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NELSON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETINGS PHASE 2 RESIDENT SURVEY – VERBATIM COMMENTS

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1. It seems homeowners in Nelson are somewhat subsidizing recreation, maybe we could get a price break on monthly or annual passes in recognition of that
2. Since the pandemic, it's been harder to connect with others and build a strong sense of community. The Community Recreation Campus has a real opportunity to change that. Music and art bring people together, and Nelson has long been known for its incredible arts and music scene. Right now, though, there's a gap when it comes to space for our local arts community to come together and thrive. A dedicated space at the recreation center would not only provide room for creativity but also create a place where people can collaborate, inspire one another, and strengthen the cultural connections that make Nelson unique. Keeping admission fees and rental costs affordable would make the space accessible to more people, especially those who need it most but may struggle to cover the costs. After all, this is what community is all about creating a place where everyone has the opportunity to participate and connect.
3. The school basketball courts are not accessible to the public and difficult for community groups to access. We had no access for the whole summer - with 4 local boys on the Kootenay Team for BC Summer Games that could only practice in Fernie as a result of SD8 policies. As a volunteer for Nelson Hoops and Kootenay Chill we would love to have a court accessible to the kids on weekends for games/tournaments.
4. Having 2 ice rinks is super important. I've been unable to play hockey the last 3 months due to over subscription. It would be amazing to have the civic back open. The ndcc rec center is amazing but is getting expensive. It would be nice if prices were maintained for a while. Toonie time is great. We should have more
5. Indoor tennis. Would love indoor tennis courts at Civic Centre / Community Complex, or else a dome over the courts at Lakeside Park or LVR.
6. Pickleball is exploding in popularity and is an activity that people in their 60's to 80's can do and thereby improving their general health and fitness.
7. It seems that many spaces are currently under utilized. This survey is a good first step in making meaningful improvements.
8. I would like to see the hours for the pool extended. Maybe closing at 9 or 10pm instead of 8pm.
9. It would be great if the city could utilize what is there and keep soccer and curling in our community
10. It should be used for recreation only. Never housing.
11. Share the public owned spaces between user groups so that they equally serve as many groups as possible. Ie. If the dance umbrella studio is also used by other groups, perhaps we'd get the most out of a single facility. If there is need for more, we'd build more studios. These larger spaces owned by the city should serve as many groups as possible.
12. More promotion of open use or open space. would love to drop in for soccer time on the field or swim time or ice time.
13. A cold plunge would be a great addition to the cold shower/waterfall
14. Build a new indoor soccer centre
15. Investment into a good large gym that everyone can use is needed. The high schools don't seem to let people use their gyms and Mary Hall is over used!
16. I think utilizing the existing buildings and doing the renovations to reopen what has closed would be high priority. Such as the curling club and civic Center. Once the current buildings are taken care of than look at new projects. Such as a trampoline park
17. I think a recreational priority should be for activities that can be enjoyed throughout a lifespan. For example, swimming is an activity that the youngest and oldest members of our community can enjoy at all times. Our community needs a larger pool to accommodate all aquatic activities. I would argue very few of the oldest members of our community play competitive hockey throughout their lifespans and I would prefer not to prioritize ice hockey.

18. I hope it includes pickleball and other fun physical options that create fun exercise opportunities for seniors
19. This is a poorly done and executed survey. I want the RDCK and city to practice belt tightening, increased efficiency. more prudent use of taxes and funds. RDCK should not be expanding in any direction, they are having a hard enough time administering tasks they already have. RDCK has no business involved in "housing."
20. It should include a Curling rink.
21. We need more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. We have hundreds of players and not enough places to play.
22. What are the chances of bringing back the Mid Summer bonspiel to kick off a revitalized curling rink. It was key to the community fabric at one time.
23. We need to make recreation a priority.
24. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and I see so many happy, healthy seniors there and it breaks my heart that the spots to play in the winter are limited and so competitive. I feel that this would be amazing too to have a dedicated indoor pickleball courts for tourists to visit and to host tournaments to help boost the local economy and to introduce a new generation to this quickly growing, level-playing field sport.
25. Having a larger multi-field soccer facility in Nelson would be a great asset - both for athlete development, and to bring winter tournaments to Nelson. Currently, we are having to travel to Cranbrook for winter soccer in a better facility than our small field.
26. I believe it is undervalued for what it can, and does do for the community. Using the complex arena for other events, other than with the ice would be a great value, but I understand the floor to cover the ice was shipped to Cranbrook? The complex needs to be utilized a lot more especially during off ice months. It's very important to have children and youth involved in. A structured environment, such as hockey. The small ice surface should really be returned to the children and youth and another covered soccer venue should be built. Costs of rental has become exorbitant many people use it for fundraising for nonprofits.
27. I think we need to do away with the Nelson Civic Theatre and find better use for that space. The city has already put too much money into maintaining this facility which only caters to a few individuals. Most people watch movies at home or online. It seems crazy to heat or air-condition such a large space to cater to a very few number of people who use it or can afford it.
28. These facilities are SO important for our community to thrive! They are well used, and well loved! I think that in order for them to continue being used, the fee needs to stay reasonable.
29. The NDCC is an amazing resource for our community, I see it benefiting people of all ages. It's such a popular spot. Parking is a challenge at times. I think keeping it accessible to lower income people is important as part of the picture, and continuing to provide services for all demographics (ie young and old) for community health and wellbeing.
30. I would support maintaining and improving current facilities over building new. I don't think we need any new buildings for new activities. That said, I wouldn't be in a rush to develop the land either. Needs change and who knows what may be needed in a decade or two. These lots have high value for public infrastructure. If no clear current need is identified, just hold them. Don't build only housing on them. Housing could be included in top of public infrastructure. But not as a stand alone project.
31. It would be lovely to have the entire block enclosed with an indoor walkway. Allow people to see each recreation program and a communal area for people to hang out.
32. Please offer free access to single or low income parents and their children.
33. North shore area should have to pay more to use facilities if they aren't taxed for them. Why are the rest of us subsidizing their access? Also current registered classes should include a wristband.
34. Nelson's community recreation facilities are outdated relative to those in many communities in British Columbia. We're fortunate to live in a 'desirable' city where many people, with high incomes, have chosen to live. Likewise, property values and the corresponding taxes have increased significantly and continue to increase. In order to promote health, well being and a strong community, it is essential to have high quality facilities accessible to the public in the city and region.

35. I feel the empty lot(s) at the corner of Front St. and Cedar St. should be used for housing operated by Nelson Cares.
36. We need 2 good ice surfaces and more open gym time for youth sports. Sd8 seems to prioritize adult groups vs. Kids
37. There are a severe lack of basketball facilities (indoor and outdoor) available to the community in the Nelson area. Those that exist are either gated by the schools - who rightly get first priority, but are also seemingly unwilling to share - or are in such high demand over the non-summer months they cannot dedicate time for basketball (Mary Hall). The youth, and adult, basketball community has grown over the past decade to the point the current options available cannot meet the demand. Please add at least two full court basketball courts to any future plans, ideally in a configuration with 8 hoops (1 regulation court that can be converted into two "short" courts side by side). Thank you for your consideration.
38. We have a great weight facility and pool area, however an open gymnasium is missing and would be a highly utilized space. And our whole facility seems to be aging when compared to other municipalities.
39. I'd obviously love to see our recreation campus be taken care of adequately. It's heartening to see and hear about the disrepair and am frustrated that foresight wasn't applied to maintaining these spaces.
40. Soccer is huge in Nelson! We need an indoor soccer facility that allows people of all ages to keep playing through the winter.
41. This is a real and great opportunity to increase and extend the recreational facility with a new and modern project. The community needs more space. The population is growing and will keep growing. The complex should attend the Nelson population, for example, the academy/ gym needs to be bigger and more soccer indoor field to attend the high demand.
42. We need more housing and parking.
43. I also think indoor tennis courts and more indoor Pickleball courts are important because we often have smoke in August and people could play indoors as well as in the winter. (*Sidenote, we've had so little snow you could leave the tennis nets up at Lakeside Park. More squash courts would be good.
44. Axe the theatre and bring back curling
45. We really need a large, multi-use indoor space that's not leased to one group, but shared amongst a bunch of groups. Nelson is rad for how many niche sports and clubs go on here, but when the weather turns options are much more limited. While none of these smaller groups can afford their own facility, if we should share one, we'd likely be able to cover costs and also introduce more people to these activities. For example, if we had a derby space, we could host games as community events, bringing people together and introducing more people to the sport (and generating revenue!). The same goes for other groups. I think these smaller groups do a lot in terms of making the city feel dynamic and inviting. It's also important that we keep admission costs low, as to not exclude lower income people from these amenities.
46. Without good facilities, like an indoor soccer field, this town will continue to lose its appeal. I was born and raised here and I would consider moving if Nelson stops offering recreation opportunities for my kids. Facilities like an indoor soccer field help to keep a community strong and make this a desirable place for families.
47. Hockey is an important activity to this community, across the full spectrum of age groups for both men and women. Make sure that we continue to have, at the very least, two ice surfaces available
48. Two Winters ago I curled in a league in Nelson, and the whole rink was packed every night we had curling. There is clearly a demand for it here, and the majority of the teams were 40 or under, so that interest is going to be around for a while. Curling doesn't get the glamor that certain sports like soccer get, but I feel it's an important sport for Canadian culture and pride. It would be an absolute shame to lose the curling rink. Thank-you
49. What we have now could be more effectively managed. Yes, maintenance of facilities are a given and can be costly with rising costs. Very disappointed there was no questions addressing the "vacant lot". Which has nothing to do with Community recreation and fitness. Really feel I am being railroaded.
50. At a minimum more money should be spent to maintain these assets and keep them serviceable and safe into the future.

51. Ice Allocations policy need to be reviewed so they equitable. Minority groups should be considered when ice allocations is being decided and the policy needs to reflect this
52. Having a space that is currently unavailable and unrepresented for community participants elsewhere is extremely important for having a balanced and vibrant community.
53. your focus on recreation is very NARROW - how about reading/crafting/social engagement spaces and resources
54. The weight room needs to be expanded. It's far too small and outgrowing its current use. I stopped going as I was always waiting for equipment.
55. There is a tremendous need for more childcare options. Currently new parents are unable to even be placed on a waitlist, there are NO options available. This situation has made it impossible to return to work after leave. This is something that can't be solved by private community members as facilities and properties are at a premium. I know this impacts many families and a new large scale facility that utilized the NDCC facilities would be incredible and help so many people. I have born and raised Nelson friends with young families that had to move away because of the lack of care.
56. More pickleball courts and a bigger fitness facility with more cardio machines and weights. I'm sure that place is over fire capacity quite a few times a day.
57. no additional taxation
58. For the questions around cost and taxation, I didn't feel comfortable providing an opinion because I don't have a reference point to compare to (ie: what do other communities in BC pay?) Providing the community with comparable information of what taxation costs are in other jurisdictions would be helpful.
59. Adding housing to the "recreation" campus area is a betrayal of the space available for recreation
60. I used to attend the fitness centre regularly, but no longer attend. I believe there should be a senior's rate for over 60. Also, the fitness centre is overcrowded and now full of teenagers who don't share equipment.
61. As a city of nelson taxpayer, I have been chagrinned to find out how many people outside the city actively use the recreation complex but do not pay taxes.... How can we amend this? Can we charge more for people who do not pay the tax on the facility? Should taxpayers pay less for user fees? City of nelson residences pay for these costs through every household, and somehow I think that these costs should be leveraged for all users. Thank you for this survey. It's nice to have a voice.
62. Cannot talk to increasing taxes as am a renter - so not directly affected by this. Admission fees could vary depending on the space being used. I would accept paying higher fees for some activities than others (e.g. \$10 for a 30 minute treadmill run in winter is a lot less appealing than swimming with hot tub, sauna facilities).
63. There are many socially beneficial physical activities at the CRC, however I would like to see the RDCK expand its view of what recreation entails. This is why I have advocated for a maker space and artistic space for the campus. Pairing those ideas with the fitness-oriented activities would broaden the scope of activities, and incorporating public affordable housing initiative on the campus would make all of these excellent amenities immediately accessible for those who would move into that housing. I will note that the police have asked for a greater budget once again, tacking an additional \$200K to the already planned \$1M increase set between 2023-2028. In my opinion, those funds would be better spent providing services like recreation, arts, and housing which improve social cohesion and reduce the cost of living for people in the area. These are the real solutions to reducing anti-social and illegal behaviour, not more police funding, as many studies have shown.
64. The campus has historically been identified purely for recreation purposes. NOT HOUSING! We as a community have an obligation to either currently utilize the property exclusively for expanded recreational space or preserve the space for future recreational growth.
65. With the vast love for Soccer, the current Indoor Space has limited room meaning many kids and participants may or may not be able to get into a Program and end up on a Waiting List. Additionally having a larger more modern space to play in during the Fall and Winter Season has potential to increase overall participation numbers. It would also mean year round training facilities to further the Talent in the area.

66. Full sized indoor soccer facility could not only support the local teams but bring in expedition games for sporting entertainment that isn't hockey
67. The priority should be to maintain and the increase access to current programs before adding new ones.
68. Indoor soccer seems well utilized. I know that there are those that have been turned away due to lack of spots in various leagues
69. The fitness rooms could be enhanced. Very busy.
70. Great space and at a price that keeps it accessible. Staff is top notch too. I'd be excited for some new additions but not at the cost of what's working so well for the area already.
71. Please consider the future growth of our region.
72. Having a Multipurpose event center with ability to host craft fairs, dances, performances, concerts, Expo's and other various recreation sports that are under represented due to not having a space is highly important for the health and wellbeing of the community while becoming a financial benefit for the community as well. If Creston can do it, So can we.
73. Movie theater, along with more space for classes, workshops, dance
74. While it is important to spend taxpayer dollars judiciously, there needs to be space available for many different groups, not just the most popular ones. Squash, badminton, basketball, climbing, circus group, pickleball etc All of these groups should have facilities, even shared if necessary, so that the existing user groups can grow their sport As a long time squash player, I have seen our facility broken down by real estate market effects and we have rebuilt our facility and membership so that we have a successful operation once again even through the effects of the pandemic. Our club has been in operation for over 40 years and it would be a shame to see it lost due to real estate profit motives. A shared facility that is publicly owned would ensure our sport has a future in Nelson
75. Centre functioning well with amenities is positive However Nelson citizens paying higher taxes I'm not in favour. The surrounding area uses it and Nelsonites carry the financial burden. Maybe out of towners should pay higher rate for use
76. We are so fortunate to have the recreation facilities that we do have but upkeep and improvements must be considered. Great appreciation for the over 75 years of age freebie
77. Access to all sport should be accessible and affordable
78. Make it affordable for low income. Accessible by local transit and provides parking.
79. The curling rink seems like it serves a very small demographic of our community. I'd like to see recreation expand to ensure a broader level of access to many folks and facilities that can accommodate a variety of skill levels
80. Housing is critical. Nelson CARES is corrupt and dangerously unqualified. Find a different and less controversial partner
81. Whatever you do, please keep the curling rink Also also forgot to add it would be nice to not have to go to castlegar for bowling
82. Lower user costs
83. Larger fitness center
84. I think it is fine to pay a fee for the service , but there needs to be equity so that those families or individuals that can not afford to pay are able to use the facility at a lower cost. It needs to be affordable to all and perhaps low income families can be free or low cost
85. I strongly believe we need a lot of easy to access space for dance/acrobatic teachers, physical movement classes such as Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Yoga and other similar health/spiritual movement disciplines
86. The Discover Circus gym is losing their space within a year. There are no other facilities currently offering training in aerial arts in Nelson or surrounding areas. This will be a significant loss to our community if a suitable facility is not found.
87. Children need more indoor spaces, larger turf for array of sports (football, lacrosse, soccer etc) hoping for the new climbing gym. More programs for teens at the complex, teen weights, <u>workout classes</u> , general programs so they use the facility respectfully.
88. We need more facilities to accommodate the need for winter recreation. And not just hockeyâ€!, a multi useable facility that can be used for a variety of sports. And let the people involved in these sports work together to design this facility and not some high paid

