expanded.
- 72 A) more industry is needed for growth B) Certain areas yes, others like river front removed from ALR for tourist availability or more residence's
C) common sense D) Yes without compromising existing or future business. E) In certain areas agree, others back to (A)
F) common sense G) The gravel road south of the river between Hedley and Ashanola should be maintained in case of rock slides accidents or forest fires.
- 73 The selections were made because future growth in a semi desert area impacts the natural flora and fauna of the area, the available water, the heritage and archeological sites. I do not believe a new plan is required and that the plan that has been in place for generations is sufficient to the needs of the community. I feel that the land and available water cannot support further development without substantial cost to all the residents of the communities listed. Food production and farming are the main priorities of this area and should remain paramount as this is the communities source of income. We are already going through shortages of water in all the communities outlined. Why would you suggest bringing in development to communities that are traditionally already water short during the late spring and summer seasons. Along with the substantial cost to residents and the ensuing rules and

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- regulations that RDOS will then of course implement to control all and everything in the communities. These communities have lived through wars, depressions and many other hardships for generations. Why start fixing something if it's not broken? If in fact there is a problem why not ask the residents who know the land and may have viable answers. The one item not mentioned in relation to the communities is bush clearing and fire prevention. This in my mind would be a larger concern worth looking into.
- 74 Future business and structural development needs to have long term viable criteria which includes protecting water sources, sensitive environmental areas, etc, but also must understand that employment opportunities are critical.
- 75 Planning is key.
Failing to plan is planning to fail.
When planning it is critical to include as many factors as possible pertaining to a specific issue.
History tells us that huge errors can occur if you do not scrutinize past and future outcomes when considering "change"
- 76 I am in favour of the status quo. Our watersheds and ecosystems are most important to me.
- 77 I think it is very important to make the environment our main concern and keeping our ALR land for growing food crops. I think that we need to use the land to grow plants for people and not for animal feed and stop using prime growing land for feedlots or grazing.
- 78 Planning for all these issues is extremely important, rather than responding after the fact or and to provide guidelines for any future land use proposals.
- 79 if we want to let this area grow w must plan ahead
- 81 Important to leave land without having to develop it all
- 88 There is only 1 highway to use if there is an accident, landslide, fire, flood, etc. If the road is closed, for any reason, first responders cannot get victims to hospitals, and people can't get to safety.
- 89 It is or should be of prime importance to keep our agricultural lands intact and our population density low. Environmental groups are already in place to watchdog and in some cases, protect our ecology, with one glaring exception; there are alarming numbers of derelict vehicles and farm equipment, etc decorating our landscape in many areas. These should be removed and recycled ASAP. They are not only an eye sore they cause environmental damage. Ontario had a successful tax payer funded program of removal over 40 years ago. I am sure that there would be little objection by clear thinking citizens for a program like this in BC.
- 90 a) this is automatic if you do the other letters; b) This is important but wine is NOT food; c) This is a question for insurance underwriters not me. d) The Grist Mill is very cool; e) no one ever protects these anyway; f) As soon as a road is improved it is full of cars; and h) Most important. We should be allowed to opt out of garbage collection since they refuse to take anything heavy. It is a plastic subsidy.
- 93 a) must have Zoning and Building Bylaws; c) the law says min. 75 metres from any watercourse for buildings septic tanks; e.&g) Bikes Quads running in all this areas, despite signs everywhere. h) at Apex ski resort septic tanks overflowing into Keremeos Creek February and March; i) Nickle plate lake has no water in it after February or March except at intake.
- 94 All of these are important The three I chose as highest importance are because: (b) more and more ALR, excellent farmland, is being paved over as buildings (packing houses, wineries, restaurants) and parking lots/ driveways for the buildings. While these are agriculture Related uses, they permanently remove the land from growing food. I am afraid that marijuana production facilities will also be added to this list. (c) Very important to plan and avoid new developments (especially homes) from being damaged by predictable natural disasters. (f) Water is our most precious resource. It is a priceless commodity for our future generations in this area.
- 95 Emphasize Similkameen's unique attributes, starting with Agriculture (eg limited soft fruit specialty) and River frontage including trails and access. Much productive land behind dykes so unsuitable for density/ commercial development.
- 96 a) our cabin is on land that will not see future growth. b) Agriculture is important to preserve everywhere. c) That depends mostly on property owner. d) Important everywhere to protect these sites. e) Better to protect what we have left!. f) VERY Important! g) not applicable to our property
- 97 Area G Director is full of hot air and BS. Does not care about our area. Needs to not compare his job to being a Director. Always too many words not enough action.
- 98 All items listed are important for future, but doing it in a proper manner.
- 101 Having worked in the land surveying business all my life, I have been involved with all the areas above in in question. As such I recognize the importance of addressing these areas of concern.

