

Remember : we are in the first phase to approve financing, the \$1.1 million qRD mortgage, a requirement to secure the \$4.2 million grant by April. Many of the details will be resolved in community consultations following this approval. Your comments and feedback are helpful and appreciated. Watch for qRD communication and be sure to respond. Thank you.

Facebook

- AM ~ Thank you all for your hard work and inspired vision in bringing this proposal forward! It would be such a great benefit to the Lund and qathet community!!!
- TL ~ our desire is a space large enough to accommodate hands on workshops for instructors and +/- 30 participants (enough students to make an instructors time worthwhile without having to charge large fees).
- CC ~ That's super exciting!!
- There are a few discussion threads, so best to look for yourself

Online Survey to Date ~ Open until next update Feb 15, 2023

- 93 Responses up to and including Jan 23, 2023 (next update Feb 15, 2023)
- Q1 81% in favour of Wheelchair accessibility
- Q2 71% in favour of Commercial kitchen expansion
- Q3 65% in favour of Half sized gym for indoor sports
- Q4 66% in favour of more child/youth centred activities & classes
- Q5 78% in favour of space for larger events like concerts weddings etc
- Q6 74% in favour of facility to house large number of people in case of disaster
- Q7 78% in favour of space for smaller community groups like seniors/book club
- Q8 73% in favour of adequate bathroom & shower facilities
- Q9 74% in favour more space for classes like yoga, pickle ball, tia chi etc
- Q10 59% in favour of possible remote library
- Q11 62% in favour of ability to store large equipment like, chairs, tables, pingpong
- Q12 68% in favour of a stage area for concerts and theatre
- Q13 see list below of other ideas
- Q14 70% in favour of qRD tax dollars for the NCRC at Est \$9/100,000 (corrected from \$6/100,000 updated project & borrowing costs)
- Q15 see list below of constructive ideas about cost and financing

- Note : "in favour" is those who answered 4 or 5 on the survey on scale of 1 to 5

Q13 **Other Ideas & Priorities** : (14)

- Community fridge or free food pantry
- Dedicated sewing or craft room?
- A free store
- Public access high speed internet
- At least ONE single stall all-genders washroom/shower. Please don't gender all the washrooms and showers!
- The big gathering room needs to sound good, basketball is NOT its primary function so acoustics need to take precedence in its design. Think of it as a theatre that sometimes gets basketball played in it, NOT a basketball court that sometimes has concerts! It needs to sound good!
- Cut the admin costs you thieves.
- Community resilience hub in case of natural disaster with ability to supply water, energy & communication hub e.g. grid linked but solar pv with battery bank that can run in isolation when BC Hydro grid goes down. Ability to charge emergency electric vehicles for evacuation & first aid, provide clean water & communications via a commercial 'Starlink' satellite system powered by solar pv & batteries.
- Need to sort out Lund water before money spent on this I think. Taxes getting too high, recent firehall upgrades, potential +\$2600 increase in taxes for water upgrades and although estimating \$6/100k need a new estimate that includes all other costs excluded from past estimate and inflation. Appreciate the grant aspect "Free money" but all of these grants only cover 70%.
- What is the plan for parking for a building designed for this many people?
- I don't think the washrooms need showers but having washrooms without a shower is important.
- Small covered outdoor areas would be great.
- I don't think we need a large wedding and concert area, it would be unused a lot of the time and we already have gazebo.
- Visions: small cooking communes, library, Saturday flea or farmers market
- Small gym space/workout space
- Small area for a community health clinic, home support services.
- Recycling program.
- An entrance area that is inviting and has the ability to hang out and meet, where a bulletin board hangs, where art can be exhibited, where the piano lives, where magazines and books can be read.
- An easy connection between the kitchen and the event space
- Skateboard ramp on the grounds
- Bike area repairs, and Bike Lund

- Tear down the old building and start fresh.