<p>Vancouver professional â€œlet the locals design there own place with the help of a facilitator.</p>
<p>89. Why are you calling it a campus?! By definition, a campus historically refers to the grounds and buildings of a school, college, university, or similar institution. Calling it a campus is both ill-conceived and a misnomer.</p>
<p>90. please make a space designated for aerial students. Discover circus is such an incredible vibrant part of Nelson and to have their own safe designated space would mean they can safely operate without fear of temporary closes in the future. From youth to adults of all ages- this is a physical sport that is both creative, tough, and mentally challenging. This is the one activity a week that provides me so much joy as I know it does for so many others. It has been more challenging and motivating than any other gym exercise or class has ever done for me. Us students worry about where the new space could be and a spot at the new rec centre could bring in a lot of traffic. Please consider making space for Discover Circus.</p>
<p>91. I am very passionate about the performance arts and my life is so much richer because of this art form. I would love to see a community funded facility for aerial arts (silks, hoop, straps, etc), and a dance studio that is big enough that it can be partitioned and split into two dance classes going at a time, so that adults can use it during after work times and not be pushed to only using late in the night. Discover Circus, Slava Dance, and Intuit Studios are having difficulty with landlords and as I understand, all these fundamental studios may need to close because of substantial increased rent and landlords not being interested in renting to them anymore. This performance arts facility would be low cost because all that is needed is the empty space inside - no equipment. Only good anchor points in the roof, the sliding partition, and mirrors would be the major expense here. Thank you for reading :)</p>
<p>92. The city and population is growing, however the recreation facility are not enough for a city this size. For example there is no dedicated indoor basketball court; the lanes at the swimming pool are always full; swim lessons sell out incredibly fast.</p>
<p>93. I hope that the space is well thought out to include as many different sports groups as possible.</p>
<p>94. This survey is so badly written with poor grammar, unclear questions, double negatives, poor subject/object clarity that I refuse to answer anything on the grounds that it will most likely not give you the message that I actually want to impart.</p>
<p>95. Better sound dampening would make spaces such as the arena and pool more accessible to individuals with sensory sensitivities.</p>
<p>96. What is the definition of benefiting the community? What is benefiting in the case of Nelson? Who is included in community.</p>
<p>97. We are a Circus Town, we should lean into that/ build on it. We could make Nelson a training destination for International artists if we had more circus spaces. This means more hotels booked and more revenue brought to the area.</p>
<p>98. I think the community could use more indoor activities for young kids that help them burn energy during the colder months.</p>
<p>99. There is a real problem happening right now in the Nelson area. Many recreational groups are unable to operate or operate sufficiently due to lack of space. For example, the curling rink, the civic center (hockey), the gymnastics place and the circus community. It seems like there has not been sufficient regional planning to ensure that future demands have been considered and prepared for. Recreation activities are super important to people's mental and physical health and needs to be prioritized. This is emphasized by the amount of people who have been communicating about the lack of spaces recently. The RDCK and City of Nelson needs to prioritize these spaces now (to meet the current demand they are not meeting) and to plan for the future (the population is growing and this needs to be planned for). While doing this, the facilities need to stay affordable so people can actually afford to use them. This is so important for the health and happiness of our community.</p>
<p>100. User pay is a reality with regard to past and future generations</p>
<p>101. The fitness centre needs to be bigger to keep up with demands. It is far too small for how busy it gets.</p>
<p>102. Curling Rink is really important</p>
<p>103. Improvements and expansions are important and will need to be paid for of course. It just needs to be a balance of cost vs benefit, taxation vs user fees, grants vs loans to come up with the best case scenario.</p>

104.	Private user groups such as Glacier Gymnastics and Umbrella Dance Academy who take up the civic space full time take away from the possibility of other sports and user groups using the space. Couldn't RDCK also share costs with the city to run and maintain the civic centre? Users come from outside City of Nelson and it could offset some of the costs.
105.	It would be great if the empty lot could be used to expand the NDCC parking or gym space
106.	The buildings need to be repaired and the city should have done a long time ago
107.	I am concerned about the potential loss of the indoor soccer facility. The facility is full and more space is needed.
108.	Don't be afraid to consider more regional facilities - I know people from Nelson will complain about driving 15-30 minutes, but the rest of the people in the RDCK already do this and we can make some changes if needed.
109.	I do not think we need more affordable housing in Nelson. We need more community amenities and healthy ways to support our current population that actively contributes to our community.
110.	Recognizing the needs for social housing in our community, please consider using the limited space in the rec campus for recreation facilities. There are other areas for housing but not always other spaces for rec facilities. Need to make use of the curling rink for multi purpose activities, or replace curling rink and indoor soccer with better multi-purpose facilities.
111.	The buildings and services implicated are important, affordable community hubs that are accessible to the majority of the population. These should be a priority to protect or replaced with similar services
112.	A curling rink is a very important part of the community it teaches youth a lifelong sport, it's a space that they can go afterschool and know they'll have fun. In the evenings it's a welcome break for couples to curl and for men and women to have fun. A curling rink brings in out of town teams and Nelson has the unique opportunity to bring back the mid-summer bonspiel. A curling rink can be the heart of a community. I hope that the city will bring back this sport.
113.	Bring the rink back
114.	Aging population, and growing needs of seniors should be considered. Small targeted Rec transit could be considered
115.	Daycare would be of great benefit
116.	An indoor tennis facility sharing space with pickleball would greatly compliment the outdoor facilities already in operation. Readily available users.
117.	I think the city should prioritize improving and maintaining the facilities that it has, and making sure it has the means to continue to maintain these facilities. It is a shame to see the curling rink close due to insufficient maintenance. That being said, all of the local facilities are VERY well utilized and if there is space available for a recreation campus then this should take priority over social housing. Residents who pay taxes appreciate having well maintained facilities to use, and activities to keep our kids active and healthy
118.	I would like to see the Community embrace a Pickle Ball facility, as the health and wellness rewards are evident. It is a relatively cost effective, multi purpose facility that can be used by all age groups. It is a growing sport with income generating potential.
119.	We NEED housing.
120.	It would be nice to offer more activities for the older teens / young adults.
121.	Nelson District residents who pay for the facilities with higher taxes should not have to also pay higher admission fees. It should be like the library where people who aren't supporting the facility through taxes pay an additional membership fee to use the facilities.

122. Folks who are from areas that pay taxes to the recreation facility should pay lower fees to access the recreation facility. Those not from a contributing area should pay higher fees. This was the case in the town where I grew up and other cities. You had to show valid ID within the area and you got a reduced punch card/monthly membership, etcâ€¦Similar to how areas that do not pay into the Library have to pay for their own library card. This proposal should consider the future of the library as that is a vital space to the community and is currently not large enough to support our community. If we gave attention to funding a larger library space there would be room for meeting rooms. A great example of what this space could be is Canmore's "Elevation Place". Alternatively retro fit the Fire Station and build an edition to house the Library. The fitness facilities are far too small for our population size and it is ridiculous that most space is taken up by areas dedicated to specific sports - when per square foot most people are using the fitness, aquatic areas and movie theatre. We're an active town and we are sardines in the weight room/fitness classes. Maybe the skating rink, soccer facilities, curling rink etcâ€¦ need to be moved somewhere totally different because they require more space and parking? No one is showing up to hockey walking or on a bicycle. Please do not use grants to direct your roadmap - the city has proven they make poor choices when grants lead the way (boat coffin and food cycler programer). Make good longterm decisions.

123. Please don't over-prioritize high maintenance curling ice over say a low maintenance running track, just because curlers are loud.

124. The fitness centre needs to expanded. I do not want to pay for a 'world class facility' I do believe sport fatigues need to be adaptive to change in sport I do think some indoor facilities need to be more drop vs formal schedule

125. I support the theatre society over the others - they are fundraising separately and maybe could be supported more as the building is leased by them.

126. **MAKE IT GREAT !!**

127. We need proper parking for this space. My businesses parking lot across the street is not an appropriate place to send people to park or to tell buss drivers from the hockey teams to park. Use the empty lots to build a parking structure and charge for parking. That will create revenue and allow for more residents to access the spaces. Please make the space accessible to everyone not just the handful of residents who walk or ride bikes. Seriously there are over 10k of us. Think about that when you think about how these spaces are used. In fact more people would consider using these spaces if there were proper parking.

128. Nelson is growing, and so should the improvements to / further development of its recreation facilities. There is a correlation between the existence of recreation facilities in a community and the overall physical and mental health of its citizens.

129. Nelson's recreation area seems old and a bit confusing, in that one doesn't even know things exist and where, such as indoor soccer, curling, etc, so consolidating them all better through rebuild or upgrades and connections would help create a wholistic and unified center, such as the hockey rink, pool, workout complex...modernisation

130. We need our indoor facilities so we can have activities for kids and adults specially on rainy and winter season. Recreational activities build a sense of community, foster friendships and improves people's mental health. Let's improve Nelson's facilities!!! We need to expand indoor soccer spaces, recover curling and bowling and maintain the great swim/gym/arena! And we cannot forget our Civic Theatre, we need to exercise our brains as much as our bodies. Thank you for this survey. I sincerely hope we have an improvement on our recreation facilities in Nelson!

131. Current property taxes are already unaffordable and are not in line with the subpar services currently received by taxpayers, such as street repair, snowplowing and waste management.

132. Housing plus recreation equals a positive outcome

133. The fitness centre is far too small to support the volume of people who attend at peak hours. I feel forced to go at inconvenient times to avoid the crowds. I would be very supportive of a fitness centre expansion project.

134. Incorporating a boulder gym into the rec campus would be a great way to expand the climbing opportunities beyond the overcrowded cube facility at selkirk college.

135. This survey is good - important to get input broadly, not just from the pushiest.

136.	Affordable housing before recreation.
137.	I think there has to be greater outreach, particularly to senior citizens, about the programs that are available - and perhaps add additional aquatic programs aimed at seniors and others with disabilities.
138.	Keep recreational land zoning RECREATIONAL. What is clear is that whatever happens we should not re-zone recreational space-whatever project to be done needs the space to do so.
139.	Pay per use is important but subsidized use for low income families is also important.
140.	If the Nelson residents are already paying for recreation through their housing taxes, does it make sense to increase taxes for city residents, or alternatively get additional funds through higher admission rates for those out of the city of Nelson taxation area if they are using the facilities. Would it be viable to create additional funds through fund raising in the area?
141.	All centers and activities of users should be mainly paid by the users and not the tax payers! A tax of \$ 20 per year by household would be appropriate!
142.	I have always thought it is a shame to use the indoor gymnasium in the civic centre for one purpose. This space could be more like Mary Hall gymnasium which offers a range of indoor sports and exercise opportunities for many different people in the community. Examples being: floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball. To me this space could serve more community members if it were not leased to Glacier Gymnastics.
143.	The vacant lot should be used for recreation of some sort not low income housing. More recreation spaces and times are needed in this growing community. Housing is needed but that's not the space for it. With these wet winters there needs to be more indoor recreation for families that is affordable. Having ski passes are now a privilege and for the rich. More money needs to be put into recreation to keep kids active, engaged, and out of trouble. There is a lot of bored teenagers in this town!! Indoor roller skating rink would be way more popular than curling. Indoor trampoline park. More public skate times, why cannot they not see that 60 people show up for one weekend skate time maybe they need to add more times. Or public skate at the civic centre. Hopefully the public's voices will be heard.
144.	The fitness centre at the NDCC complex is too small for the population of Nelson, it is extremely busy and needs more space and upgrades to the equipment . A healthy community lowers health care costs
145.	squash courts
146.	Our kids our suffering in this town. We need sport and recreation at the forefront. Subsidised housing can go anywhere. Invest in the future. What will happen to kids if they have no recreation options? People will begin to move if we don't invest in recreation
147.	The existing offerings are broad enough, but as population increases it's getting increasingly difficult to access them - the gym is overwhelmingly busy, and swimming lessons are hard to get into. You need to plan for more people to be using the existing services vs adding more fringe services.
148.	There are several sports within Nelson that need a larger space than what they currently have. The climbing wall, Discover Circus, the curling rink, minor hockey programs and indoor soccer. These all benefit mainly kids. I think it's incredibly important to remember that when making decisions on our recreation campus.
149.	Having indoor pickleball courts in the future campus would allow more residents to play. This is a very popular sport.
150.	We need another studio space and more pre-register classes. The fitness centre at the 10th street campus would be a great adult only gym and studio option. The students there deserve a better space to encourage a healthy lifestyle and the community members could access and benefit too.
151.	This space should be kept for recreational use. There are other better locations for housing developments, this is not what. Keep the services currently there and add to it, make it better. Don't let us lose what we have. Spend the money now, invest in the future and do it right. Don't half at it. Be transparent with the community, something the City of Nelson is not.

152.	Parking at the complex in Nelson has become more and more of an issue over the last few years, so I think that this problem needs to be addressed.
153.	More fitness more dance rooms bigger pool just Nelson has grown need a bigger place To stay healthy connect with community more in person which can lead to a more active community more willing to spend more
154.	Nelson needs a curling rink, an indoor multipurpose field and a double size gymnasium like LVR. Build it and people will use it for many generations! Think LONG term!
155.	Its very important to the community to have 2 hockey rinks. As a mens hockey player and a parent (volunteer) in Minor hockey this has come very apparent this year with only having the one rink. The indoor soccer facility has been great for nelson soccer for the youth and mens participation. An improved indoor facility would a huge benefit to the community.
156.	I'm also aware that the lots within the recreation campus have been discussed to be used as low income and affordable housing. I believe that increasing access to low income and affordable housing needs to be a top priority and consideration in this project.
157.	Please consider building childcare facilities into anything you add. Both programs where you can drop your child during the day for a few hours while accessing the facility and a regular licensed day care providing full service in the \$10 per day model. I've felt the day use fee for NDCC facilities increase significantly in the 8 years I've lived in town while no similar increase in quality of service. Community recreation should be affordable. I would rather pay more property tax to fund it then ask more vulnerable members of community to foot increasing bills. Glacier gymnastics is an incredible program, I hope any plans supports the service they are offering and allows them continued access to quality facilities to operate. Access to some services, like public skate time or little kids swim lessons is extremely limited. Any large increase in taxation or spending that is not paired with a notable increase in ability to access services I think would build resentment in community
158.	Since 2020, it seems that the Nelson Recreation facility has been less responsive to the needs of the community. It seems to made decisions based on charging more fees and creating a need to preregister for class, and the computer system used for scheduling seems more dysfunctional than systems used in the private sector. Causing the fee structure to be a hassle for both the client and the staff. A remedy to that would be to take a look at what you are asking the client to do, and what is more normal in the private sector. For example usually if a private sector suggests that a client preregister for classes, there is a lower rate per class, because the money is paid up front. And usually drop in classes are the standard rate. Usually any punch pass has the ability to function like a monthly class for signing up for classes, but not at the Nelson facility, because the computer system can't seem to handle it. That should be a simple computer task and needs to be sorted out before expanding the facilities, Also for the public to try a new class, please give us a chance to drop in and try it out. if you make it a preregistered class, forcing a commitment without knowledge that is a recipe for failure. Whoever is making up these policies is creating failures in the system.
159.	If the capital project can be funded by offsetting savings elsewhere, go for it. But increased taxes to finance projects combined with increased operating costs to serve a small portion of the population is not acceptable to me. Consider having the city of Nelson and RDCK identify what responsibilities they fund now which can be stopped. Your survey places minimal attention on all the other 'events' like senior centre, senior coordinating, gymnastics etc. are these unimportant then. The city SHOULD NOT look to charging/increase revenues from these activities because your survey deems them unimportantâ€!
160.	rock climbing and an indoor track would be amazing.. more space in the strength training area of the civic centre
161.	The fees are getting too high. I wouldn't like to see them go up. It would stop families from using the facilities.
162.	I added earlier - gymnastics seems very expensive but I read that rents are minimal/non-existent in a table; did I read this correctly? I really don't want my taxes to go up further. It's important to me that the governments and funding agencies work together to get grants and align to save money. That being said, earthquake preparedness does not apply here. Only chose grants where it makes sense for our region.