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102	Thank you Mr. Roberts for bringing up these essential subjects! We are blessed with a unique, rich and diverse physical environment that deserves protection, even as our population swells and demands for economic opportunities threaten to change/destroy what makes the Similkameen such a great place to live or visit. We need only look to Osoyoos, or much worse Kelowna, to see how lack of planning and control over development can ruin our place and destroy our SENSE of place.
103	b) agritourism.
105	I want this world to be good and healthy and profitable for my great grand children not just green for me.
106	We must loose what we have here. We won't ever get it back. Planning is very important.
107	We must protect our environment because our own health and well being depends on healthy ecosystems. Farm land must be preserved to ensure that we continue to provide food, and not lose precious land to greedy developers.
109	We live just within the ALR area and don't crop or orchard yet we cannot divide and sell part of our property. Neighbours across can and do have smaller parcels. for (d) I question: heritage is important but so are people, and jobs and living spaces. Put heritage into museums.
113	This is an astounding area of beauty and agricultural bounty. I fear intrusion of housing developments, shopping, highways etc will destroy the physical space and the relatively serene atmosphere we love. I think people who want to live here must not start trying to make it like city suburbs. Thank you!
114	I like living in a small community. Would not like to see large industries appear in my area. A lot of people in Olalla live in flood plain and have been flooded out often. Would be nice to see this area saved. Water is a staple of life and should be protected. Limited access is nice but streets cold be repaired in many areas.
117	Because... It makes sense to protect our land.
118	I live close to the river and know it needs to be protected from pollution and population.
121	pay close attention to local issues
126	a) If not defined growth becomes messy. b) we are seeing more and more outrageously large packing houses being built on orchard land. Along with that comes decreased quality as focus becomes quantity and fruit gets stored. c) we do not need a repeat of recent floods and fires. d) Important if it protects all heritage not just indigenous peoples. e) we need to protect all types of ecosystems. f) water is life. g) need for safe in and out of our area.
130	For our safety and enjoyment along with our future generations to enjoy. Simply it is just common sense.
133	Inflation is the cause of inequality.
134	a) Never. c) not here. g) not here.
135	Potable water is one of the important concerns. Water in plastic bottles may not be much better, and young children are more susceptible to environmental carcinogens. Cannot something be done to improve air and water quality?
136	Each of these questions basically reflect quality of life. We live in rural areas because we don't want like or want citification. If someone wants city facilities then go live in a city. The land needs to be preserved and protected not raped for profit.
138	All very important for the future.
141	Because it concerns our health and well being.
142	Well, we will have to develop our country to allow for an increased population. But at the same time try to minimize the changes that would negatively impact the qualities that make this area such a pleasant place to live.
145	a) removes freedom of choice for landowners b) already protected by other jurisdictions c) see (b) Fire risk needs to be dealt with by forest management d) know our roots e) see (b) f see (b) g) Canada is an export nation. See (b)
146	I am a farm owner, and nature preservation is of the greatest importance. Please stop the use of pesticides by the fruit farmers, there are better and safer ways to control the bugs.
147	I'm a logger so obviously I am concerned about our forest land and access to it. New developments such as mines would have to go through a rigorous provincial permit process and I don't think the regional district should be so involved as to possibly cancel a new project.
149	We need jobs other than picking fruit.
151	ANSWER: f 1, b 2, e 3, c 4, b 5
	Tell us why you made the choices you did:
	I made choices in favour of protecting our rural environment and our watersheds. Unlimited "development" of our local landscape and exploitation of natural resources benefits a few people through profits and employment. But at what cost? Unrestricted mining leaves toxic

minerals and metals that last thousands of years, contaminates water supplies and alters the natural environment. Clearcut logging disrupts watersheds, leaves the landscape vulnerable to erosion, clogs creeks, and destroys natural habitat. Human development in river bottoms changes water courses, destroys riparian areas that used to reduce flooding, and puts excessive demands on groundwater to supply housing and agriculture. Development should never be allowed in floodprone areas because of the cost to repair or replace buildings and

infrastructure.

I am in favour of selective logging to reduce the risk of wildfires, and selective agriculture away from riparian areas. I am in favour of sustainable agriculture and food production. Water is the world's most important

resource. It is essential for life. We have to start honouring its importance to all living things.