Added Since Last Update

- Not sure if we need showers. Good bathrooms and fully accessible ones yes, but showers I don't think are needed. When I go to a fitness class or workshop I don't need to shower at the location, I do that at home. Would love to know rationale for that.
- Gym - I love the concept but can it not be a large multipurpose space - which I guess a gym can be. Would basketball baskets be hung? Lines on the floor?
- Chicken and egg question - is there enough anticipated demand for this space, and enough people ready & enough that are able to organize and put together offerings at the space? I've been here to see when we used to have regularly weekly dances in the summer at the Gazebo or monthly themed elaborate dinners at the school - but once those people weren't here in the community anymore, those events died off and there weren't others to take their place.
- Field space - I would hate to see too much of the current field space taken away. I have to look at the plans more but can the new part of the building go more towards the adjacent property (Marshman's) and use up the existing outdoor paved area space? Even on that upper raised level? Keep the field area? Sports day, soccer games, other field games need space!
- Parking - if there will be bigger events there, where will people park?
- Sound proofing between workshop spaces / gym space etc so you can have multiple uses on the same day / same time.
- Disappointed at losing any amt of the soccer field
- Parking for Savary Island (not the building's mandate)
- Lots of seniors living here now.... accommodate them. Please (51% Area A over 55)
- WHERE is the off road parking??? (its on the list)
- Monthly dinners to get the community together. Reasonable prices (\$20 per adult or so). Could be a team of volunteers to help cook and clean up on a rotating bases. (I'd sign up) proceeds to the LCC.
- But biggest benefit is get to know your neighbours.
- Sauna, hot tub, pool & gym equipment (pool is not inros budget/plan)
- I think all of the ideas mentioned are great. Excited to see a vibrant community gathering space!
- The community centre has been an extremely closed off and difficult to access space - despite many people really wanting to use it. The doors should be unlocked at all times so the community can actually access the space.
- Also, there should be a room that feels like a living room - couches, coffee tables, maybe as a part of the library outpost ? A comfortable place for people to meet and hang out.

- Coin laundry and coin showers for transient visitors and cabin dwellers.
- Adequate parking for vehicles and bicycle storage/parking.
- If there is to be a stage/theatre area. I would like it to be done properly and the creative/artistic community to be involved in the design of the theatre/stage area.
- Has there been an analysis of long term cost? Staffing, maintenance, replacement cost? What do those numbers look like.
- It would be lovely to see some shuttled summer programs for children in this area, or spring break programs. Shuttle service to and from would be very important as well for kids in the area. Many parents don't have a vehicle, but children need access to social activities & sports with transportation.
- Most IMPORTANT_____EMERGENCY HELIPAD
- Leave space for an emergency heli-pad
- storage for equipment like balls, nets, toys. areas for crafts like fiber arts, painting, sculpting etc
- The multiple choice questions are hard to answer and open to interpretation ('adequate' 'more'). A small accessible multi-purpose space is important. We are a small community and we don't need purpose-designed spaces for different activities. A more modest proposal would suit us well and still meet the needs of different populations in our area.
- I don't find it necessary
- General meeting space for community organizations and purposes.
- Pool, Skate Park, Field, Jam Space, Recording Studio, Internet Cafe,
- A community refrigerator (maybe with commercial space?)
- need to get an updated estimate
- Central collection area for sharing contacts, resources, trading goods/services
- Laundry facilities!
- Sauna
- Please make sure there is at least one washroom/shower that is accessible, single-stalled and gender neutral so that people of all abilities and genders can use the space.
- I also like the idea of laundry facilities.

Q15 Constructive Ideas on Costs & Financing : (23)

- Get Sue Webster as our architect and get all details planned out before final plans from architect will save lots of money.
- It is about time we got something for our community!
- Powell River makes wonderful use of the Recreational Complex. There was the usual objection to its construction thankfully overcome. Our area A needs a similar addition

to our local community and will be very well utilized and appreciated once it is completed.

- Good water will cost a bundle and is a priority
- This project is really important to our community and there are a lot of questions this survey doesn't address. I hope there will be other opportunities for people to have input on the building design.
- If the large gathering space is to be used for concerts as well as basketball (does anyone actually play basketball in Lund? I feel like no?) then please include some budget for acoustic panels or other infrastructure to soften hard surfaces or it will sound terrible in there. Concerts and dances are probably the thing that it will be used for the most, at least if it's meant to replace the old Lund Hall then music will be its primary purpose, and it needs to sound good.
- And please please PLEASE MAKE SURE to include at least one single stall, non-gendered washroom/shower in the building somewhere. With the number of kids growing up in Lund right now it's statistically certain that there are gender diverse kids among them and we want those kids to be welcome in the community center that they will grow up with.
- If it's local builders you won't look so tone deaf and dumb
- My only concern is that the Lund water system requires upgrades that will likely become a great financial burden to low income households.
- Possibly raise additional funds via a community bond issue where funds are repaid the same as a loan with investment coming from the community. Also potential to generate a revenue from surplus solar pv sold back to grid; surrounding properties/ business or a rapid electric car charging point that could generate income & be used in disaster for bi-directional charging to & from emergency vehicles.
- Ensure building is climate resilient by constructing from super insulated masonry slab & walls or Adobe, with steel super insulated roof. Building needs to have one main room with an air purifying system to allow occupation during wild fires & provide refuge smoke.
- Yes
- Need updated estimate to let ratepayers know of true cost first before seeking input. will be more than \$6/100k. need to resolve Lund water first. No sense building if water not resolved.
- Need to start prioritizing infrastructure upgrades in community. prioritize spending in community as no real growth to keep taxes in check via increased tax base. rising costs will not keep/ bring in young families.
- Could support some basic accessible access upgrades to be more inclusive (toilet/ sink/door widths/ door openers etc but do not think shower is required to make building more inclusive). all other proposals seem like nice to have but not essential in these challenging financial times.