163.	Not sure
164.	Nelson women's hockey has over 250 members. With the temporary closure of the civic arena or ice time was reduced from five opportunities a week to one. This has greatly affected women in our community from all walks of life, doctors teachers paramedics carpenters electricians foresters teachers etc. these women bring vibrancy and strengths to our communities and should be considered a priority especially in light that sports have been marginalized for women and continue to be put at the bottom of the list. While there are about 30 times more opportunities for men to play hockey. In order to nurture women in sport we need to structure our timeslots with a quality making it easier for women to access those sports that are traditionally marginalizing women
165.	It's not as enjoyable working out at the NDCC anymore. It has become too busy. I want a bigger pool or another one, and a bigger weight lifting room. The price is ok though.
166.	Enough with the over budget projects this city doesn't need!
167.	It would be great to have some multi use spaces as it would open up more opportunities for people to participate in a variety of sports rather than a particular sport dominating by having purpose built and exclusive access to a space - where possible, as some sports do need purpose built spaces.
168.	Don't sacrifice the pool ammenities, yoga, or gym at all. These are all perfect. Please add a multi use space for celebrating sound systems. Listen to nocturne sound
169.	Need a better understanding of how much (if any) monies are still owed for the Aquatic complex built in the early 2000. Understand that we are taxed at \$70 per \$100,000 of assessment.
170.	Does not seem like this should be a priority over other needs of the community
171.	Most of my recreation happens outside of this campus: Activities include: Skate/Bike park, Lakeside park, Disc Golf, Local Hikes (Pulpit/Lyons Bluff), Local Mountain Bike Trails. IMO more resources should be dedicated to these facilities.
172.	We need things for the youth to do, hobbies and activities to keep you social active and having some fun. Bring back the curling rink! Has been a staple in so many small towns across Canada for as long as Canada can remember. These things are important to those who use them and the future users .
173.	It would be great to participate in understanding what the city's intentions are for future planning. This survey, though vague, is a great start in that direction. It would also be nice to understand what BC Housings intentions for the property look like. Other than provincial funding to the city, how will this benefit the community? Lastly, taxing city residents for the development of a rec facility that will be enjoyed by users outside of the city limits doesn't seem just. There needs to be a way that taxation from the greater catchment is incorporated, of taxation is the only solution.
174.	Nelson has overall the worst recreation facilities in the Kootenays for the size of town. Surrounding communities (Creston, Castlegar, Grand Forks, etc) have more options and more facilities for all ages - including for adults. Not everyone can ski in the winter, and the icy/snowy roadways mean that there are limited options for middle aged adults and older. Nelson needs more indoor space with more opportunities for increased activities so people can access recreation year round for physical health and mental wellness.
175.	Stop dumping money into aging infrastructures and consider utilizing the existing recreational campus land in development of a newer state of the art entertainment center.
176.	Parking for services needs to be considered. The NDCC is often inaccessible due to a lack of parking. A parking structure should be considered if additional services are to be added to the area.
177.	Is it going to include affordable housing? That would be great.
178.	The outdoor salt pool in Salmon is fun for kids too.
179.	Parking spots freed up April-Oct to accommodate more bike racks. Expand opening hours on the weekend (pool/gym open at 7am). Protein shake bar at fitness facility. Proper Indoor running track around rink. Few basketball and tennis courts (currently no indoor tennis courts and a growing tennis community in Nelson) Richmond Olympic Oval is great example of multipurpose rec facility.
180.	what is the update about the current civic centre situation? and when will we know about the rink etc ?

181.	Due to extreme weather events, people are inside more. We need to adapt to climate change and build facilities where people can play/ maintain their mental health indoors during any type of weather.
182.	I would love to see subsidized/affordable housing factor into this plan! The rental market is extremely unaffordable currently (the cost of living overall has skyrocketed in the last few years overall), and there are a fair number of unhoused and low income folks in the community that could really benefit from this. I am a homeowner in the city of Nelson (on Baker St.) and would be so happy to see part of my property taxes going to subsidized/affordable housing.
183.	The costs to use the facilities are already too high. Nelson/RDCK should be promoting healthy lifestyles and not charging as much as they do.
184.	More multi use facilities are clearly needed. Leasing out facilities to specific clubs ie curling and gymnastics takes them away from being community shared facilities. Curling has got to go. It seems like the most wasteful use of space. If it was a massive multiuse gymnasium instead it would be a cheaper building to maintain and account for tons of activities. Basketball, floor hockey, roller derby, volleyball, Pickle ball, martial arts, etc. Larger tournaments for those sports could be hosted there as well. It seems like such a missed opportunity.
185.	An expansion of the NDCC fitness facility is needed.
186.	Ensure existing #/type of facilities exist with any new proposals...ie 2 sheets of ice, indoor soccer, curling, etc....it is recognized that staging would be required for any new facilities (all can't be built at once)
187.	More indoor soccer facilities. Bigger gym, more gym space.
188.	A movie theatre is deeply important for a community as a place to share culture and gather. I hope this will be a top priority and that there will be increased support for NCTS. Squash courts should also be considered as an addition due to the growing squash community.
189.	I've never thought of the campus as such, because it's a parking lot with facilities, but perhaps with upgrades it can fit the moniker, such as having a snack bar, connectivity between buildings and well-used outdoor space to make it feel like a "campus" ; I spend so much time down there at the rinks, as do my kids. It's an important part of our lives. Thanks
190.	None
191.	The cost of rent is untenable for local nonprofits that are providing "sports/activities" to the community. Further, every group is independent and run by volunteers. These groups and activities should be supported by the community by creating spaces and a position/administrator to collect fees and help organize groups/usage. The long term effect for community health, vitality and quality of life would be significant. Thank you,
192.	Please keep indoor soccer available.
193.	bring back highland games, midsummer bonspiel, fall fair etc.
194.	Sport and recreation for youth is the heart of our community!
195.	The Nelson Squash Club is in jeopardy of losing its lease in its current space. This club has a robust and engaged membership of 100 people. This membership could easily double with little effort. There is no youth engagement which could easily be facilitated and would benefit our communities youth. When compared to the curling membership and engagement I am perplexed why our tax dollars are going into that facility. The curling rink building can be reinvented to house multiple sports - including curling if need be. Although I understand the history of curling in Nelson - we are whipping a dead horse. Let's focus on fast growing sports and engaged memberships that would be more viable for the city.
196.	This is very hard to meaningfully fill in. We need to see real concrete proposals and options in order to answer questions. If dumb decisions are made that cater to the loud existing users then I don't support .. but if it encourages broader use and engagement, eg of seniors, then i do support and don't mind paying
197.	Do not allow existing facilities to enter into such a state of disrepair. Many people have dropped the ball over the past many years.
198.	Accessible, affordable for all ages recreation is important for a healthy community

199.	We need a bigger rec centre to accommodate our town's growing needs. This should not be paired with housing. That is a separate issue. The space needs to be used for fitness. I do not want to pay more in taxes for more housing. I only want to pay more for a better fitness facility. This survey is very vague and I fear people's true desires will not be heard. Nelson cares is pushing their agenda here.
200.	It would be nice to have some sort of indoor facility that could host live music dance events beyond our tiny night clubs out here. Now that a hotel has opened beside the Eagles Hall, they are not able to host as many events and it would be nice if there was an acceptable facility available for such things.
201.	Renovated or Rebuilt (multiple floors) Curling rink building can offer a 4 sheet cement floor curling rink with a 6 month winter curling and parking lease. The new multilevel sports building would support additional sports including squash, pickleball, multi sport gym for competition sports
202.	Since area E and defined Area F are not paying taxes to use the Nelson Civic Centre facilities, can they be charged higher user fees to support better maintenance of these facilities? Or future upgrades? I am very concerned that the upcoming assessment for the Nelson Soccer facility will result in it being closed for the next indoor season (winter 2025/2026). This would be a devastating loss for people who have chosen soccer as a very affordable winter sport compared to skiing and hockey. Not everyone can afford expensive sports and yet it feels like hockey is always prioritized financially. Indoor Soccer does not have enough space - adults are starting games at 9pm on weekdays and this sucks. We need more space than we currently have! Someone brought up parking - I see this as a low priority and I hope that no more parking area is added. Able residents within walking distance can do better about not driving.
203.	I do not want any more housing and parking to go into the empty lots north of the pool.
204.	Much consideration should be given to providing & encouraging easily accessible recreational facilities for seniors who comprise about 1/3 of our population. They need to remain fit / mobile / active to prevent increased health care costs / hospitalization and long term care
205.	indoor recreation is a major amenity of the Nelson area and the soccer facility is a huge asset. We moved to Nelson based on the soccer facility and programs available there - both for adults and youth. This outlet is critical for health and well-being of kids and adults alike, particularly with the challenge of certain activities during the long shoulder and winter seasons. We stand strong in support of the soccer facility as well as the aquatic & athletic centre.
206.	We need more affordable/social housing and a publicly owned community gathering space.
207.	I am not necessarily in favour of increasing admissions or rental fees to help offset costs as the local government has been mismanaging the funds from these facilities for dozens of years and have now put us in the predicament with the Civic Centre. Had the building used allocated tax dollars to upkeep the building and its systems or keep funds earmarked for it, we wouldn't be in this situation. Users should not be burdened with additional fees because the City keeps moving allocated funds to other projects. I will happily pay additional taxes for our citizens to stay active and therefore healthy, than have my tax dollars used to fund housing for low income or homeless who are not contributing to our tax base. Since Nelson Shares doesn't pay taxes on the land that keeps getting given to them, I am 1000% opposed to further Nelson Shares housing being built within our city limits. There is plenty of space in outlaying areas for these housing projects. We do not have to sacrifice recreation for housing projects.
208.	Please reopen the curling club. It offers a unique opportunity for all age ranges. The curling club numbers were on the rise until the closure. We taxpayers are feeling we are contributing tax dollars but are not receiving our fair share of benefits.
209.	Too expensive, too busy, you ripped us off when you cancelled punch passes.
210.	Soccer is such a beloved sport in Nelson. As the world's game and so much more accessible for children with equipment needs. I feel improving its indoor facility would be well appreciated.
211.	Discover circus is not able to continue their lease in their current space, this facility has 300 students that need a place to practice, if the campus can include them in their future planning this would be important to me and my family

212.	I'm so tired of Nelson amenities wanting to raise rural taxes for their needs and expansion. Raise the rates for those who use the Rec centre. After the last very unimpressive renovation on the pool I don't have high hopes for whatever small update you may have planned
213.	Although our family does not use all the facilities in the area we 100% support facilities that support other community members. Many sporting events and dance events bring value to the community as they also bring enjoyment through spectating. Lots of families, friends and grandparents enjoy watching soccer even if they are not participating themselves. Plus the whole community benefits if young people and fellow community members are active, healthy, and engaged in community life. Recreating is at the heart of our community at every age! We only have one kid remaining at home but we were involved in many recreational activities over the years with our other kids growing up and sports and arts are the fabric that creates a strong community. Go the gym it's packed all the time, soccer fields on Saturdays are lively, gymnastics club has a whole community behind their program. Invest in wellness and it pays off for everyone.
214.	We need expanded recreation (more space, more activities). Nelson is outgrowing its facilities.
215.	There needs to be a greater focus on the facilities/programs for seniors
216.	The low admission fee of the community complex allows access for everyone. It's important to keep these costs low and affordable to encourage mental and physical health, especially considering general rising costs of living.
217.	The Civic Centre is a relic. A complete rebuild would benefit the city and citizens. To be honest, that building is an embarrassment in Nelson. A fresh build would last well for the next 100+ years. An increased space for gymnastics would be beneficial because there is never enough supply for the demand. A concert space that can hold over 2500 would be fantastic and could also double as a roller rink. Alternatively, if curling is present, it could be seasonal and a roller rink in the off-season. It does seem, however, that curling is not going to generate the revenue a concert venue could generate. A concert venue could bring in more tourism as well because larger artists could perform there. A space to hold 10,000 to 25,000 would be ideal. There is nowhere within a multiple hours drive or border crossing that can host this; therefore, this type of facility would draw in crowds from a far reach. Finally, the NDCC is amazing. Please keep it as is, and the entrance fees are already high, so do not increase. Consider a small entrance fee for Gyro Pool. Even \$2/person could help maintain operating costs.
218.	Between recreation facility and affordable housing the choice should be quite obvious. Affordable housing is much more important. People need affordable housing. Recreation definitely needs to take the back burner.
219.	User pay system on all recreation in Nelson
220.	No new buildings. Keep at as is. Nelson cares sucks.
221.	Allow access to all RDCK recreation facilities on a single pass (e.g., both Creston and Nelson accessible, with no up charge, on a single pass), especially for residents who already pay taxes in multiple electoral areas.
222.	Need a bowling alley and curling rink
223.	Fund initiative that are less likely to receive grants than other more popular sports.
224.	Affordable youth recreation is important. Opportunities for indoor recreation that is affordable and family friendly.
225.	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. Many young people are beginning to play.
226.	The current gym (cardio equipment, weight room) is far too small for the population it serves, especially during peak times. The NDCC parking lot is also too small for the number of users that need it.
227.	All area within the current footprint (including Lot 824 Front St) must be kept for recreation purposes but planning must occur to allow for year -round recreational activities.

228.	I am a dance lover, supporter of our local electronic music scene, and a performance artist. I avoid the bar scene for various reasons, and therefore rely on our community late night dance events to fulfill these areas of passion, as they are a much safer space to dance in. With recent changes our one late night dance venue can no longer use a decent sound system which truly creates the experience for these expressions of live art. It's deeply saddening and I fear we may lose an important part of Nelson's local music and art culture if there isn't change to make these late night music events possible, using proper sound systems to support the events. Without an expression of local art, the vibrancy of what makes Nelson special will begin to diminish.
229.	Need more space for the fitness centre
230.	One of the things I love most about living in Nelson and raising my kids here is how active this community is. When we don't have time or access to the great outdoors, it's so important we have access to indoor activities that improve our physical, social, intellectual, creative, and spiritual well-being. They can be for fun or can be competitive - but they are an essential service and an important outlet, especially for our kids (keeping them off screens, and getting out of the house being active with and interacting with others.)
231.	Consider what kids need to thrive, consider more fun things like cooking classes and the like and don't build facilities just to have some new shiny asset. I notice you didn't describe any partnership models. How can local government partner with private suppliers to meet needs without building something new?
232.	are you seriously converting the curling rink into another homeless shelter trail and castlegar did not want the problems homeless people bring with them and they did not provide them with ANYTHING so they all left Why are you homing them in Nelson Why are you wasting money supporting people who don't care about themselves Who can make such terrible choices and use our tax money the Temporary shelter across from the motel cost 2.5\$ Million fire the committee who agreed to waste hard worked for money this way what a disappointing future they have sentenced Nelson to
233.	I believe that soccer is one of the main sports among the youth and the current facilities available in nelson cannot support the youth.
234.	Thanks for this extensive survey and the work done to put it together.
235.	Should have very good scheduling so you can go when you want ..
236.	Seems to me that getting the existing facilities into a usable condition is the priority. Deciding the utility of the older buildings is the obvious priority and then choosing which to refurbish or remove and perhaps replace rather than fussing about the pool, rink and fitness areas.
237.	For the number of people wanting to play and to learn to play pickleball, the current indoor facility at Mary Hall is inadequate; play time is severely limited.
238.	I would love a proper walking / running area around the top of the rink at the NDCC.
239.	Our current facilities should be maintained far better than they currently are so that they are kept up and not neglected until they are irretrievably run down. Ensure adequate funds for proper cleaning and upkeep to ensure the value of the property is kept intact at a minimum and improved where ever possible. Re purpose and ensure resources are thoroughly inspected and upgrades recommended where needed in advance of that need. Residents are suffering with the taxation rates!! Spend less, maintain more and cut costs, especially on feasibility studies, and surplus or duplicated administration. What we all ready have should showcase high quality, smart use of purpose and be fiscally responsibly managed!
240.	I consider upgrades and expansion of the rec areas extremely important. Especially the fitness centre and pool- a large amount of ppl use them, and would use them more if they were less busy. I do value having a diverse selection of activities, for ex. If there is no other place to curl, then that makes that space important.