Instead of building new housing developments, I would prefer to see old buildings rehabilitated, or torn down and replaced with two and three storey buildings offering a combination of commercial and residential, built to current code or better. I am in favour of more frequent public transportation (i.e. bus service) between Princeton and Kelowna, and it should not be limited to medical appointments or health care.

I believe that, with climate change, residents of Area G cannot continue our care-less plan-less use of resources. There must be a long-term plan for Area G to ensure the well-being of communities and the environment.

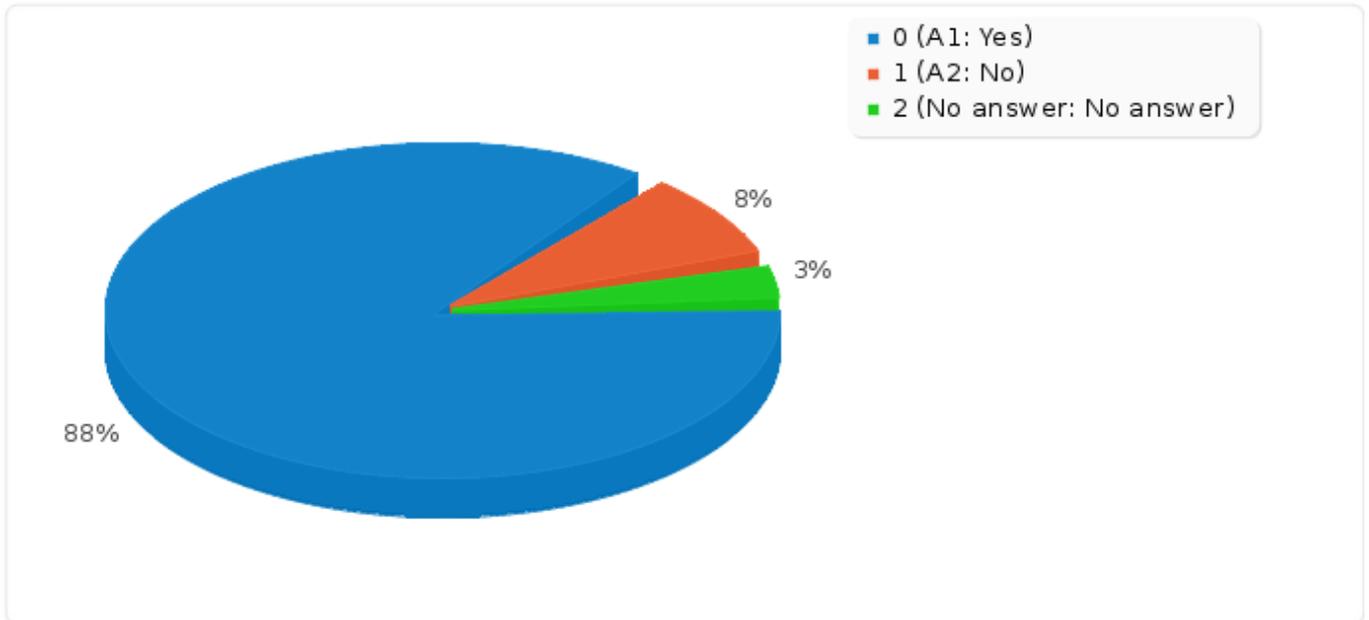
Summary for DEVG3

2. Are you in favour of local input on future land use changes and larger scale development?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	107	88.43%
No (A2)	10	8.26%
No answer	4	3.31%

Summary for DEVG3

2. Are you in favour of local input on future land use changes and larger scale development?



Summary for DEVG4

Tell us why you made the selection you did

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	81	66.94%
No answer	40	33.06%