- I'm not in favour of this project without having the parking issue addressed, and the safety of the Larson Road/HWY intersection addressed. 90% of vehicles are doing twice the speed limit and the area is already jammed with vehicles all summer.
- Building such a building without addressing the safety of the children proposed to use it is irresponsible.
- Start a go-fund-me. I lived on Lund for a total of 7 of the 17 years I've been in Powell River.
- Please go ahead with this.
- Yes! In favour. Please keep a playing field and outdoor garden and play areas. Older kids use the field for soccer, etc and it is really important for kids to have a place to go and practice/play.
- Can qRD budget a caretaker for the space with a small living unit above? A live in caretaker will eliminate vandalism, and hold multiple users responsible for cleaning and care. They could also do the upkeep and scheduling.
- No big huge spaces as they will feel cavernous for regular daily use.
- Have excellent well thought out heating and cooling options as this is often what people don't have in their homes. Alternative energy options if possible.
- It would be helpful to know how many years the additional taxes are expected (or just 1 year)?
- In favour
- We are very much in favour of this project as I see our children needing a civic place to call their own. I see this addition as a no-brainer investment in the entire north of town community.
- Bringing programs and activities to where the people are is more important than ever.
- I'm assuming there is a way to accept financials donations and offer tax exemptions?
- Very in favour of this project! would love to be able to utilize this centre for all the above reasons
- I would be in favour of a smaller less costly project and one that supplied adequate parking for people to attend the facility. My concern is how many people will actually use the facility and what would be the ongoing costs for utilities etc and how much will the costs of day to day operating costs and employee costs.
- Yes I'm in favour! It would be nice to not have to go into town to be able to participate in classes,
- Sports, etc or have my children be able to go to group activities. I would really appreciate having an option right in my back yard to rent a hall or any of the above mentioned activities.
- I wondered sometimes, if we are enough of a community to utilize such a center, but I am hoping that the people will show up when the space is made. This is a chance to create something beautiful that enhances our community. Do we have the tools and resources, socially and creatively even more as financially to make that happen? I am not totally convinced, but wish it could be true.

- We need a covered year round space to gather and eat, share, create and play...
- Will the building have access to clean safe drinking water? What is ongoing cost of maintenance, staffing and replacement cost? More info needed for overhead and operation of building
- I am very in favour of this project and have been for a couple decades now.

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- Very in favour! Hope it happens in my time here as it has been a very long road
- I am in favour. Thoughts are mostly above....make sure to engage current youth in this redesign. They've grown up here with this centre as is; they go to "town" for things clubs / activities / sports and may have ideas from those activity spaces to bring into this space.
- Not sure about the design. Looks like a lot of glass, wondering about sustainability. And feasibility of the old portions of building being saved/used. But most of all assuming that the regional district will tender the project out to non-Lund builders and that feels at odds of the local ethos. The regional district (seemingly) does not listen to the needs of Lund residents.
- Yes i am in favour of this project very much.
- I form part of the youth in the Lund/ Northside community, and I believe this project would be fantastic for everyone. Let's make it happen!
- Not in favor.
- No I won't use it and no one who lives on my property will use it. I don't want to pay more taxes for something I will not use or benefit from!
- NO We can't afford it
- We have been paying for the existing building for many years and have never used it.
- qRd is raising our taxes 7.32%..Regional directors are getting a 6% raise..CUPE is getting a 2.5% increase.
- Most government projects go over budget..will there be a watchdog committee to see this does not happen..what will happen if it is over budget?
- The small tax base cannot afford this unnecessary luxury.
- We pay for the recreation centre and library in the city of Powell River and never use them.
- Our taxes last year were \$3,400... of that \$1400 went to fire protection which we appreciate...
- qRD got \$1,010 for what? We are not waterfront or water view. We are taxed out..no more .
- Figure out some other way to pay for it... we are still paying school taxes... our generation paid for your generation so now it's your turn to pay for future generations.
- YES YES YES !!!!! The sooner, the better. Stop allowing Savary to take more than their share of funds.