<p>241. Proposal for a Multi-Use Venue to Support Community Growth and Economic Development A well-designed multi-use venue has the potential to become a hub for sports, entertainment, and community events, drawing both local and out-of-town visitors while generating significant economic benefits. Here's why investing in such a space is essential: 1. Revenue Generation Through Spectator Events ¢ A venue large enough to accommodate sports, performances, and other events will enable revenue streams beyond practice rental fees. Hosting tournaments, exhibitions, concerts, and other community-focused activities will attract spectators and participants from across the region, boosting local businesses such as hotels, restaurants, and shops. 2. Supporting Roller Derby and Expanding Opportunities ¢ Flat Track Roller Derby, an established and growing sport in the community since 2010, requires a minimum playing area of 75' x 108' to ensure gameplay and safety standards. Additional space for spectators is also vital to accommodate fans and foster a thriving sports culture. ¢ Currently, practice spaces such as Hume School Gym do not allow for full-sized track practice, and the NDCC's availability when the ice is out is insufficient to support the sport's growth. 3. Versatility for Other Uses ¢ A simple concrete or wood floor venue can serve as a multi-functional space for a wide variety of activities, including Roller Discos, Roller Fitness classes, floor hockey, circus and acrobatic training, community markets, and more. This versatility ensures year-round use and maximizes the return on investment. 4. Economic and Social Impact ¢ A purpose-built venue would not only provide a dedicated space for local teams and organizations but also draw visiting teams and performers for tournaments, demonstrations, and events. This influx of visitors contributes to local economic growth and helps position the city as a regional destination for sports and entertainment. Call to Action Investing in a multi-use venue is a forward-thinking move that meets the immediate needs of the community while positioning the city as a leader in fostering sports, arts, and culture. Let's create a space that benefits residents, grows our local economy, and enhances our city's reputation as a vibrant and inclusive community. Thank you.</p>
<p>242. Affordable housing should be an equally important priority for lot 8.</p>
<p>243. Costs/fees should include options for single parents or be income based. More green/common space created around any new builds</p>
<p>244. the multipurpose room should be converted to gymnasium. It is under used and there are other spaces in the city that could be used. The gym is always busy and needs to be expanded</p>
<p>245. Nelson used to have a very vibrant music scene, with certain bylaws in effect due to noise violations. As an artist who once won a Kootenay music award in a community of very talented individuals, It disheartens me that we no longer have a thriving community of artists. We don't have the award ceremony anymore or a place willing to call it home. We could have a health community of artists if we had the space to do so, and with the right space each artist will be able to flourish and the RDCK will continue to develop !</p>
<p>246. Multi-use, multi-purpose facilities are required to accommodate the large volume of sports and recreation demands in Nelson.</p>
<p>247. Gym facilities should be upgraded.</p>
<p>248. Make it awesome so Nelson continues to be a great place to live!</p>
<p>249. I would really like to a good space to host loud music events at night with soundproofing as to not bother nearby residents.</p>
<p>250. We should have a bigger and better soccer field. A lot of people use it weekly and soccer is a very healthy and inclusive and cheap sport that anyone can play.</p>
<p>251. Incorporate much needed facilities such as affordable housing and childcare space.</p>
<p>252. One potential thought: if a new, large, modern indoor soccer facility were to be created, it could be a multipurpose venue: soccer, Frisbee, other indoor field sports (?). As a way to cover costs, once per month there could be an open event for for-profit groups to rent the space and pay into the "pot" to cover costs. While I agree that the benefit of the camps should be primarily to the community and community groups, there are costs involved, and I would rather have a space rented out once a month to a for profit event than not have the venue at all. There is a strong soccer community in Nelson and we need an indoor space for the winter time! But this could also be a shared space. The field could be divided into 2 smaller fields with a divider to allow more programs to run at the same time. I think a multi purpose facility will be much more cost effective because it can be utilised by more than one organization - more use equals more revenue to cover costs.</p>

253.	Pickleball us increasingly popular and as a senior it is a good way to stay fit, meet people and enjoy a sport not too demanding for older people. We need more space or a dedicated space to meet the needs of those interested in playing + can attract younger people to the sport as well
254.	I think a variety of sports and recreation and age groups should be considered and pay for play has to increase to offset costs
255.	Many curlers are going to other cities. We need a rink
256.	Prefer to have transparency in cost to improve current civic recreation space vs the cost for removal and replacement prior to making these decisions.
257.	Offer a means-tested admission increase; have a special levy for raising the funds through property tax, so that the levy expires; we have incredibly talented athletes go through many of these programs - they need facilities to support their growth
258.	This is valuable as it is walking distance and my three kids can all walk there from school.
259.	If other area residents that are serviced by the campus ammenities were paying into the service the costs would be shared more equitably, user fees would remain low and there would be less need to raise taxes so much. Share the burden over a broader region. It's great to explore partnerships and grants, but not at all cost. The partnerships and funding should be in alignment with the vision. Is exploring affordable housing on that site a reason to qualify for fnding that can then be leveraged. is that actually the best site to build housing - and a 6 story build at that? What makes it the right site? How will parking be addressed? Can more community meeting places or spontanious use opportunities be built into the campus? Currently the vibe is very much all business - get in and get out - jockey for parking, and overcrowded spaces at the NDCC. There is a lack of community and health and wellness vibe. It can actually be quite activating to go there between circling the parking lot and then trying to get through the front desk to jockey for over crowded spaces. Our town seems to be outgrowing the core services that the NDCC is offering.
260.	there should be a whole RDCK regional tax setup to fund/setup a slush fund for all of these recreation buildings in all of the RDCK, not just in Castlegar or Nelson. If there is a need in a smaller community for something like this then the funds would be available for those communities and they would be able to have buildings like this and not be left out. There is no reason for everything to be centralized in Castlegar or Nelson.
261.	The space allotted to recreation in the city master plan should be used for recreation, not low income housing.
262.	Sports and rec isn't simply about personal health and wellness its about community building and rallying points for people to come together from diverse backgrounds to have conversations and make lasting connections. Sports bring all faiths, religions, economic backgrounds and ethnicities together under one roof. It helps protect against bias', fear mongering, racism and helps foster a peer relationship among community members to ensure a tighter bond between it's residents. It helps young people bond with older folks, helps teach 'the way' and show new members the positive aspects of participation. A central rec campus should be a core focus for nelson's city hall. The vast outdoors allow for heaps of activities and rec but the distances between people limit the quality and duration of contact between using members. Cyclists may say hi on the way by one another or catch up briefly at a junction but pales in comparison to team sports or club activites that bring people under one roof so to speak. Costs may be high to ensure this sort of facility is built and maintained but the intangibles such a complex brings to a community is worth far more than any possible incurred costs. People will move here because of it, stay here because of it, put up with more hassles and social issues because of it and remain a happier tax base because of it. I would also like to state that I support funding and building of facilities beyond only the sports I enjoy and support. It's important to see the bigger picture and not be only concerned for what directly is important to you as an individual. This investment will also reap rewards for generations to come just as the current infrastructure has benefitted my generation but was paid for long before I was involved in any activities here. In 20-40 years we'll see this cost as 'cheap' compared to the cost it would be down the road.
263.	If low income housing is constructed adjacent to the facility, you will never see me or my family again. Not only that, I and many others will fight tooth and nail to stop the development. We are sick of addicts and the homeless being put ahead of our children's safety.

264. I feel that renovations are overdue for the ice rink, the gymnasium, and even the turf the indoor soccer. As well the curling rink really needs to be publicized to bring in more people. Finally, the absence of a bowling alley and/or indoor pickle ball is something to consider.

265. Please keep the civic rink open and operating. It needs some upgrades to keep it relevant and comfortable to use. Please add parking by way of a retaining wall between the car charging station and Finleys. This could easily add 20 + stalls. Remove the meters on the other ones and keep these stalls for patrons of NDCC/Complex. When considering the improvements please note that community recreation is not a business, but a community service. Keep user costs low so everyone is encouraged to use the facilities. When attracting people to our community, this recreation campus will weigh in on peoples decisions to stay/relocate here. Make it great!

266. The fitness facility, aquatic area has become an often crowded and unwieldy space. It's also not a modern space that serves the needs of the community. Furthermore, the centre arena could also provide seating where people could work or share a coffee. The spaces overall are fractured and the sitting of a coffee shop or similar would help make it a hub. The Elevation place facility in Canmore is a good example of what our community needs.

267. We need a bigger, better and more facilities. How is a drop in \$8.40 when it is so busy? people spend a lot of time in these facilities, for their physical and mental health. Better soccer facilities - there are waiting lists for all leagues. more facilities, better to improve soccer in the Kootenays

268. Recreation opportunities are incredibly important to me and the main thing that keeps me mentally and physically healthy year round. Other financial priorities such as housing shortages need to be carefully considered by the city, but any improvements to recreation that improve community health and improve cost efficiency in the long run should be a high financial priority to support. Thank you for seeking the input of the community.

269. Easing pressure on peak demand for existing offerings seems important to consider (ie pool for kids)

270. #NAME?

271. I enjoy using the NDCC along with the 10th st. campus gym. In terms of other indoor activities I am unlikely to want further indoor spaces however, there are many other people in Nelson and I support increasing availability.

272. don't know if it falls under the 'recreation' heading, but i would love to see a nice, quiet, low wattage coffee house/jazz club ~ a place to relax, enjoy a novel coffee and listen to a poetry reading, or a quiet trio ~ or, perish the thought, people might sit in the plush couches and actually talk with each other ~ in our high stress, nose-to-the-phone-screen world, a calming antidote opportunity would be welcome ~ a walk in nature is for sure the best salve, but a relaxed, open late enclave in an urban setting would be a great alternative ~ i live at the north end of kootenay lake, and have often driven to kaslo, nelson, rossland, in winter, at night, in order to dine at a unique restaurant, or attend a local amateur production ~ i'd do the same for a coffee house in nelson ~ good luck ~

273. We need more recreational space in downtown Nelson, not just housing. Do not eliminate recreation for Nelson people because we need community and connection to thrive here, if not then we are only living up to the control of our government. The less counsel actually gives the people what they want, the more people will retaliate. Don't make the mistake of believing you are the only one with the perfect solution, LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY and give us more spaces for activities like roller skating!! We need a roller skate rink

274. Please keep in mind the importance of building indoor recreation facilities for cont'd recreation during inevitably smoky summers, for our most vulnerable especially (seniors and young children)

275. Re: previous question (question 15) “ I think a project that supports an already thriving recreational community within Nelson (the Discover Circus community, specifically) to stay afloat should be given additional importance rating”because it's not the "idea" of the impact a recreational activity "could have", it's the reality of Discover Circus' impact that's already present that will be lost if they cannot secure an appropriate space. They have a proven track record of positively impacting people's lives, bringing money into the community through paid events and performances, and enriching the arts of the community (both children, and adults). They should be given additional importance consideration. They need help to stay afloat”they need a space. Discover Circus is already an established network of people, serving high quality classes and opportunities for creative growth as individuals, and in community. They have grown year on year, and they have the potential to really expand the number of people they serve (given the opportunity to secure appropriate space). The arts they train people in have the potential to continue bringing money into the community through events and performances, and bolster the Nelson creative arts scene even more than they already have. Without a space to continue, the circus school will die, and the larger Nelson community as a whole will suffer because of it. Discover Circus brings a unique and important opportunity for people to explore their creativity, strengthen their bodies, and connect with others. It would be a shame for it to be lost.

276. It is good to see how packed the NDCC parking lot is most days. Although we want to encourage public transit and cycling/walking, ensure that some parking is built into any new facilities

277. More members if the community play indoor soccer than any other activities. That should be the #1 priority.

278. Pickle ball is a very fast growing sport and the courts at Mary Hall, at the 10th street campus are not at all adequate. There is no evening availability.

279. A phased approach should be considered so that no facilities or sport is shut down for extended times as a result of renovation or construction of new facilities.

280. Remove the Curling club building and build a multi purpose facility such as: Squash Club, climbing gym, Basketball, Badminton, indoor soccer indoor, tennis etc. Move the climbing gym project to this location. Do not use the vacant lots at Cedar and Hall for housing keep that land for recreation

281. I think we need to focus on upkeeping the facilities we have now. The City owned facilities are in fairly bad shape. I think the improvements to the facilities should be paid for more by the users of the facilities (e.g., clubs, and memberships) and less from City taxes. I think we should adopt a tiered fee structure, similar to the library, to ensure that RDCK residents not paying their fair share in taxes, pay more to use the facilities. Finally, I don't love the club model having exclusive use of public facilities. I would like to see them useable on a drop-in basis by the general public, at least for some time slots. I would go curling and take my kids to gymnastics if there were drop-in slots available. Overcrowding is a problem in the NDCC and parking lot. These are the facilities that get the most use, so if there is money invested in any expansion, they should go to addressing these two key issues.

282. Noise bills should be changed to allow music in a designated entertainment area late at night - designate a space for local artists and musicians can put in events and not be shut down because of noise complaints

283. This land has been sitting vacant forever. It would be nice to provide housing and rec expansion at this site!

284. The old Civic Arena building was deemed to costly to repair and too old to bother 18 years ago when the renovations were done on the pool and the NDCC Arena added. Why are they wasting everyone's money now to do renos on it? It should have been torn down then.

285. Drop In classes included in fee have been reduced a lot, and the private classes are sometimes not well attended. I prefer more drop in classes to support ease of use and participation. Punch passes are really good, especially for those people who don't go to the gym more than 3 times per week. There could be an improved financial benefit to purchasing one beyond the one free day. I get that there is a facility access pass based on income for those in need, but I appreciate many seniors would benefit from the incentive to go to the pool for free or at a reduced cost as before. Being a senior has its challenges

and I really support anyone of this age to have the added incentive of low or no cost facility admission to support activity and their health

286. I find it quite disappointing to hear that the RDCK is already in discussion with Nelson Cares about the vacant lot. If there is something to be built there it should at least generate income. Nelson Cares and affordable housing have already taken a large chunk of the recreation campus. Maybe RDCK should be looking into building opportunities outside of the City of Nelson I also don't see why the outer area's don't pay taxes for facilities that they use. Maybe they should be paying a larger drop in/pass fee than those who pay taxes for all of the facilities that everyone uses.

287. In the past we voted in a referendum to have a multi use facility. So far we have seen little use other than hockey.

288. None

289. I believe the vacant land should be used for affordable housing!

290. Build recreation, not low income housing! If you keep kids in sports and activities they will succeed, and not require low income housing!!

291. We are being taxed each year to pay for recreation, yet we are paying the same user fees to use the services that those who are not being taxed, pay. Why are all areas not being taxed, or those that do get a break on the cost of services? The user fees are only a small portion of what it costs to operate and the tax payer makes up the difference. How do we know that these recreation facilities are being properly managed financially? There are many "for profit" gyms in Nelson that actually make money with much less volume. Why is the community complex not more self sustainable?

292. It is important to consider space for child care in this planning. We do not have enough child care spaces to support our residents needs.

293. I'm not sure if this question will come up later in this survey, so in case it doesn't, I want to state now that I am adamantly in favour of providing affordable community housing as part of any development project.

294. Don't develop on free lots. Leave those for expansion (will be needed) and additional parking!!

295. We drive from Castlegar every week in order for our kids to participate in the wonderful indoor soccer program put on by Nelson Soccer Association. Not having this facility would be a tremendous loss to the community, and I sincerely hope that the community of Nelson's love and commitment to the sport is considered when evaluating the need to maintain the facility.

296. I think a public gymnasium is something that is seriously needed. We should also be getting the larger clubs together (soccer, Basketball, curling, climbing, squash) to chat through how everyone can be involved in helping to make this a success for everyone. Not just servicing one need at a time. There's plenty of people willing to commit their time to ensuring this is done correctly to meet the needs of each of these groups. I don't necessarily think that housing going in at this location should be a priority. This is prime in town real estate and there's plenty of other spots that can be available for housing.

297. Having adequate recreational facilities help keep the community engaged and bring in professionals into the community. Ie: doctors. People with families want to live in communities with recreation.

298. I would like to see the retention of the beautiful and mature trees on this property!! Specifically the willow tree. Please build around these

299. There need to be more 'third spaces' for individuals and families to spend time on evenings and weekends, especially Sundays. The pool gets overcrowded because it's one of the only indoor public spaces open on Sundays. We need more spaces that encourage people to gather and mingle and be around each other.