ID	Response
4	People need some kind of control of the area they live in!
6	Of course local input. Who else?
9	No
10	Future development will impact on existing residents quality of life
12	People may be more conducive to change if they are part of the discussion and decision making.
13	It's important to have a voice about the future
17	Of course the public should be allowed to give input on land use changes and larger scale development. Regardless of zoning requirements generally big developers do consult with the public even in unincorporated areas. Just as under the Local Government Act, input from the public does NOT mean veto power. I think this question should have been better explained to the general public as of course regardless of whether they support zoning they will most likely support being able to provide input.
18	We live here, we pay taxes to support the area we should be involved in the decisions.
24	I want to open a coffee shop
25	Anything that can have a long term effect on the community should be discussed with the community.
31	as long as it does not impact private property
33	We, local residents, are an important element in the decision process, however the decisions about this area is not ours to 'own' alone and need the input from residents from across the Region and in some situations the Province
38	Any development will directly affect the Village and surrounding area's economy and trickle into services and traffic
39	Who wants a 3 floor apartment complex in our town 2 at most.
50	Without local input we are reliant on a very small number of people's knowledge and opinions. We would also end up with dictatorship. Nobody can know everything and decision making is always best done after facts are acquired.
53	Because local people live here every day and we love the area we live in. Who better to plan for the future?
54	As much as protecting sensitive areas is, often a line on a map is an inaccurate indicator of sensitive area
55	I think that it is important to receive input and require approval for any large development as it has the potential to affect the community as a whole. For example, the evergrowing number of larger packing plants being built on the ALR takes away for the land specifically allotted for farming. How are we to maintain the title "the fruit capital of Canada" if we have no land to grow the fruit? Now "our" fruit is instead being grown in places like Grand Forks, and merely packaged and sold as "Okanagan" grown.
58	We are the ones most affected by this.
60	Land use changes may have an impact on the whole community and therefore warrant input from the community. I would like to see our director embark on a quest to identify potential areas not in the ALR and the types of land use changes that might be possible in future. That would be useful info to have before asking me for input on most of the topics in this questionnaire.
61	Local as in enforceable regulation/bylaws relating to: building code, ALR Impact - Transportation routes, community interface, utilities and environment
63	See above note
64	there is a need for the people who live in this area to have a voice, and not to allow big

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	business and money to dictate policy change.
65	I feel that as a resident of rural Keremeos I want to preserve the "essence" of our community. Keremeos, as an agricultural community, needs to protect this heritage. Larger scale agricultural endeavors are fine, providing they respect and maintain the essence of our local community.
66	It would be simply stupid not to have local input.
67	People in any area should be allowed to voice concerns or ideas where changes or large scale developments occur as it will affect their living space and the space for wildlife. If people do not speak up for wildlife, then who will? when we develop land that disturbs the various ecosystems, that too has a lasting effect on how the ecosystem works in any area.
70	Of course! For locals who are interested in having their say - they should be heard. That's not to say you need 100% buy in - but give people an opportunity to see plans and share thoughts.
71	Do we even need to ask the question?
72	due reflective of community needs and possible infrastructure.
73	See comments above
74	Its our home.
75	Well I say this with a cautionary nod to local input value. There are times when local input is SHORTSIGHTED and will not be able to make reasonable choices that are healthy for the current population as well as the future and the ecosystem. (sorry if that sounds high handed)
76	To ensure development does not negatively affect our watersheds and ecosystems.
77	I think that the more diversity the better.
78	Those most affected by land use changes should be able to present their concerns/support.
79	we all should be involved in changes to land use
81	Important to have a say and to be heard
86	So we know what going on
87	People development is important for future in general, skills development and better global connectivity.
88	People who live her should be able to have input rather than someone coming in from elsewhere and making that decision.
89	Large scale development will change the aesthetics and affordability of living here.
90	A National Park needs only the Prime Minister to decide on land use within its boundaries. Few in my lifetime have had any sense. Some maybe corrupt.
94	Even if it slows the process down it is important to consider everyone's input.
95	We locals have already made proven investment.
96	Because this could effect land personally owned.
97	Because one man should not make the decision.
98	Feedback from people who live in the area is a valuable tool. They have knowledge about the area.
99	We need the fruit that is already going here to help feed people for the future.
101	Local input is always relevant.
104	Any future land use changes and development will affect residents of the area.
106	The public should have a say on these points. it is where we live.
107	Because we must include everyone in a community in order to ensure that we all feel included in decisions that impact us.
108	Yes and No: I believe we can have building but we need to keep our farming and food production - very important.
109	The world has more and more people but the earth does not grow. If we wan to be able to keep growth of smaller towns there has to be an attraction to it for young and old. A good middle ground.
110	No development same
113	We have a stake in the environment we live in and a duty to protect it.
114	I have to live here and do not want large scale development.
116	Why shouldn't local people have input.
118	Because this is my home.
122	It affects us all in one way or another.
123	I do not want the federal gov't (or provincial) ignoring or defying local input (concerns) like what is happening with the proposed national park or the Cariboo issue in northern BC. This is being driven by the United Nations through Agenda 2030.
125	It's time to grow.
126	Make a plan and stick with it for a significant period of time.
127	I wonder if it will happen in Hedley.
128	because some people are building huge monstrous buildings beside roads that make it so dangerous for pedest, cyclists and traffic.
130	To have a voice.

