

ROBSON VALLEY RECREATION CENTRE

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SURVEY SAYS...

In 2018, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George invited residents in McBride and area to tell us what the Robson Valley Community Centre and Recreation Centre means to them, what they like and what they don't like and what they'd like to see in the future. We had close to 200 responses. This is what we heard.

Facility Usage

The majority of respondents (40%) indicated they access the **Robson Valley Recreation Centre** less than 10 times per year and use it most often as a spectator for activities. The most popular non-spectator use is the Fit Pit.



Spectator - 62.7%



Fit Pit - 51.4%



Skating - 35.0%



Curling - 27.7%



Meetings - 27.7%



Hockey - 18.1%

When asked how often they participated in events at the **Robson Valley Community Centre** 68.9% answered less than 10 times per year.

The most popular type of events at the facility are other social events (parties, grads etc.) with 74.0% of respondents having attended them, followed by weddings and/or wedding receptions at 59.3%, public meetings at 54.8%, meetings/conferences at 31.1% and group fitness classes at 18.1%.

Future Services

When asked what facilities or services they would like to see that are not currently provided at the Robson Valley Recreation Centre or Robson Valley Community Centre, users responded with:

- aquatic services including a pool, sauna, hot tub and/or spray park
- improved hours of operation for the fitness facility
- more services and programming for children and youth
- better fitness equipment and classes
- more seniors programming
- more events like fairs, exhibitions or continuing education classes

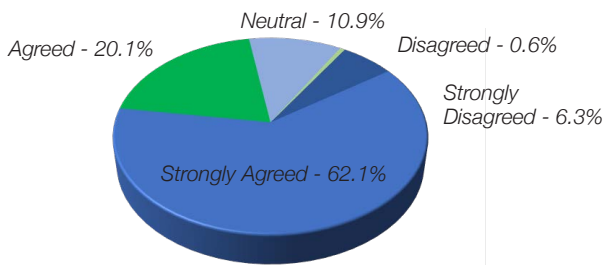


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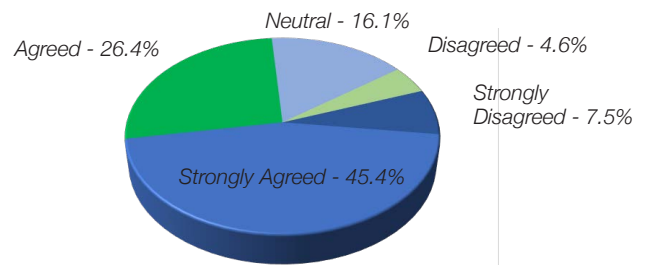


Community Support & Value

When asked if the **Robson Valley Recreation Centre** is an important asset, 62.1% strongly agreed, 20.1% agreed, 10.9% were neutral, 0.6% disagreed and 6.3% strongly disagreed.



When asked if the **Robson Valley Community Centre** is an important asset, 45.4% strongly agreed, 26.4% agreed, 16.1% were neutral, 4.6% disagreed and 7.5% strongly disagreed.



When asked about the fair value for the cost of services at the two facilities, 32.2% agreed, 25.3% were neutral, 20.7% strongly agreed, 10.9% disagreed and another 10.9% strongly disagreed.

Close to 50% of respondents were not in favour of reduced hours and increased taxes to maintain the two facilities.

Nearly 40% of respondents disagreed with increased taxes to ensure to viability of these facilities. Over 35% were supportive of increased taxes to keep the facilities viable.

Final Comments

Survey respondents were asked in an open-ended question if they had any general comments to make. Comments centered around the following themes:

- **the need for a review of costs and operating expenses at the facilities**
- **the value that the facilities like these bring to the small rural community of McBride**
- **better or longer operating hours at the Fit Pit**
- **improvements needed at the Robson Valley Community Centre**

Next Steps

The survey marked the first step in what will be an ongoing community engagement process as we continue to balance evolving community needs, operational standards and facility upgrade requirements and future funding priorities.