300.	A second and larger indoor soccer arena could include a track around the outside of the field. Could bring in multiple tournaments throughout the year including providing BC soccer with provincial soccer tournament space. Rugby, ultimate frisbee, cricket, slow pitch etc could all possibly utilize the fields. And the kids development would put them up as high competitors for provincial medals as lack of access to year round training is what keeps us from reaching the next level of competition. We have seen Cranbrook players skill improve significantly with the addition of their dome. We want to see that for our kids!
301.	The fitness center is too small and too busy, it would be nice to have a bigger one or get rid of the high school students
302.	Nelson needs a space that is multipurpose. Using school gyms is starting to become unrealistic with the increasing population in nelson. Nelson keeps adding housing but doesnt match that these people have to use facilities in our town. We have more and more active seniors. The civic centre focus is on hockey and if there is no curling club that space should be for recreation. It is a perfect location obviously and it has such potential for multi use. I think it is very sad Nelson is loosing the curling rink but if it is the case it would be detrimental to loose the rink to something that is not recreatiional. Indoor pickleball/tennis and a wieght room along with a walking track would great in that space.
303.	There should be a review of the wages of the higher administrators. As for expansion; the province is using this facility as part of school curriculum I.e. credits then they should either fund their own gym or pay another floor to accommodate the children from the high school.
304.	It would be great to have more lane swimming available!
305.	I appreciate you taking time to collect this feedback. I would love to see how you are engaging and creating spaces for people with diverse abilities. I would also like to see more indoor spaces for play for young children especially during fire season and cold snaps. Have you considered putting child care within these spaces? It is a desperate need in our community and many municipalities have child care programs in rec spaces.
306.	Please make the empty space on the corner of front Street and Cedar in to affordable housing!
307.	We need to build to prioritize kids access first and adult availability second. We need to build for the future growth with a focus on access and availability to greater Nelson area.
308.	The aquatics centre is a fantastic resource for the community. It is getting busier as Nelson grows, this is something to consider.
309.	Parking spaces and traffic flow. Good luck with that ☺
310.	Privatize it all. Let those who use it pay. Most of the population never uses these facilities, just a very very vocal minority (bullies) that wants everyone to pay for their toys. Play outside!
311.	I am proud of what is already available, and would support expansion.
312.	These questions are designed to pit sports organizations against each other in a competitive process. This is not proper planning to create a comprehensive vision for the future of S&R in Nelson. Your process is flawed.
313.	Access to The facility and programs should be made available free of charge to those who cannot afford admission fees.
314.	It is extremely important to have facilities for our children, elders and the community in general. If these type of indoor sports facilities are no longer available it will have a negative impact to the community as a whole.
315.	The costs of admission to recreational facilities need to remain accessible to ALL members of the community, not just those who can afford it.
316.	I'm appalled that you would consider raising taxes to deal with this mess you've created. Yes I'll pay your proposed increase in taxes, because I want to use the current facilities and want my kids to be able to use them. But rip down that pier, sell it for pennys what you spent on it and put the money back to the health and happiness of your community. Embarrassing
317.	The Nelson Soccer Association strongly supports maintaining year-round access to indoor recreation facilities. These spaces are crucial for fostering physical literacy and development in young children, especially during winter when outdoor play is challenging. They offer a safe environment for learning, growth, and social connection, benefiting individuals of all agesâ€”from early childhood to seniors. Preserving these facilities is

essential for promoting healthy development and supporting mental well-being across our community.

318.	Mixed activities with youths and elderly should be offered.
319.	The Gym is very popular and gets pretty crowded. Could use an upgrade on equipment and space.
320.	We use the pool, fitness, hockey arenas, soccer fields. And we have amazing pools, fitness studios, and soccer fields. But all the people aged 7-85 playing pickle ball and tennis in the summer, filling up the camps and adult programs, could share an indoor court—a court that would require almost zero maintenance. 3 pickle courts would fit in a single tennis court. That's a lot of participants across all age groups who can benefit.
321.	I do not support funding the massive upgrades required to keep the Civic Arena and Nelson curling rink. We do not need two arenas in one town, especially when the pool and fitness facilities are always overflowing and there are a number of recreational activities that are not even offered yet. While I grew up curling and do love the sport, the next generations are really not embracing it. I would feel bad for all the old timers who will lose that activity but, at some point, the plug will need to be pulled. I also don't think we need to invest in an indoor soccer pitch. There are many sports that I play outdoors during the summer, and it is okay to let them go for the winter months. Badminton and rock climbing at Mary Hall are always extremely busy, often above capacity. Creating space on the community recreation campus for these activities is a much higher priority for me. As well, the one fitness room at the rec center could easily be expanded to two or three, it seems there are always competing interests for that room. Classes like Spin fill up immediately, it would be wonderful to be able to offer more of them. Additionally, having a daughter who is more into creative recreation, like dance, gymnastics and music, it would be great to see them prioritized as much as hockey. And on that note, can we please get the three smaller theaters built so the civic theater society can finally run in the black? Appreciate that you're fixing the roof there! And it would be amazing if there was space at the rec center for less sporty parents to hang out while their kids are in activities, with a few comfy chairs, etc. The two or three benches currently available are sparse and uncomfortable. I would also like to add that while I am clearly supportive of additional recreational spaces/opportunities, I am also supportive of housing being built on that site. I would be more supportive of affordable housing for very low income residents, like Nelson CARES provides rather than SHARE Nelson's "workforce housing" model which excludes anybody on income assistance or disability, which is our most vulnerable citizens. And, finally, you didn't ask about parking but I will still give my two cents. Every time I come into town for my spin class, I need to drive every row of the parking lot, sometimes several times, in order to find a parking spot. Are there any options for additional parking? Could the current lot become a parkade? Or is it a matter of better enforcement? Are people parking there all day who work downtown? Best of luck with making all of these hard decisions! You are never going to please everybody, but I hope you don't bow to pressure from the organizations who have the capacity to speak the loudest, like hockey and soccer.
322.	Where is SD 8 in this whole process? They have facilities that seem under-utilized and we pay taxes to that system? They need to be part of the solution.
323.	A space for live concerts, dance parties, or anything that requires loud sound would be incredible.
324.	The fitness Center needs an expansion soon very overcrowded at all times. Parking is the biggest issue at NDCC.
325.	Upgrade the following. Gym, walls, gym equipment, lights, floor, windows, parking lot, smell of the gym, better speakers. Go to a city and look at their gyms and then look at out 2005 crap.
326.	There is a strong need for a performance and community gathering space in Nelson. The current spaces available are privately owned bars and clubs who's goal is profit, not supporting our thriving art and music community. A space where independent artists and promoters can put on events, not only support's current contributors to our community to share, collaborate and improve their art, but can open the door, connect and inspire future creators in, and from the area.

327.	The concept when the Civic Center was built in the '30s was to have a place for the community to get together, go to the library, play sports etc etc. It was a service provided to the people for the people and was paid for by taxation. It was never meant to be self supporting by user groups AND FEES. It WAS a CIVIC SERVICE. It has gone to a facilities for the rich high income families who "can afford" to pay the high user fees, from a facilities for all levels of income.
328.	Recreation in our community is very important. Let's focus on being able to consistently offer this to our community.
329.	Upkeep has to be done
330.	Adult user groups should pay what it costs with no taxpayer support. Their fees must be raised in order to take the burden off the general taxpayer. Kid sports should pay a subsidized rate.
331.	It's essential to our communal our kids wellness to keep these activities accessible. Especially soccer for our family. If these were not available we would likely move away from the area entirely
332.	The squash club is currently thriving but in a tenuous lease that makes the future of squash uncertain at best. There are over 100 members annually with two main tournaments that draw players from all over. Squash courts on the campus would ensure the sport can have a future in Nelson.
333.	I lived in Balfour and Harrop for 25 years and our family used almost all the facilities on the recreation campus. I don't understand why these communities don't pay their share in the cost of maintaining and developing these facilities.
334.	we are not your atm for every stupid idea council dreams up, do not raise property taxes for anything that is a luxury! The RDCK areas that are paying nothing should be charged more at area facilities, Nelson facilities that are only paid for by nelson residents should have different rates for non nelson residents and visitors. This city needs to learn how to make money that isn't raising property taxes because that is your solution for everything.
335.	Please offer reduced rates for people and families with lower income. Free passes for single parents or those who can't afford for their children to attend.
336.	More Pickleball please
337.	We need a climbing gym, it is the fastest growing sport in the world. All ages use it. Has potential to bring in revenue and people to our area by way of regional and provincial competitions.
338.	A second rink is required for the community of Nelson. Hockey is a sport that bring a unique and specific set of life skills to our children.
339.	I think recreation should take precedence over housing.
340.	Expansion of current recreation facilities, especially the fitness centre, due to volume of use, should be encouraged. Proper care and maintenance of the civic arena is also high priority.
341.	I think it would be awesome if there was little rentable pods just for overnight that is heated with a bed to be rented cheap so that homeless or very low income people would be able to stay warm especially in the winter.
342.	We need to make our recreation facilities multipurpose and well utilized. We need to expand the hours of use of our facilities and use them for the entire year. We need to have a broader tax base to fund these that reflects the larger user base.
343.	As Nelson and the surrounding area grows the recreation campus can be integral as a sports, culture and recreation area attracting professionals to our community such as doctors, nurses, teachers and other needed community members. We moved here because of the indoor and outdoor recreational activities. A second ice sheet in Nelson is very important to a lot of people in the community and should be kept as a priority.
344.	I don't want to pay more taxes for something our family very rarely uses.
345.	I am fundamentally in favour of upgrading and adding facilities. But at 78 with a 23 year old pension that has never kept up to inflation or has been indexed. I can not afford a penny more in taxes or increase for admission.

346.	The Nelson soccer community is growing rapidly and is a very real source of community for many people who might otherwise feel alone or unable to connect to the community in Nelson without a shared activity of soccer. I grew up in the soccer community and made some of my closest friends for life there, and as somebody who will be inheriting property in Nelson and possibly settling down here, I hope my children can have the same experience with updated facilities, as our current indoor space has been a series of putting bandaids on a building that requires greater intervention. With the size of the community and the eagerness of members to participate I believe it is time for an updated facility with the capacity to accommodate all who wish to participate.
347.	#NAME?
348.	Pickleball is a fast growing sport in Canada, North America and beyond. It will be an Olympic Sport in 2028. In Nelson winter/indoor membership has been capped because of lack of court space/time.
349.	Making sure there is enough space and facilities for our population. It isn't great that people can't subscribe their kids to swimming lessons or gymnastics, etc. because there is not enough room or facilities to offer these activities. Additionally, de-crowding the current facilities would help a lot. A lot of people, like myself, prefer paying more and use private gyms instead of dealing with the crowd at the NDCC fitness gym. Thanks!
350.	This is an excellent opportunity for Nelson to be approaching new discoveries in science too. My partner is currently undertaking neuromuscular and myofascial training through working with Sevrin Baker who has a clinic on Baker Street. Through the combination of this particular sound system and this psychosomatic training, he has been reversing years of neuromuscular and soft tissue dysfunction with the combination of music, the type of reverberating bass from the sound system and the training. With the bass, you're able to feel the position of your body in space better and therefore makes it easy for the person practicing to advance leaps in a single night with the music. He has been writing to researchers and people in the holistic health community about this phenomenon. It would be cutting edge to incorporate these two modalities to bring better health to the people of Nelson.
351.	Sports and recreation is incredibly important to the health of the community and can be an important economic driver. I don't play pickleball but would likely do so if there were more indoor facilities. I do NOT think that the recreation campus should be a location for more affordable housing: it should be prioritized for sports and recreation only.
352.	The curling facility is an important part of Nelson's history and a key player in its future. The potential of generating revenue outside of curling activities is great as well. Keeping the curling centre is a smart business decision.
353.	I would love to see a small cold dip pool added to the aquatic center. I think it would be beneficial and well used. Everyone I talk to that uses the hot tub & sauna facilities there agrees they would like to see one added.
354.	I don't use that much for recreation but do know how valuable it is. My neighbor was an emergency doctor and left town because there wasn't enough amenities for his family
355.	Recreation is an extremely important part of healthy communities. We need to support this in the community, residents need healthy activities for kids and adults and as a community we should be supporting this wholeheartedly.
356.	A 4 sheet curling rink would be good for the community- and if it has a cement floor the space could be used for other purposes the half of the year when there's no curling rink- thus meeting summer program needs. Better public transit access is needed to make the recreation facilities more accessible - a bus that loops to the front doors of the complex
357.	A general use gymnasium would be a very good addition to the city & district
358.	Multi-use spaces that could be shared by a variety of users please!
359.	Without high quality facilities for recreation we are not an attractive city for newcomers who can afford to pay taxes and pay for these type of services. People will move to other places where services are available and we will be a less attractive place to live for existing residents as well. Children and young adults are an important part of our city and need places to be active and we all need access to services that support our health and wellness at all ages, not just those young adults in peak fitness levels. Yes there should be fees, but senior should be able to access services at a lower cost due to their fixed income situations. I find the cost of the facilities to high to use on a regular basis which is not supporting my health or fitness. I assume others find this as well.

360.	Speaking as a parent to two competitive swimmers, the Kootenay Swim Club payer WAY higher lane and meet fees than any other swim club that we compete against. Close to double in most cases. This includes facilities operated by other regional districts. I'm not sure where the disconnect is but I see no reason why other facilities can operate for a drastically lower rate than the NDCC can. I'm guessing this disconnect holds true with ice time and other rental components as well. Many families are getting close to being priced out. Rental fees need to be addressed for certain or the vast majority of youth will not have the privilege of using our facilities and participating in recreational activities.
361.	Definitely a larger workout space. It gets quite crowded during high traffic times
362.	We must keep the curling rink! The city should be keeping their buildings in good repair, it's quite shameful. Recreation, whether we use it ourselves or not, is importance to all the people in the community. I no longer have young children but these facilities need to be there for them, as they were for my young family. I believe the parts of the RDCK not supporting these facilities need to contribute or pay higher fees when using the facilities. I also feel this survey is very biased, it only considers what I use now, not what I used in the past or what I'll use in the future.
363.	Keep and maintain what we have! Don't go chasing mythical monies based on mythical building budgets that ALWAYS cost more than planned!
364.	Nelson is well known for its performing arts scene but the community recreation campus does not reflect this. The dance studio is exclusively available to one studio, which does not serve adults. There are 6 other dance studios screaming for space and access, all at the mercy of commercial landlords with no barriers to increasing rent. The circus community is being kicked out of their home of 10+ years. The performing arts and Nelson will die unless the community rec facility considers expanding space to accommodate the dance and multi purpose arts needs of the community. Intuit Movement Studio, a privately funded small business, invested over \$100k to upgrade its facility and expand to create more offerings at great detriment to the owner. Within a year of this investment the landlord increased rent by 15% and ownership has no recourse, bringing the long term viability of the business into question. Discover circus is being kicked out because it serves the landlords personal needs. They also have no recourse. The performing arts benefit our community economy and offer entertainment to our community. Losing these businesses will change the fabric of our community. Please consider adding more dance/ multi purpose spaces for the performing arts.
365.	Discover Circus and the squash club are losing their space in Oct 2025. Discover has long wait list now and could be providing more fitness activities to a larger group of people with access to a long term lease in a building, and expand services to people with disabilities if the new space was accessible. I would love to see a partnership happen with this not for profit.
366.	Nelson and area residents participate in a lot of recreational activities and it should be a priority to serve the community with a first class recreation facility. People seem to have money to ski, golf, curl (in other communities) etc. which are expensive recreational activities, so we should be able to fund facilities that only enhance those sports as well. The Civic Theatre raised a lot of money for enhancements, perhaps some huge fundraisers that support the community would help fund the facility.
367.	Your questions asked my opinion re: increase in property taxes. I am not a property owner. When designing surveys remember that 37% of us in Nelson are renters
368.	Not interested in housing grants to support the construction.
369.	It seems that we are lacking in size of a facility for indoor soccer. A full sized indoor soccer facility would serve many people and their families and would benefit the kids soccer programs. Current programs fill up quickly for adults and kids and a larger space would serve us well.
370.	I believe an indoor soccer facility with cafe run by youth players (like the outdoor fields) would benefit NSA by funding the nelson youth soccer.
371.	The community recreation campus should allow for a wide range of physical activities to happen in the area. Aerial arts and acrobatics has wide interest in Nelson and needs a space to practice their activities.

372. Please consider user fees or private public investment to fund recreation projects. We have been taxed to death recently. Has the RDCK considered looking at their own "house" for trimming unnecessary costs which add to the tax burden of the community. For example the Balfour transfer station used to operate with one employee and now they have four employees. Often two employees are sitting in the pay booth together which seems to be a disregard for tax payer dollars. I am sure there are many other areas/departments that could easily streamline and cut costs. We simply can't keep going to the seemingly endless taxation pit.

373. My wife was on the board of the NMHA for 13 years and organized over 10 tournaments , bringing in teams from many areas and providing the local economy with hotel bookings, restaurant usage, and shopping for the many teams coming from non local areas. Having 2 arenas was an integral part in getting teams to come here, as ice times were better and teams liked that the 2 arenas were located together. I believe it is important not to lose this facility. My children used the gymnastics club and the theatre many time growing up. Losing this facility would just send people to other centers to use theirs.

374. I would not like to see any further additions of ice rinks. In square footage and cost, we have so much money going to the ice rink and relatively little to the fitness Studios and no gym. We really need a public gymnasium as part of this complex. Otherwise groups have to rely on Mary Hall or school gymnasium's for sports. I would also like to see a small portion for Discover Circus. They have an amazing program and are in need of space to continue.