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- 131 Too much government already. too much money on studies.
- 134 we do not need "make work" or industrial/commercial.
- 135 See "b" overleaf. Over construction and bad real estate sales are ruining many areas of BC. Certainly the shortage of housing should be addressed... more social housing?
- 136 We don't want others to tell us how things should be.
- 138 For all interest
- 139 Because it would be done in a more orderly manner, with community input.
- 140 We're in favour of local land use changes. But the answer to question 2 is uncertain because larger scale development means what??? therefore that question is questionable...?
- 141 Without our input the government does what it pleases.
- 142 We all need living space. Not all need or wish to live in single family dwellings.
- 144 this area not suited to handle large buildings that will eventually harm stability of the land and water supply.
- 145 Land uses must finally be decided by referendum Vote on specific and unbiased question.
- 146 We all must have input into all developments, as well as the destruction of riparian areas.
- 147 But only if it is pertinent to water use and clean up regulations
- 149 My children and grandchildren want to go to work.
- 151 residents through: greater demands on water resources, more traffic, expanded urban areas or greater density, more noise or air pollution, higher living costs associated with additional infrastructure needs. Local residents should have input, or at least a chance to obtain information.

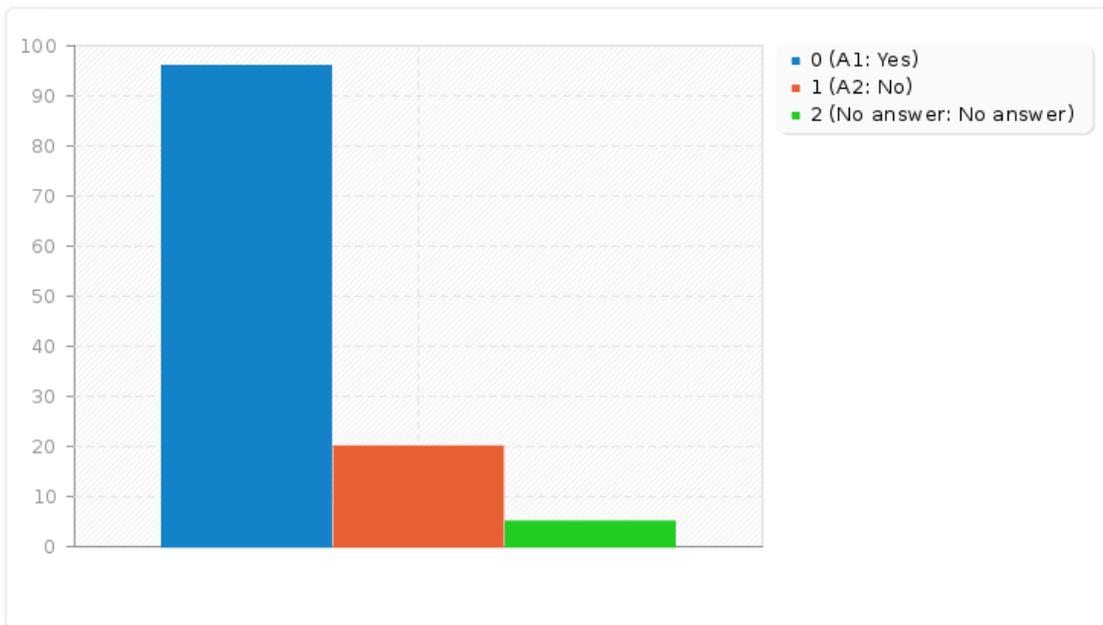
Summary for DEVG5

3. Are you in favour of developing a community vision that will help guide Electoral area "G" for the next 20 or so years?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	96	79.34%
No (A2)	20	16.53%
No answer	5	4.13%

Summary for DEVG5

3. Are you in favour of developing a community vision that will help guide Electoral area "G" for the next 20 or so years?



Summary for DEVG6

Tell us why you made the selection you did

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	77	63.64%
No answer	44	36.36%