- Yes, in favour
- Must include sufficient off road parking accessed from Hwy 101 not from Larson Road.
- Could part of it be like a barn raising. A few days when 10 or 20 of us come to help. Then we all go to the pub, or something similar. Great community spirit builder.
- Yes, brings community together in a healthy and active way!
- I'm in favour of this project and agree with the impact having a venue that brings community together will have on our community.
- I envision a space that houses a variety of activities and events that speak to our varied community's needs and interests. Homeschool classes/groups, preschool, craft groups, exercise classes, social groups, afterschool care, to name a few.
- My only concern is that all these ideas require people to make it happen. People to facilitate activities and programs, as well as, enough people to attend these activities to make it viable.
- It would sad if the community didn't/couldn't make full use of this space for lack of participation.
- We should use the existing space to uplift local makers, artists, designers, crafters, chefs, farmers, etc. we should consider hosting monthly local markets at the NCRC through spring and summer. This would bring people together, offer access to local goods and all who contribute could agree to give 10% of profits from that day to the building fund.
- Similarly, we could host dinners and ask folks to donate to attend. All proceeds could go to the building fund. This kind of action is integral because want to put in what they get out. we can't ask community members to contribute to this space if they can never or have never used it. We need to show that this will be an effective space that may actually benefit them. Right now it is barely able to be called a "community" centre. I can't stress access enough here. It's not a space for community if the most marginalized in our community cannot afford to use the space. Remove the paywalls necessary to use the kitchen or gathering areas. Asking for payment makes it, by definition, a private space. Not a community centre.
- Also, I would love to see a small fitness centre in the community hub building.
- The design shows lots of windows; I am concerned about the heating and cooling costs with so many windows. The plan should include detailed expectations for increased annual costs.
- In favour because that end needs it
- I am very in favour of this project - a great gathering place for the community. It is also important for emergency services.
- Full support.
- Yes I am in favour. It will good to have an updated facility to meet the varied needs of the community.
- Not in favour. Old building needs to be upgraded. Long term cost analysis needs to be done. Upkeep, staffing, maintenance, replacement cost

- Programs that parents pay for for kids (summer and sports programs) could potentially help with cost, fundraising sales of goods , garage sales, clothing swaps etc.
- GENERALLY IN FAVOR-----BUT--- DO NOT FORGET SPACE FOR AN EMERGENCY HELIPAD
- Yes we need this building to build and maintain our community
- Our taxes also support the recreation complex and library in town, which families continue to use as their children attend school there. We don't need to duplicate everything. Taxes are going up in various ways - not just this. And operating and maintaining the building will take a lot. I support accessible public spaces, and recommend scaling back this proposal to something we can more comfortably afford, operate, fill, and maintain.
- I'm not in favour. I believe it is a waste of money for a very small population.
- This project is desperately needed for the community, and to build community. Without a multi-use facility, the community will continue to atomize to the detriment of us all, including the vocal people saying "no new taxes for a community facility".
- The "spillover" benefits of a functional community centre will positively impact everyone in the community.
- Please use local contractors to give a local feel and appreciation to the new building
- Ask Jeremy Duggan to build an earth ship as part of it and charge as a learning opportunity, other possible builders in the town could do this as well.
- Dinner Fundraisers. Ask for support from all local businesses in the Region. Ask the School Shop program if it might be able to be part of their curriculum.
- This centre is long overdue. Definitely need to provide safe place for the kids growing up in this area to have somewhere to spend time.
- Also we need to stop having to depend on going to town for all our resources. It's time to be self sufficient. Gas prices!
- Completely necessary I think. From a personal level there aren't many spaces for small children or teenagers to be and play. I feel like this space would address it.
- Need an updated cost estimate to understand true cost. 124 residents of Lund may be faced with +100% increase in property taxes for water upgrades. Does not make sense to move forward with this project until we can understand cost to bring potable water to building or if it will even end up with potable water.
- I appreciate a space to build and maintain community (health, wellness, loneliness) but.... is it also not important in these tight financial times to think about impacts of rapidly increasing property taxes? How many children will use the new facility if costs of owning in the community push young families out and new families can not afford to move in. although it would be great to have a facility for emergency preparedness, it is probably more important to ensure resiliency of our existing infrastructure in an event. Finn Bay is constantly flooding out (in a heavy flood, tsunami, etc. I would probably not be able to get to the centre), overland run-off is a problem everywhere (a real problem at the Centre), Sewer would not be sustained in an event and Lund

Water does not meet current standards. I think we need to focus our energy and limited dollars we do have on water, sewer, electrical, roads, etc... Build resiliency into the infrastructure that is already existing, not expand. Maybe some simple upgrades for accessibility? Sorry :(

- I just think this is a great idea. Lund needs a community space desperately
- No
- We need this project so much! So grateful to all the people who have worked so hard to make this happen.

58 People Provided the Following :

Age Range of Survey Responders

3.4% aged 16 to 29
27.6% aged 30 to 44
34.5% aged 45to 64
32.8% aged 65 to 84
1.7% aged over 85

Location of Survey Responders

34.5% live in Lund
24.1% live in Malaspina – Pryor Road
13.8% live in Craig Road / Emmonds Beach
10.3% live in North of PR Wildwood to Atrevida Road
8.6% live in Okeover
5.2% live in Other
3.4% live in Lund North to Bliss Landing

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