375. Community recreation and green space are high priorities for me.

376. The recreational facility property should not be used for affordable housing.

377. As long as its run/built correctly and not overinflated because it is being done by the government it could be a great idea. Often it seems these tax funded projects blow budgets and deadlines.

378. I would like to see current, viable facilities brought up to date before considering additional facilities

379. There is a lack of event space for live shows and accessably priced venues to host community events. There is a need for a venue that can be loud and not disturb neighbors, ehich allows the community to gather, and be accessible in price to the arts and culture of the community.

380. I realized I had done this survey a couple weeks ago

381. All areas need to pay for the service or the pay higher rates to use it. It's not fair some residents pay higher rates yet other people pay nothing an gain the same ability for the same costs. Not everyone can afford to own a car or live out of city limits but your punishing them by making them pay for services that locals use but since th. Live 20 minutes away they pay no money towards the service

382. I really didn't understand the last few questions I do want to say making affordable housing units that includes some complex care housing is my most important priority for this city. I lovee the

383. Keep it as affordable as possible for families of our youth.

384. I feel the most important thing to do is build affordable housing on the empty lot. Please consider the recent housing assessment done this fall, which reflected the desperate need for affordable housing in Nelson. As well, we have one of the highest rates of homelessness, and this would help to get people housed. It is incumbent on the city and RDCK to help to implement the recommendations of the Federal Advocate on Housing and take swift action to house people without delay. This I feel should be a priority. Thank you :)

385. Please dont make the leisure access program inaccessible or reduce its current potential to afford people accessibility. I and other disabled people rely heavily on the subsidy and im worried the new program will make basic fitness and physical health unaffordable to me if the subsidy works out to be smaller than 50% entry fee over a year.

386. do you have any suggestions on how to support local artists who currently do not have a space to showcase? are there venues available that we could locate a list of places that could be available?

387. curling is not a priority.

388. There needs to be more space allocated to fitness areas and fitness classes. A basketball court added to the existing fitness center for muliple use.

389.	Too expensive. You idiots can never get your shit together and you are tone deaf. Our taxes are already too high, never mind all the other expenses living here.
390.	Parents are waiting , at the pool, at the arena , at the gym, and there's no way for them to participate at the same time as their kids. Why not open a swim lap for the parents ? A swimming lesson ? It's a captive audience ¢!
391.	I hope local politicians lean heavily on the the good of sports on the community. Also, I believe the sporting demographics have changed in this country, whereas Hockey used to be the sport with the most participation and it has been heavily funded. It is now sports like soccer, gymnastics and biking. They need to become the new priority.
392.	Offering a multitude of sports and recreation to youth and adults is essential to physical and mental health. Sports and recreation offer a safe place for people to build connections and friendships and result in stronger communities. There will also be the benefit of and less spending on healthcare down the road.
393.	There is a current push towards large event spaces hosting EDM music events. I dont think public spaces should be used to host these events such as the curling rink UNLESS it can be assured that they are drug free events. There is so much drug use. Tired of it.
394.	Hello, I am a regular gym user but have been deterred due to the congestion of the NDCC weight room. The congregation only got worse when they decided to close off the fitness class room so you can no longer do circuits or stretch in there. Another level for the gym or an expansion is what I am advocating for.
395.	Expand the facilities that are maxed out with users like the gym. Parking is an issue at the NDCC. It would be nice to have some kind of enforcement with regards to people who park in the parking lot and do not use the facilities.
396.	kids and family needs should take priority.
397.	I would love to see expanded open gym space and more machines and space to do workouts.
398.	We really need low to moderate income housing for the people that live and work here. We have had a lot of development for higher income people but those of use barely making a living wage or less are no longer able to live here. Yes we need to have recreation facilities but we also need housing support. It would be amazing to see a combo effort between the city and the RDCK.
399.	I do not believe housing should be prioritized for the current lot.
400.	This is an opportunity to show that the RDCK and City of Nelson are leaders in our community and committed to RECREATION. To sacrifice recreational resources for housing would be an affront to the health, both physical and mental, of our youth and adults who rely on this central hub for recreation. The community is full of experts and resources that could come together to find more suitable places for housing and this is a block that was meant for recreation.
401.	I use to use the pool and gym more but I will use less now that I cant buy a ten or 20 punch pass and not risk losing things i paid for. I work away and could be gone 6 months with little notice (work in film) so I loose my passes because of that STUPID rule instituted by the RDCK!! Also don't even think of raising nelson taxes to pay for luxuries, this town thinks we are its personal ATMs and it must stop. This town robs in citizen every chance its gets.
402.	I am very opposed to using public recreation space for housing of any sort. Personally, I am under-housed and very affected by the housing crisis, but I do not believe that using up scarce recreation space to provide subsidized housing is the answer. We need to protect these common spaces for common use and enjoyment. City planners are touting BC Housing funding as a reason to proceed with developing the empty lots for housing. The promise of some "free" money to develop housing is a short term solution that we will have to live with permanently. Once the housing has been built, we will never be rid of it. One of the great things about the NDCC is the availability of parking. There is almost no parking downtown these days, so being able to find a spot in the parking lot greatly increases accessibility to the CRC. We may one day live in a post-car world, but we are not there yet. In the meantime, it's nice to be able to park. I am very disappointed in the poor job of upkeep of CRC assets. The talk of the curling rink being demolished is very upsetting and it is ridiculous that a city of our size has nowhere to curl. I have also heard that the indoor soccer arena is in need of some serious maintenance. The civic centre and arena are likewise in need of major repairs. If the city is wondering what fancy new facility

to add, I would suggest instead budgeting for a maintenance fund that could pay for upkeep on existing buildings.

403.	Thank you!!
404.	Be forward thinking. Plan for 50 years down the road and not just the needs we have e today.
405.	Affordable and supportive housing should be paramount to this community
406.	This was an awkwardly structured and disorienting survey which may lead to confusing and unreliable results. In my opinion the City has done an amazing job operating a poorly constructed and cobbled together campus with extremely poor performing buildings from an energy usage standpoint. Extending hours of operations should be considered to reflect the growing diversity of users schedules and would offset peak overloading. Parking is also a growing problem given the districts growing population. In my opinion as an Area F resident, I would like to see all of Area E paying a portion of their <u>public tax</u> dollars to the facility as well.
407.	We need a bigger exercise c were then one we have is too small for the amount is serving
408.	Kids need to be the priority and ALL kids. Balance with soccer, hockey, and other sports. These organized sports are so beneficial to our communities!
409.	Not more housing / services
410.	It has been fantastic to see the large increase in the number of users at the NDCC fitness centre over the last few years. Unfortunately there is not enough space available to safely accommodate the number of people now using the fitness centre. Increasing the size of the fitness centre, including the amount of open, free space available, should be a priority.
411.	Nelson has enough social housing, what is desperately needed is affordable market housing.
412.	Thoughtful assessment of the needs of the community now and in the future.
413.	This survey should have a section about satisfaction with the facilities. I don't currently live in Nelson but I visit regularly and use the NDCC facilities when I'm here. After using gyms in other communities you realize how grossly inadequate the NDCC is. It is small, cramped, and the equipment is decrepit. Some days the gym is so packed that I wonder if it is exceeding fire regulations. I won't even use the pool anymore because the change rooms are tiny and disgusting. I can't stress how inadequate it is compared to facilities in other communities. Another problem is the hours of operation. I've never been to a gym where it seems like the hours are based on the needs of the employees rather than the customers. I've been told that the hours are so short on days like Boxing Day (outrageously busy) because the employees are getting time-and-a-half and the RDCK can't afford to keep it open longer. I don't want to be disrespectful when I say this, but I think the RDCK needs to think about whether a job checking people in at a gym should be paid as high as it is. Usually jobs like that are starter jobs for kids just out of high school or in college. They're not career jobs where people are in them for 20 years. I'm sorry to say this, but if the facility is unaffordable and improvements can't be made due to high wages then that should be the number one place that is cut.
414.	This is a good idea. Nelson desperately needs more affordable housing, too. Things that make our community more accessible and involved are always a plus

415.	The parking at NDCC is too limited to accommodate, often requires having to wait to find a space. (Are rules being enforced?) Nelson's new climbing gym should be located and integrated into the NDCC campus (and not at Selkirk College site.)
416.	It is a shame that the curling rink is closed, especially considering what curling has done over the decades for nelson. Would like to see joint ownership and cost sharing between the city and rdck. Creston is a model that works. Many new immigrants were using the drop in nights, good way to encourage integration in the community
417.	I would prefer resources be spent on recreation rather than additional housing, as the city has already allocated a considerable amount of \$ on housing compared to recreation. Nelson has a very active recreation community and resources should be allocated towards it to enhance/improve facilities
418.	for the amount of land dedicated to it, doesn't really meet needs of the community. fitness centre is almost always too crowded for a proper workout now. no indoor courts exist for adult sports apart from very limited gym space in schools (but they are prioritized for youth activities.)
419.	do not use it for housing, our children and future generations need additional rec spaces. the facility is at capacity.
420.	Looking forward to reopening if the Civic Centre.
421.	Don't try and cheap out on a new building. Build it for the future. Build it big and with lots of potential.
422.	Nelson has limited space to expand or build a new facility and if they built on the existing site there would be a long closure time to our facility to rebuild which is not desirable. Parking is already difficult at peak times. I really only know about the fitness centre for the most part as we use that the most and time our visits for low usage times.
423.	Please consider including the Lakeside Park boat rental facility as part of the campus. I use it a lot in summer along with children's recreational groups, other citizens as well as tourists. It is an important recreational facility organized through the Community Recreation Campus. Somehow it has been missed in your survey.
424.	Maintain your low income option for community members who can't afford to access. If you maintain the low income pass option, then I think slightly increasing passes and drop-in by \$1-5 is fine.
425.	We have new builds within our city sitting empty, and many more being built and not purchased yet. The community needs a sport complex for all sports to keep our kids off the streets and active. I believe a sporting complex should be the only plan, either upgraded or built new over affordable housing. How about when the city approves a new building to go up they designate a percentage to lower income families and maybe the new builds won't sit empty or turn into private Air B and B's. My only vote is for recreation!
426.	Pickleball has become a very popular sport in Nelson. There are not enough indoor facilities, so beginners have no opportunity to join, as the existing rental at Mary Hall is only for intermediate and advanced players
427.	Do any of the members of our council use the recreation facilities? It sure doesn't seem like it. I can't believe this isn't a huge priority of the city or the RDCK. These recreation facilities create a community and bring money to the city and local business owners - hotels, sports businesses, restaurants. These recreation facilities need to be prioritized and maintained to a BIG CITY standard, not Kootenay standards that lack drive and commitment to cleanliness and pride of ownership.
428.	Soccer is the most used indoor facility in Nelson with the most participants. It must be a priority going forward
429.	Discover Circus brings many people to this town to live. It's something very special for a town this small to have.
430.	Sports and recreation for children and grownup are so important for mind and body. For a community that considers itself so health focused it's pretty ridiculous we have let the buildings that house our indoor recreation deplete until unusable. To be very clear, I'm in support of tax dollars and grants being used for rec facilities over more social housing.
431.	I feel like we need better thought out spaces. How often is the massive curling rink used and what are the operating cost. What do we have that are either missing or at capacity. What's going to give us a healthier community
432.	Gymnastics is Avery important part of our family and fixing the building is very important for our children.

433.	Area 8 should be supportive housing for those folks with special needs or living with a disability
434.	Expand the gym and get more than one of all equipment
435.	Combine any new builds with affordable housing or space for community wellness programs
436.	I really appreciate the NDCC's facilities, but I get frustrated by some of the systems used in its operation (how passes are managed, wait times to get in, signing up for classes).
437.	The NDCC fitness centre needs an expansion in the worst way. Many times it is full to capacity and then some which goes against the fire code for one. Another is a person can't get on a machine for the fact that there are too many people waiting for the same machine. Had to leave at times because too many people for such a small facility
438.	The gym/weight room area is grossly inadequate. It needs an expansion. The change rooms are woefully inadequate. The curling club has a dwindling number of members, consider expanding into that space. Remove parking designated for 'curling club members only'. Monitor parking spots more diligently (of course this involves bylaw). Consider pay parking for all year except those with NDCC passes.
439.	Kids sports should be the focus. Hockey, soccer, tennis, swimming
440.	Nelson is really lacking and behind in comparison to what other communities are offering. We have the population to sustain a much larger facility with more offerings.
441.	I would like to see recreation that benefits multiple activities a little bit, rather than a single activity. Would love a multi-use space that we don't already have like a larger gymnasium with a walking track and dividers to be able to use rental spaces at once.
442.	Empty lots 8 and 13 to expand recreation facility. Housing of any kind does not belong next to recreation campus
443.	we need a bigger soccer indoor place
444.	Other small towns have been successful in having a multi-sport dome help meet the recreational needs and interests of their communities. I'm curious if this has been fully explored as an option. Determining the time allocation for different sports/groups, also curious if this has been reviewed through an EDI lens to ensure groups have equal access to times/planning discussions and that it's not always just based on what has been done in the past.
445.	The prime recreation times should be available to all users without preference to hockey. Facilities should be maintained more regularly to prevent extended closures due to neglected maintenance causing extensive damage to structure or components.
446.	Do not use recreation land for low income housing. We have enough.
447.	Access for low income families and even just for single adults like myself to recreation shouldn't come at a high price, I believe it is the responsibility of our governments to offer spaces of recreation that are as low as possible in entry costs. If you own a half a million property, than yes your taxes should be paying to pave the roads and to fix the buildings needed for the whole community. We need our artists, we need our spaces to create and express our art, we need our spaces to come together and dance together, if everything becomes privatized, if everything becomes too expensive, you will see all the artists leave this town and this town will become another Banff or Jasper. The idea of redistribution of resources is central to the future of this town and of its recreation
448.	Lower taxes for Nelson residents who don't use the complex
449.	We need more affordable recreation for seniors, the rock has no price reductions for age 60
450.	Please upgrade the gym space to be larger. Or get school district 8 to renovate the high school gym. Also high school gym classes should not be held at the ndcc. They already have a gym.
451.	Curling is one of the few recreational activities that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and is a staple in most communities. It's not feasible for many to drive to neighbouring communities in order to enjoy this sport. Nelson needs its curling club.
452.	Accessibility is important. physically and financially More swimming pools and arenas are needed in the slocan valley soccer and curling are important dance and movies theatre is important

453.	Discover Circus needs a home in the next year. It is an important part of Nelson's culture. The Cube climbing gym needs a new facility. Those two communities are at the heart of Nelson and are in need of a new home.
454.	The recreation Campus should be used for Recreation use only. It is NOT a place for housing. All districts and the city should be being taxed the same for the facilities. As in pay the same \$\$s per assessed property value. Why does one regional district get a free ride?
455.	it was difficult to answer the last question as there was too much left up to interpretation. for eg the comment of partnership (if this means with housing then this should be more transparent) who are the partners as this would affect my answer. May of the options for this question left too much room for uncertainty as to what the response was referring to.
456.	No more housing projects
457.	Go to the root. What brings a healthy community? To whom? Those who can speak loudest? Who already are privileged? But improving health for those most in need benefit all of us. Look beyond in what recreation can look like. A park? A mental health centre? Women centre? Daycare? Petting zoo? Indigenous healing centre? Combine this with The social development coordinator proposal from Nelson at its best, city council Dec 4. Housing is needed. Poverty and trauma prevention. Consider climate change resilience and how buildings and mental health will be affected the next 10-100 years. Plant lots of trees.
458.	Would love to have support from the City of Nelson and the RDCK for the new rock-climbing gym (Cube 2.0).
459.	Better transparency on future projects to determine budgeting for projects. One example is the ladybird expenditure. This money would help the recreation community and bring in revenue as opposed to costing tax payer money for a boat that is largely irrelevant to the community
460.	Nelson cares is should not be considered as a city/regional partner until it has proven that it can manage the programs it currently operates.
461.	Nelson leafs games are already expensive. Paying online is almost \$20 a person to go see a minor league. Increasing the cost of that would have less community engagement as there are many young people who want to be a part of the community but we are collectively struggling with money already. Free drop in classes, if not already available, should be implemented maybe once a month to get people to come to the recreation campus and create more engagement. Get feedback from people at local events about what they would want to engage in (sports, activities, ect.) talking to the community as they're out is more effective in my mind than clinking a link to fill out a survey. Not everyone wants to do that so you're getting biased data
462.	Please use the corner lot to upgrade the fitness center
463.	We desperately need a dedicated indoor pickleball facility as many other municipalities have. It is the fastest growing sport and not only is Mary Hall not ideal, with lines for many different sports on the floor, but there is not even enough time allocated at Mary Hall for the needs of the Nelson Pickleball Club. It is especially important as this is one of the few sports that seniors can continue to play in order to stay active.
464.	We support all recreational activities for all ages. Our grandchildren need an updated multiuse facility. Our communities have invested far more in recreation.
465.	I lived in Whitehorse for a year, and the Canada Games Centre there is an amazing facility. The indoor gym (sprung floor) and fieldhouse (artificial turf) were heavily used, and is one area that is lacking in Nelson. The fieldhouses are multi-sport, multi-age, with a running track around the top. More space for pickleball please!
466.	Our community needs more healthy options for kids. If we let the facilities they utilize disintegrate or fold we are creating kids that are bored, that will turn to trouble instead of sport. More activities and amenities should be made available to them to keep them from turning to alcohol and drugs for entertainment. This will also strengthen our community. We need to be long term planning. Our rec facilities are NOT a place for more housing. That is an incredibly short sighted thought process.