ID	Response
4	We need medical services, fire protection, flood protection!
5	Make Scott Ave all commercial and sidewalks are needed
6	We don't need "vision". The property owner decides.
9	No
10	planning is good
12	a community vision will help us plan for future endeavors in a meaningful way that would benefit all ages.
13	I believe it's important to have a plan, having no plan abdicates involvement in the future
17	I am not in favour of zoning in Area G. As so much of the area is already part of the ALR, and the residential areas are fairly settled, I do not see the need for specific zoning outside of what is in place. Zoning or being more stringent about land use matters will cost money in way of permits, and hiring building officials, etc that I do not believe is necessary. Heritage sites should be protected by local governments and by the province. I am in favour of Area g doing more to help heritage sites including the Grist Mill. There is also a museum in Keremeos and Hedley that could certainly use more taxpayer support. I am not in favour of developing a community vision that will direct Area G for the next 20 years. I am in favour of doing informal visioning for the communities in Area G. But not in favour of the money that will be spent to create a formal official community plan for Area G. I do not see the value in it at this time and as said previously I do not want to see increased regulations on how people can develop on land they own.
18	Our priorities need to be taken into consideration in the development of the area.
24	Growth is important
31	As long as it does not impact private property . All the new people that buying here because they love the way it is till been here a year or two then want to change it like where they came from . Sad !
33	I am a big supporter of an OCP type of document to help describe the vision and direction of the future
38	Having a community vision is a guideline to what is important to us and our present and perceived future needs
50	A community vision gives guidance to the people who get elected (and they usually change often) and that we employ so that they have an idea of what further research is needed to be done before a decision is made. Updating is also important.
54	Codes and regulations are vital in future development especially regarding water quality and pollutants. The number of "illegal" and uninspected septic systems, and large uninspected structures for cold storage and housing is frightening.
55	To reiterate, I believe it is important to have a plan for the community in an effort to maintain what we love most about our Valley. If we're not careful, pretty soon all that was will never be.
58	A little planning for the future goes a long way.
60	I see most of Area G as being in the ALR and agriculture as the defining future. The rules for the ALR are well established by provincial legislation and as such not much can be changed.
61	Changing age demographic and community require inclusion. Stakeholders are a part of any plan.
64	cooperative planning with the residents to maintain this area for not just the next 20 or so years, but well beyond that time frame.
65	I feel it is beneficial for any government body to have an action plan that looks to the future.
66	Waste of time ! Twenty year planning horizons are unrealistic.
67	I would like to be involved more however if no one listens to what people are saying, then what is the point?
70	Absolutely. And you should engage, engage, engage with residents about it. Land on something that will guide future planning and development decisions to make this valley the best it can be - sometimes that will mean protecting it from development and sometimes (for

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	the right projects) it might also mean actively courting development. A clear plan for future growth is important - much like the 'official community plan' in Keremeos. Once agreed to, it will guide any and all future planning decisions.
71	20 years may be too long since increasing complexity, speed of developments, and climate change require that we be quicker to adapt and more flexible.
72	Pre-planning makes sense as long as its not shortsighted and flexible enough to change if the need arises .. re not set in stone.
73	See comment above
74	We will be impacted by changes.
75	Again, look at 20 years...such a blink of time...we may look at 20 years hopefully using sustainable practices.
76	Would be in favour if it did not involve Government regulations and permits.
77	I have lived here for only about a year and I think the town has a lot of potential. I can see a vision of a small town with a lot of heritage and charm. I think the most current improvements have been wonderful and hope they continue to get the funding and necessary support.
78	As above
79	everybody should be involved in guiding our area
81	Know where we are going in terms of land use and development
86	Yes ,no I don't know that we should tie the hands of the people twenty years down the road
87	Without foresight, backwardness is imminent, so we must do something certainly. The area already has tourism potential, alternate energy (Solar, wind) potential due to better sun hours in the area.
88	People who live in an area are more knowledgeable about what is needed
89	We believe that all eligible tax payers should be involved.
90	Community vision or plans are always subject to changes. A waste of time and paper.
94	We need some planning and land use bylaws to avoid problems down the road, especially with climate change happening. The plan can have built in flexibility and subject to revision on a regular basis but it needs to be started.
95	Sustainable long term planning encourages economic growth.
96	Not Concerned, because nothing will ever be built or developed on Ewart Creek road, where our cabin is.
97	We live here because we like the way it is. Does not need to be a city.
98	To make sure we do not waste the good land we have and need on useless projects.
99	There already is enough [sic] going on around here for the support of electoral area "G" we do not need anything else.
101	Always good to know where the community is heading.
102	Absolutely. "Failure to plan is a plan to fail". We need to guide development of the region according to community priorities (but what are those?- Let's find out)
104	We need a vision to guide us where we will go for the future. No vision means helter skelter development and leads to what we have now in Olalla and parts of Cawston.
106	Everyone needs a plan. We may deviate somewhat from plan but is helps to guide us in the right direction.
107	as above
108	We need to keep our electoral system diverse and above book and legal open to everyone. We cannot have crooked voting and the "truth".
109	20 years is flash. Planning ahead is a good thing.
113	? I've worked for gov't for 25 years and am well aware that the process of "community vision" is usually non-productive.
114	same as above
122	It is important to have a direction to work towards.
123	Local residents should have primary input into development.
125	It's time to grow.
126	Once people (developers) know what can and can't be done they will find ways to work within those boundaries.
127	Go small in here, residents divided
128	if it is done in such a manner that is fair and consequential
130	To have a voice.
131	It's been done before and has not worked. I was on regional district 40 years ago (regional district board member)
134	Pun Pun, I'm 83!
135	As above. Young families need rentals. Their problem is that if they can find a job they cannot find a place to live- if they can find a decent rental, there is no closeby job.
136	see comments on reverse
138	A developing needs to be kept up and preserved.
139	It would be more organized and future planning is important. Nice to know the direction

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- RDOS is going.
- 140 We chose Hedley because of the way it is and wish to keep it that way, meaning, its mining heritage history. Its unincorporated status which is super important to us...
- 141 for the same reason as in question 2
- 142 Well! Leave us an idea of what our areas are going to look like as we move into the future.
- 143 ? depends on what you are planning.
- 144 If and when plans are made to develop or make any changes that will effect our way of life or ecosystems, we must have control to stop any damage that could occur by neglectful developers that don't live here.
- 145 Not needed. Last 50 years OK. Removes personal freedoms to use own property. Only makes it safe for Real Estate Developers to profit financially.
- 146 Tourism must be planned for. Native land and Crown Land must have constructive plans to maintain accessibility.
- 147 Because I don't believe you wouldn't tax it to death.
- 149 The less government involvement the better.
- 151 WHY? I am certainly in favour of developing a community land use plan

for Area G, but I would expand it beyond 20 years. I am in favour of adopting the First Nations custom of considering the next 7 generations.

Summary for DEVG7

4. Do you have any other comments regarding the future of Electoral Area "G"?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	76	62.81%
No answer	45	37.19%

ID	Response
4	We need paved streets and better sidewalks and trails that are safe for seniors and kids!
6	I[t] must remain unincorporated and unregulated as it is now.
9	No
10	Would like to see; 1. more affordable housing for seniors and young families 2. safe drinking water 3. communal sewage system to accommodate higher density housing 4. zoning to protect quality of neighbourhoods 5. heritage conservation district
12	i would like to see us maintain the rustic and beauty of nature in our valley...protecting for future generations to enjoy, yet plan for future growth with this in mind.
13	I would like to protect our water ways from development on their banks
15	I do not believe an OCP is necessary. All bylaws etc cost tax payers more money.
17	I think that starting on an informal visioning is the best way to approach this and depending on the results of that then perhaps an official community plan could be something Area G residents want. Area G is a large area and a small population base and the issues that might impact rural Keremeos residents and Olalla residents might not be the same as those impacting the residents of Hedley. I moved here because I enjoy the quiriness of our community. We have glass domes made of windshields, old mining cabins, trailers, heritage and modern homes all being used as residences here. People can pop up an out building or help a friend out by putting trailer on their property without having to ask for government approval. That's the way I want things to stay.
18	I know there is huge resistance to the enforcement of bylaws. However there are dangerous structures, structures that infringe on the comfort and rights of others, structures that can impact our water supply and these need to be regulated. Additionally I would like to see a bylaw that limits the height of buildings so as to not impact our view of the glorious scenery in this area and at the same time help retain the rural feel of the area.
24	Call me ??
31	To many new resident that think they know what best for the valley . If they get their way won't be a nice quite place to live and raise a family
33	Dumping of what ever u don't want in the bush is becoming a problem We need to increase our communication and connectivity through improved access to things such as fibre optic cable in order to provide quicker access for fire prevention, ambulance service, police, and general connectivity for schools, hospital, etc.
36	TELUS high speed fibre optic needs to be in our area
37	Yes we are in desperate need of optic cable from telus. I can't believe we don't have it. Thus would be my top priority
48	We really need fibre optic cable
50	Let's try to preserve the very special things in RDOS that attracted us here. If we wanted to live in a big city with its special things we'd have moved to a big city. We need lots of variety in our choices.
52	Better internet service. Fibre optic would be much appreciated.
55	In relation to the land, I think that the borders of Area G itself should be looked into. Having looked at the map and understanding the use of resources for particular areas I am unsure as to why Apex mountain is not part of Area G when it is most closely related to Hedley. And to the best of my knowledge this actually used to be the case.
60	In Area g we have many freedoms as landowners. I would not like to see our any of these freedoms taken away. A community plan inherently will bring in more regulations, higher building costs and higher taxes. Our community plan is already in place by the ALR. We will remain agricultural by default. Do we want to bring in more regulations to make successful