467.	The complex should be designed with all age groups, abilities and users equally. With our aging population, more thought for better health and fitness needs to be a priority, as well as those with diverse needs who are often left out or not considered when recreation needs are designed. Affordability must be flexible to allow ALL to be able to utilize the facility.
468.	We need a bigger fitness center. The gym is too small for the amount of people that use it to work out and Nelson does not have another adequate gym to compensate
469.	I'd like to see the City and the RDCK manage recreation funds better and be proactive in putting funds aside for repairs and future facility repair needs. Money has been taken from the recreational facilities that has been paid by taxpayers for the purpose of operating and MAINTAINING these facilities to be applied to other projects and we are now in this mess because of it. A prudent local government would know that facilities need upkeep and repairs and instead they have turned and keep turning a blind eye until we are in dire straits. All of this nonsense with the Civic Arena could have been avoided if funds were handled correctly.
470.	extremely important to provide recreational and sports opportunities, especially to youth, so that they are engaged in their communities as a life style resulting in a healthier more productive longer lives.
471.	Please consider whether the addition of more facilities at the recreation campus can support the increased need for parking. The current campus does not provide enough parking during the winter when hockey is going, swimming and people using the fitness centre. The parking lot is a nightmare. And unfortunately the activities there are not conducive to walking or public transit. Adding more activities without providing parking would be disastrous
472.	The importance questions are all so subjective as to be meaningless for example what is beneficial to the community for me will be very different to others.
473.	Water parks and other outdoor amenities for young children are very important to keep them active and healthy. Family-centric sports are important to allow families of all income levels to have fun. Curling and water sports and other indoor sports are also community building for all ages with our long, dark winters
474.	More reasonably priced opportunities for active seniors- hiking groups, art classes, pickleball, learn to skate for adults, etc. The womens change room should have more private changing stalls!!!!!!! Consider adding a gender neutral change room with individual shower rooms with doors/ locks (ie Mission rec ctr). Digitize checkin for registered members. allow multiple checkin kiosks for classes/ activities without waiting in staff lines.
475.	Consider the recreational needs of an aging population
476.	We need to consider what we can provide at a reasonable cost to the youth of our community to give them healthy options.
477.	Good recreation facilities are vital for the health of our kids and their future. sports and physical activities encourage healthy living and help kids grow and develop in important ways that can play a big part in the people they become as adults.
478.	Think critically about activities that need to be accessible by public transit/walking (ie central) and those that could be relocated due to personal vehicle use. Cost sharing and grant sharing with new library facility would make a lot of sense if the City and District are thinking wisely about future resource planning and funding allocations.
479.	The campus needs to accommodate the changing demographics while maintaining facilities for young families. We have been here for over 30 years and raised a family here. Our kids used the pool and indoor soccer facilities. Us parents used the indoor soccer facilities. We appreciated having an indoor space where we could run around in the winter months. I think having a space that adults can enjoy and exercise in during cooler months is really important in the Kootenays.
480.	Nelson is a growing community that lacks resources at the ndcc providing more fitness services and recreation can make our community more healthy and allow everyone to partake in a non crowded environment. Nelson is also an expensive place to live and our amenities should show accommodate high taxes and government grants.

481. I realize there is a cost to operating these facilities however, the benefit to the community members overall health and fitness and very hard to track and should be considered in the overall plan. Drop in co-ed hockey fees have gone up a lot in the last 5 years, an example of an activity that should not be based on making a profit or even covering costs necessarily because it has such a community benefit (many adults start playing hockey at that ice time, its a great learning opportunity). Parking is super challenging at the NDCC. I would love to see some enforcement on vehicles parked there actually using the facilities. Everyday I see MANY people park there and walk away to other businesses. Maybe random bylaw visits throughout the month could help. Perhaps fees should be structured to remain lower cost for community members, and a bit higher for tourists or visitors. Every winter the ski bums take a toll on the aquatic center! Its gets super busy, lots of people using it as their only shower and the messy state of the change rooms show how busy it is and how staff can't keep up with the increased seasonal demand.

482. i believe this space is extremely important to the community. whatever it takes to demo and build or just update this complex only helps to create a better Nelson. also, i don't believe so much weight should be placed on the amount people who utilize the complex for a certain actively as much as the ability for the space to be flexible to meet the various clubs/groups needs.

483. Nelson Cares should be paying taxes rather than burdening city residents with higher taxation to pay for their building. Partnering with them is laughable considering the financial drain they create while contributing nothing.

484. I don't think that expanded recreational facilities are necessary. The facilities and programs that are currently available at both the Nelson and RDCK owned buildings seem adequate. However, the current facilities appear to need a lot of maintenance, so money should be focused on proactive maintenance of the current facilities rather than expanding the recreational facilities or introducing new activities. Prove to the taxpayer that the government can actually manage/maintain what we currently have rather than use public funds to build new recreational facilities.

485. RDCK residents should be contributing equally to City of Nelson residents. Otherwise should pay a higher fee for admission.

486. Keeping sport and recreation safe and centralized should be the highest priority for our children. There should be zero consideration given to housing for low income or homeless on the campus location. Keep that area safe for our children.

487. Return curling

488. This survey felt very primed to try to make this seem like a plan to expand the offerings for the recreation campus. Although this is important to think about, the bigger concern is ensuring that existing services and programs are actually able to function and operate into the future. Focus resources and time towards ensuring the theatre, soccer, curling, and other facilities within the city owned civic complex can operate without large extended closures. Once that work is done and paid for, then would be the time to start looking at future options to expand facilities.

489. The recreation campus would benefit from taking into consideration the changing needs of this community and consequently the recreation interests that are also changing. We need to look at the broad scope of recreation and specifically what that looks like in our community - for example - our very active circus and dance communities, the growing basketball and volleyball demand and rollerskating/rollerderby. Creating more multi-use, flexible spaces will support collaboration between the many users and activities in our community and allow for better use of the limited footprint that the recreation campus has in the city. The City of Nelson and the RDCK need to start working together in partnership with the community at front of mind for any progress to be made.

490. We need to service the needs of our ever growing community.

491. I think spaces for activities which build community should be actively prioritised, e.g. indoor volleyball brings together a lot of people across genders, demographics and age groups (from high school to 50s)

492. As smoky summers and low-snow winters increase, opportunities for indoor recreation are going to be more important than ever in the coming decades.

493. The weight area is swarmed with youth. There needs to be a youth specific work out area or another weight room that has a max capacity.

494. Curling rink would be a hit

495.	The current facility is overcrowded and requires expansion. Its necessity is fundamental to the needs of all ages in the community and needs to be expanded for the benefit of seniors as well as all age groups. It also has to remain affordable as rates have already been raised excessively.
496.	Parking and transport is brutal at present. Let's plan for a good facility in 50 years from now. The one we have is so short sighted and we have already outgrown it. Let's go big and make it amazing. Big pool! Big rink! Lots of work out rooms. A bus!
497.	The NDCC fitness facility is not large enough to service the population. It is extremely busy and could use some new equipment. I work in fitness/health so the business is inconvenient for me but for older populations and those less familiar with fitness it can be a deterrent. I joined the squash club to have access to racket sports but its honestly unaffordable...having some kind of racket sport access through the NDCC would be amazing (badminton, tennis, pickle ball) and there is no fun/ alternative gym space like a ninja or parcours space... This would provide value to those visiting as well.
498.	The existing facilities should be repaired or replaced. For example curling, that is very integral to small communities. A new multipurpose facility should be built.
499.	It does not need any improvement it is adequate use any funding for low income housing
500.	With the increase of an older demographic building a pickleball facility would increase the health and wellbeing of its aging population. This would lower the drain on medical services, health care costs and social services for the elderly.
501.	I didn't really understand the format of those last questions but wanted to make sure it is understood that I value the availability of these facilities and feel they should be a high priority to keep. I would like to see the current building fixed as opposed to a New facility if it makes sense financially to do so.
502.	We have great facilities but they require expensive maintenance; this should be accounted for in future development decisions.
503.	The consideration of ongoing maintenance needs to be considered. It is frustrating when city owned buildings do not factor in maintaining themâ€¢ or it feels that way and then it gets to this point where buildings are considered unusable.
504.	The historical significance of the civic centre should also be considered. There is value in maintaining this building from a cultural point of view as well as for recreational purposes.
505.	I do not want housing built in or around the recreation space. If green space is developed, it should be to accommodate a bigger fitness facility. The adults in our home are active but we value sports opportunities for our children, in order to keep them busy, learning discipline, developing resilience, and away from drugs.
506.	I think you're all in for a lot of complaints, especially because of the private stuff happening at the golf course. I think MORE funding for Salmo and other areas is important before Nelson gets all new shiny things- but you have to keep up with the money moving in. Good luck. Lovely project.
507.	THE PARKING LOT AT NDCC IS LETHAL, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN - NO SPEED LIMIT, NO CROSSWALKS, NO POSTED ONE-WAY SIGNS
508.	It's difficult to anticipate the demand for new facilities and therefore also difficult to judge whether a new facility should have priority over improvements to an existing facility. This is especially true without details on the existing facility improvements, grant availability, etc. I think that these decisions should be made by the folks with all that knowledge at hand and not by the public.
509.	Would be great to expand the gym and have space for more equipment. Pretty small space for how many people use it and having to wait for machines gets pretty old
510.	reinstatement of the level of studio classes availalbe for drop in to pre-covid service levels
511.	ideally the recreation campus sole purpose is recreation and community access. The calgary olympic park is a good model to show how infrastructure development promotes involvement in activity. We shouldn't become distracted by concerns of housing access, that is another topic all together. Keep recreation planning centred on recreation.
512.	NO MORE TAX INCREASES

513. A recreation campus is central to the community and attracts needed professionals (nurses/doctors etc.). This space keeps a community healthy and connected (especially during the cold winter months). The priority should be recreation in the current recreation campus, not housing. This land is needed for recreation exclusively. If housing was used within this space, an additional recreation facility in another location needs to be planned for. We need to think beyond the one recreation campus. There should be a secondary facility which could have an indoor track, second ice rink, racket sports (tennis/pickleball/squash/badminton), indoor soccer, gymnastics, basketball court. If there were two campuses, the current space could also have the library, arts (theatre) add a playground and green space, expand fitness and add housing. This space could be more of a community space. If an additional rec space is not developed, the current land should be 100% dedicated to recreation. If housing takes the already limited recreation space it will impact the city significantly. Recreation space will be lost and never regained. If we do not think bigger in regard to recreation space, I feel health professionals and other needed taxpayers will start moving away and the overall health (mental and physical) will be compromised.

514. I would pay higher fees for entry and rentals, but please keep an affordable option for people who can't. Make it really easy for people to ask for too. I don't want people having to prove they are below income cutoff or do an big application to get a lower cost entry fee.

515. Parking at NDCC should be monitored and cars parked by non-facility users should be towed.

516. -High need for community indoor gym space to accommodate hoop and net sports that don't have their own facility. -To accommodate growing population, please consider longer hours at community campus facilities. -Please consider that many indoor artificial turfs break down into carcinogens and microplastics.

517. Thank you for your service The only Circus community in town just found out their lease will not be renewed and there is no other space with high enough ceilings to work in

518. Many older individuals and youth curl and the curling facility has not been available for the past two years or more. This means only those people who are willing and able must travel to Castlegar and Trail to curl. This is of great detriment to older individuals who want and need to stay active and fit during the winter time, a season where there are not a lot of available activities for older people to participate in that is close to home, provides camaraderie and includes teaching and mentoring young individuals to become excellent curlers. The curling rink has been open for over 100 years prior and it is imperative for above stated reasons that curling continue in the community of Nelson. BTW I am not a curler, however I am a nurse and see the detriment of reducing variety of physical activity for older people. Furthermore, my son was learning and being mentored by the generous leaders at the curling rink but has not been curling due to not wanting to travel to Castlegar just to practice. When the curling rink was open, this young team with older mentor was on the way to achieving great successes, and had won a few tournaments in the process. It was deeply disappointing when the curling rink closed down, and especially when it seemed there was not a lot of support from the City of Nelson to financially facilitate its reopening. Curling has been apart of Nelson since its inception and I believe it should be apart of Nelson once again.

519. Maybe it's time we start to think like entrepreneurs with a business mindset as what we are doing now dosent work.

520. Listen the RDCK is a bloated fish. They could bring down costs and save money if they got rid of the redundant managers and staff. I'm sure if an internal audit was done I bet you could cut 50 percent of management there. On the facility or community complex you guys need to think about your staff and there quality of life. Split scheduling and unrealistic non full time schedules screw with the quality hugely trained people you wanna keep working there. I can't stress this Enogh the RDCK wastes more time and money trying to make decisions to many managers to go back and forth with than getting things done in a timely smooth manner.. I remember when Wilma Turner ran that whole thing it was the same every year and it worked 1 facility directo 1 fitness boss 1 Aquatic 1 rink boss you get my drift..

521. The fitness training area is much too small and inadequately equipped. More weight training equipment is needed. The men's change area is completely inadequate. Showers in the fitness area are needed.a room dedicated to flexibility tracing is highly desirable.

522.	It seems obvious when looking at the taxation schedule that if you have an address that is in Nelson or area F that pays taxes on the facilities, the drop in fees/rentals should be lower than those residents who are from area E (who do not pay any taxes towards the facilities). Also, there should be a focus on non-elitist sports (affordable ones) and activities for kids/teens who do not play team sports. An art and Pottery studio would be very welcome!
523.	We need a martini bar in the pool. A bigger whirlpool with different seat levels. A more comfortable steam room.
524.	Consider aging population, people with disabilities, an adult lift needs to be added to the ndcc change room for wheel chair immobile people to get in pool, creating inclusive indigenous informed spaces
525.	Create spaces that are flexible and can serve multiple users groups. Expand the concept of recreation beyond sports to include leisure and cultural activities and create spaces in the campus to accommodate those activities. Flexible studio spaces and enhanced fitness and wellness related spaces should be prioritized over those for designated sport groups. Don't base recreation investments on nostalgia, think of usage trends and what the community needs in the future. Convert the Civic arena to an indoor multi purpose artificial soccer pitch
526.	The demographics of the community will change a lot over the next 20 years as we have both an aging retired population AND a baby boom with a bit of a gap in the peak working age population. I think it's important to make capital decision with input from the community, but bearing in mind how that input will be represented 10 years from now when the returns (in the form of vibrant high utilization community resources) from the capital investment are being paid.
527.	As a local resident and lower income of a family of 4 children, the current costs of admission does not allow regular access to the current facilities for our family. Even if the recreation campus was updated, sadly we wouldn't be able to afford to come regularly unless regular admissions went down or there was a reduced rate for large families and or local residents reduced rate since we pay taxes. How come the library has free membership with proof of address, but we do not have the same access to healthy recreation facilities? Discover Circus is losing their location within the year and are urgently needing a space that requires high ceilings and special rigging points. It would hurt Nelson's art culture to lose such an amazing artistic sport that has gained much popularity since we joined over 4 years ago. Providing a space for children and adults to experience circus arts would be truly exceptional. This space could also possibly double as a small performance space for other dance and music arts also. Kyokushin karate is also an amazing sport, they are currently renting the basement of a church and are looking for a space for a Dojo. A space for martial arts with the correct mats would be a blessing also. Climbing has been an important part of my children's upbringing, as they aren't into team sports. Please ensure the future fitness centre has a large dedicated stretching and warm up area. A space for heavy bags would be much appreciated also.
528.	Nelson needs this. It's very important and sports and recreational facilities that accommodate all ages is EXTREMELY important and needed. We are a healthy community and have a wonderful place to call home
529.	We need to eliminate the vending machines, and provide a small non-perishable table of snacks, and the \$ goes back into the recreation center, or helps support fundraisers.
530.	Arena Space, make more multi user friendly as they tend to sit empty for half the year. I feel Campbell field could be utilized. Nelson users along with area E,F, I and Castlegar could combine resources as both communities seem to not have enough users to justify a second ice facility but combined use might work. Also a gymnasium space is limited. If a gymnasium can not be built potential the RDCK could partner with the school districts and allow more access. Time tends to be restricted at these facilities. Currently gymnastics takes up all the space of the civic gymnasium at the civic. As this is a private business I don't feel this benefits the greater community. Would love to see them charged the market rate instead of the nelson tax base taking on the cost or make the space available to more user groups as it seems to sit empty most of the day. ie circus
531.	The fitness centre is almost too busy to use and is way too small for the amount of people it serves. I don't know how the place could be losing money with the amount of usage. And you don't need that many employees doing nothing.