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	farming more difficult?
61	Identify a project (possibly 3) as a step forward, that would create a "buy-in" to planning Example: establish a plastic conversion plant (plastic to diesel)
63	Only my above comments on allowing small ALR tracts to be able to get removed from the ALR far faster
64	get your waste management and garbage dumps into the 21st century. The operation of the keremeos dump, and maybe others are a joke. No thought for proper management.
65	I hope that the governing body of Area G is able to work through these issues.
70	Proud to be a part of it.
71	Please put sustainability and the precautionary principle at the core of everything.
72	B) on the previous page! limitations should be set on the removal of fruit trees for the growth of grapes. Grapes are really not a food source.
73	See extensive comments above.
74	Its a beautiful area with a close proximity to large population centre's - promoting this strategic location could attract business development investment.
75	This area is both delicate and precious. Times are changing - weather patterns changing - human lifestyles changing and on and on...please, please take good care of the only ecosystem that we have and maintain it to the greatest extent that you can muster.
76	Less bureaucracy is best.
77	I hope this area stays as pristine as possible. It is a little gem, in a beautiful geographical area. It seems to me there is so much potential that is just waiting to be expressed. To live in an area with such beauty, healthy fresh produce, access to nature and small town vibes, makes me feel very fortunate indeed!
78	Including support for a National Park in the community vision.
79	let's make changes that will serve the area for a long time to come
81	keep water use safe
82	Do the right thing
84	Implementation of building and smoke control bylaws with enforcement
87	Do efforts into people development, which are our best resources.
88	No
89	we like the area as is with few exceptions.
90	Get rid of the garbage subsidy and get out of the Okanagan dominated RDOS.
94	Protect the farm land from being paved over, limit permanent buildings (even farm related). Protect the water (ground and surface). Plan to avoid predictable flooding, wild fire etc when allowing development to go ahead and make building bylaws that will reduce the chance of damage.
96	Currently our cabin and a couple cabins around here are inappropriately taxed. No services what so ever. It is wrong that we are paying Rural tax on property that is strictly recreational.
97	Keep it clean. good Roads. Get rid of Director that is a know it all. Less words more action.
98	Farming is something that will always be needed to keep life going on.
99	What we need is just to keep fixing the things that need to be fixed. I think that this is a very important topic so please keep the great work.
101	no
102	Very best wishes and full support for Mr. Roberts.
104	This is a beautiful area and could be so much better if we started enforcing unsightly premises bylaws. Take out all the derelict cars and trucks and buses out of Olalla will beautify it a lot.
106	A plan is what is needed to help maintain the things we love about this part of the valley.
108	no
109	Get fibre internet to these areas, the world is smaller and smaller, kids and family go anywhere. Fibre would help keep in touch with the world.
110	no
113	Let's protect the beauty and local economy and ultimately the earth by limiting what is more and more destructive progress.
114	I think Olalla needs a few rules such as running noisy businesses on their property or burning garbage instead of paying pick up. Would be nice if people took a little pride in their property.
117	If these issues can be enforced, I say "well done".
121	stay local, and communicate
123	No National Park. No UN International law in Canada -period!
125	Relax some rules so families will move here.
126	Make clean up of unsightly and unsafe yards and properties a priority, especially ones seen from main highways and thoroughfares and those that pose fire and pest problems. Make it against the law to store junk below highwater marks on creek properties.
127	more policing
128	it's such a beautiful place, I think it needs to be protected in some way not over run- and not

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	turned into an Oliver or Kelowna!
130	not at this time. Thank you.
131	Keep government from growing bigger and stop studying thing to death.
134	Need for seniors' public housing.
135	Fix the bloody water problem, please!
136	see above
139	Protecting our river and grasslands, clearing out fire hazards under the trees etc with back burning.
140	Keep Hedley as it is...We don't buy into this commotion new folks or new standards make of our water. My wife and I have been drinking the Hedley water all along and will continue to do so while others buy water and go on complaining. We're healthy and strong, had no need of medicine or doctors and believe that we won't go down because of "so called contaminated waters".
141	no
143	Please note top of hill- 2nd Ave- snowplow does not go to our fence line thus we get locked in until snow melts.
144	All citizens "must" be notified a year in advance of any and all proposals to change the landscape and have the right to veto harmful developments. Our votes will count.
145	No Building Codes.
146	We must STOP the filling in of natural creeks and waterways to make way for orchards and vineyards, we all must be stewards of the land.
148	Perhaps the Village of Keremeos can do something about orchardists encroaching on road right of ways and public land.
149	We want good factory jobs.
151	WHY? It is long overdue. Area G also needs to impose a building code
	to ensure that structures are safe, environmentally sustainable, and meet future needs for energy conservation.