532.	Pool is overcrowded and has no natural light. Add some windows onto front street side at minimum.
533.	New climbing gym!! A new space for discover circus. indoor soccer is important! Ice skating is important!! a community gym and pool.
534.	Recreational that is accessible to ALL is very important for a healthy community. Green spaces and parks are also important. Kids do not get the same access to programs as they used to so we really need make sure that these services are offered. The cost of these services should be based on your income.
535.	Nelsons uniquely engaged sporting community is one of the things that makes this City truly unique. Facilities being available to youth as well as the community at large is essential for continuation of what is one of the most positive aspects of the city.
536.	Consider addressing future recreation needs as an investment not a cost. Important for future generations not just us old folks. A Multi use facility to be used on a rotational basis makes sense.
537.	NDCC needs a larger weightroom with more squat racks. Basketball/volleyball gym with regular open gym times in the evening and more times for community teams and leagues.
538.	Please do not close any centres, they are vital to our family. Thank you.
539.	Nelson has a long winter and with a growing population, many of which have not yards or small footprints, means that more people are using the facilities we already have. Nelson need to put money into allowing people to stay active for a reasonable amount of money (admission) this is what keep a community healthy and happy!
540.	please work with the nelson curling club to find them another home since the city owned property they were in is not usable anymore.
541.	I would love to see community input on the vacant city owned and RDCK owned lots adjacent to the NDCC. That would be a lovely spot for a fenced playground, especially with the existing tree cover. When my kids were younger I really appreciated the drop in childcare available at the NDCC, and it was the only thing that made me start using the facilities as a young parent. I know many families would like to see that return, and a playground on that lot would be a great space for child minders to take kids outside.
542.	The existing NDCC facility has been expanded over the years but it still does not meet the community needs and is very well utilized in the region. It needs a better reception area with controlled access, more office space, more multi-purpose spaces, common area for people to wait and socialize, better access to healthy food/cafè, expanded pool lap lanes, revamped pool change rooms to the modern standard as universal change room is too small, improved parking as it gets out of control during busy times and better parking patrol as City of Nelson Bylaw does not seem to spend enough time monitoring the parking lot or it gets busy after bylaw working hours.
543.	I'm all for spending extra tax dollars if they're not wasted. I find the top heavy waste of dollars spent at both the city of Nelson and the rdck as red flag that it might not be possible to do without wasting time and money
544.	Upgrading of infrastructure is essential. Increased funding needed for NDCC to hire more instructors and expand the weight room. The curling rink needs to be resored
545.	I am very much in support of a combined affordable housing/recreation building on the property. I also would like to see expanded childcare in the facility. I also think our youth soccer program deserves a better facility.
546.	The benefits that organised team sports bring to the community are immense. Both in terms of bringing the community together and providing meaning and joy. We personally chose Nelson as a place to live based on the strength of the swimming, soccer and gymnastics community relative to other towns that have similar outdoor assets (Revelstoke, Fernie, Rossland). Losing the indoor soccer facility or gymnastics or the 2nd hockey rink would devaste significant portions of the community and lead to an exodus of the kinds of people that make Nelson the lovely vibrant place it is today.

<p>547. The civic centre is used by the larger district and should be supported by taxation from the larger district. The current taxation structure is unfair and unsustainable. The entire space is community property and should be made available for use by the larger community and not just single interest or private groups. The taxpayer should not be supporting private business. The gymnastics club needs its own purpose built facility. Local Government could support them in applying for funding to build one. The gymnastics club could team with Destination Circus which has an enrollment of over 300 people. The vacant lots need to be reserved for future recreation needs as our population continues to grow and densify. We do not need 2 ice surfaces when there are 2 more within a 50 km radius. Recreation facilities need to be flexible in their design and usage to accommodate changing needs in sport, arts, leisure activities and to serve a broad range of ages and abilities. When one group dominates usage it excludes other activities. Look at the current management structure and improve it to better plan, maintain and meet the needs of the community.</p>
<p>548. Having 2 hockey rinks and a larger indoor soccer field are super important to my family!</p>
<p>549. A city the size of Nelson should have a new updated facility that includes curling. Just look at Creston and what that beautiful facility brings to its community.</p>
<p>550. The future of the Community Recreation Campus should prioritize providing safe, inclusive, and accessible recreational opportunities for all age groups in our growing community. As the population expands, it's critical to offer upgraded facilities and programs that promote physical and mental well-being, encourage community engagement, and support a healthy lifestyle for youth, adults, and seniors alike. A key area for improvement is the enhancement of our hockey and indoor soccer arenas. Upgraded arenas will not only accommodate the increasing demand for ice time and field usage but also attract regional events, fostering community pride and economic growth. Improved facilities can provide safer playing surfaces, better seating and accessibility for spectators, and energy-efficient systems for long-term sustainability. Additionally, there is a significant need for more lane swimming options in the community. Lane swimming supports recreational needs for a broad spectrum of users, from competitive swimmers to those seeking low-impact exercise. Expanding pool space and lane availability will help meet increasing demand, reduce overcrowding, and ensure that swimming remains a safe and enjoyable activity for everyone. For youth, these upgraded arenas offer safe, structured environments to participate in team sports, develop skills, and build confidence. For adults, they create opportunities for recreational leagues and community connection. These improvements will also support local teams, tournaments, and community events.</p>
<p>551. I have noticed the fees to use the Rec Campus have almost doubled for me over the past five years. I'm not sure Nelson will support a multi-million dollar project for a minority of people. I found the last question hard to understand and weighted to favour a new complex and may skew the results. There are spelling/grammatical errors in the questionnaire.</p>
<p>552. It is our responsibility to provide a variety of recreation opportunities, ie. curling, tennis, hockey, pickleball, indoor basketball. I am by no means against low cost housing, but the rest of the community is being neglected!</p>
<p>553. 1. Get the current structures open/operating as soon as possible. 2. Consider returning curling to its previous building/location and using the 1975 structure as a multi-purpose flexible space for soccer, pickleball, etc</p>
<p>554. i think looking for a reason to develop and raise our taxes is an idiotic thing to do in a town whose infrastructure needs revamping . we need street lights and road upgrades, not more recreation</p>
<p>555. I feel that with the increase in seniors in the area, it would be great if they were to lower the cost to seniors using the facility. In the long term fit seniors cost less and they don't have to use long term housing facilities,</p>
<p>556. Most important is to provide rec amenities according to the demand. The statement of "multi use for all" is a great idea, however the cost is out of our communities ability. Users, of any amenities, from outside of tax base collection area should pay user fees. This engagement process is for community input for the RECREATION campus. There should be NO consideration for low income or subsidized housing on any of the campus. Consider alternative, green, heating sources for the campus, like wood fired boilers, similar to what Selkirk college Silver King campus is doing. Ensure there is</p>

sufficient parking for amenities users only. There needs to be a solution developed to thwart non facility users from parking in the campus lot.

557. Master swim is needed

558. Keep it Central, where it is. Develop the whole block as it is zoned for recreation

559. My taxes will increase to support this project but I don't understand why other areas don't pay into it. I am sure they use the facilities. Maybe there should be a higher user fee for out of Nelson residents.

560. We lack pickleball space

561. Any new or revamped facilities need to be multifunctional. For example, exercise classes at the complex are often very crowded, why not offer low impact classes at the curling club? Same goes for meeting spaces, there should be more flexibility. All year round usage is key as well.

562. The gym area is lacking space and insufficient and old equipment. This area is heavily used and often over crowded

563. I hate to think that there is any motivation or allocation of funds for beautification/modernization other than what is required for safety, building code, etc. I love the heritage feel of Nelson's facilities' and that they are not 'showy' or modern. We just need safe facilities that are accessible and get the job done, no expensive upgrades that are just to make them look newer or fancier.

564. I found the questions in Section D unclear. I feel that results will not indicate the wishes of the community as the questions are poorly worded. Section D should be re-done.

565. If something like indoor tennis/pickle ball courts were to become available this sort of facility should have some sort of booking system. For example, for people from outside of the city to drive in and then have to wait for courts at Lakeside rather than book a predetermined time is a deterrent for us to playing tennis.

566. Do not listen to anything Nelson's city planners have to say. They will ruin everything.

567. Space for track and field, indoor walking for seniors, pickle ball, rugby, ultimate frisbee and more could all have space to play if we had access to more and a bigger indoor soccer pitch.

568. It is an absolute must

569. We need to renovate or upgrade current facilities before expanding the number of activities available.

570. All the services should be affordable to the average wage earner in Nelson and there should be subsidies to make it affordable for low income residents. There should be shower facilities etc for homeless.

571. Please don't use this project as an excuse to raise taxes. It would be great to keep it real and true...only spending what really needs to be spent, not to pad budgets or get increases in taxes passed...

572. The rec center already has a major lack of parking, and we have a housing crisis. If we are to build a new facility or to expand the facility we have these factors need to be addressed

573. You state that recreation is more than Physical Activity, so where is the space our kids and teens can go to foster their creativity ? We do paint giant mural through town, but as far as this presentation shows little space is made for our artsy people. Where is the space for creation and imagination ? Where is the space for Music too ? Does our town even have a marching band ? How to promote things that are not only Sports ? Anima Sana in Corpore Sano ... a sound mind in a sound body. How do we create a sound mind ? Younger people tends to be more medicated for Mental ailment than ever before, how do we as a community tackle it ? We need a year-long space available for them, and not just an afternoon of playing with colours during school breaks.

574.	Instead of raising taxes, have a look at the books and trim some fat, or get a new accountant and quit spending unnecessary money. From a locals perspective, the NDCC has been mismanaged, and in the last 5 years has been closed more often than open. Operating under new management would give the place a bit of wind in its sails and fresh eyes would promote more community usage.
575.	absolutely no to increasing property tax....user pay!!
576.	Please consider the benefits to all user groups. Meeting the needs of children is essential however don't discount the incredible health benefits for seniors to remain active, eg: more Pickleball, Fit for Life, and Silver Strength opportunities. Please provide more parking options or whatever changes you make may still result in underutilization because of parking constrictions. Thank you for your thorough planning and public consultation.
577.	Poor management of the existing facilities to allow them to deteriorate to their current condition is not acceptable. Having community facilities is important in particular for families and seniors.
578.	We deserve access to affordable and quality recreational facilities comparable to other communities.
579.	it is important to reopen the theatre, which is especially important for kids and teens curling clubs are an important recreational and social gathering for all Canadian communities and desperately needs to reopen
580.	Prioritize the campus based on the community demand for use. Find a way to use hot water for ice floods. There are alternate methods for generating heat for facilities and for making hot water, such has wood fired boiler utilizing sawmill residuals, consider this. Indoor spaces should include mutli-use courts for pickle ball, basketball, badminton, etc.
581.	Defined Area E and Nelson are not the only areas which should be taxed for recreation. Many people who live in Castlegar and work in Nelson use NDCC regularly as do folks from the rest of Area E and others. Nelson is the reional hub for recreation and as such taxation must be spread across all areas although perhpas in various amounts
582.	Nothing has been included here about the Seniors Centre. Why not? More programming to keep seniors fit and active should be a priority. The Seniors Coordinating Society provides minimal service and doesn't belong in the Civic complex.
583.	Having a healthy vibrant community is considerably more important than shoving housing in every nook and cranny to increase the tax base.. quality of life is more important than packing the city coffers
584.	Focus to enhance child accessibility to participate in sports.
585.	We lack an entertainment district bylaw therefore music events are difficult to find a space for. Please consider Nelson's reputation as a live music and party leader and provide an appropriate space to host these events for long into the future.
586.	Basketball and volleyball and pickleball gyms in Nelson are either very outdated and in disrepair or in the case of LVR used by so many community groups that there are many user groups excluded from access. It is also closed on weekends and on summer, making it a resource that is not available to the community at all.
587.	I think there is a real disconnect between the needs of families and seniors and what is offered. Try to aim for low cost expansion of family fun and the opportunity for a diverse range of classes offered at times we can attend. Think about parking too. I'd love to see pottery classes, dance classes for kids and adults and some beautiful spaces for people to gather.
588.	Please don't just chase grants - we don't need another glass house for a vintage boat. Please get diverse voices - what do our seniors, children, and folks with diverse abilities need? Our spaces could use more flex - there is no room to gather indoors. What about the library facility? Think about opportunities for co-locating our community facilities and affordable housing. Area E and F need to pay their fair share for the city owned facilities...this needs to get resolved during this process. We don't need to get into a Rossland/Trail type disagreement. Making use of Kidsport or other ideas can work to reduce financial barriers.
589.	Best service for cost effectiveness
590.	Now that so many youth are using the facilities, the Gym at NDCC is too small. Weight-room and Cardio need to expand.
591.	As I've touched on, it would be nice to see some sort of late-night event/concert venue that isn't a bar/nightclub in this town

592.	Healthy projects for children then adults then seniors
593.	We have lots of low income housing opportunities. The front street vacant lot should be dedicated to recreation campus
594.	re-use existing buildings , no tear downs of valuable existing resources to make this project sustainable and not wasteful
595.	There should be pay parking at the ndcc to encourage people to leave their car home, to be more active, and to raise money for the rdcc.
596.	It is importance to have a space for the community- especially kids- that is accessible. I think we take pride in offering so many recreational programs to so many people, it is really special about Nelson, and it would be awful to lose that. I don't want to lose recreational spaces and participation because it is difficult to access or get to- it is really important for our community.
597.	More and mote dance spaces are being lost to capitalist endeavours. Not everything should be about making money. Dancing is healthy and makes happy. Not everyone is a hockey/soccer/sports person. There are lots of tax paying dancers that have nowhere to go.
598.	My daughter would like to see a space especially designed for kids and teens to hang out at the recreation complex - something like a lounge with couches, snacks, pool table, foosball, etc. A place where kids can hang out while waiting for parents to pick them up or while they are exercising.
599.	more social areas for youth (kids/teens) and young adults would be so appreciated, the community has been asking for spaces such as a rollerskating rink for social events, and spaces for inexpensive rent to host social events/wellness events/spiritual events in the days/evenings for the community
600.	Please ensure that all voices are heard and not just the aggressive and vocal groups. The benefits (as per the stated mandate) of recreation for all members of the community should be the priority.
601.	Absolutely need a bike parkade with bike tools station. Also a welcoming outdoor sitting area
602.	1. The Rec Campus should be for present and future recreation, not housing. 2. This competitive priority rating is flawed. Should be collaborative, comprehensive planning. 3. Rec5 has a predetermined plan. Expensive consultants part of deception.
603.	Giving kids extra activities in the winter should be a high priority
604.	I love the facilities we have. It makes living here so enjoyable. I would like to continue to have these indoor options as I grow older in the community. I also worry about climate impacts and the importance of indoor spaces for emergency responses and hazardous weather conditions
605.	Multi purpose sport facility
606.	The Nelson Curling Club has been a big part of this community for multiple generations. It was a strong club and was continuously growing. The Club brought a lot bc of revenue to this town over the years ! I find it hard to believe that the city would to eliminate this important recreation facility !!
607.	I think the future of the community recreation campus should heavily weigh the opinions of the people that live here and less from the local governing group call city council as it seems money has been spent frivolously and unnecessary that has not been beneficial to the community (ie. The glass box that stands erect and empty inside by the Prestige)
608.	A community facility should service the community with low cost available services. Costs should be recovered with fees, events and taxation to make the services available to a wide range of the community. The multipurpose aspect of the facility should be maximized to be able to diversify and cover costs. For example improvements to the rink to be able to host concerts and events to help recover operating costs and reduce expenses to the community. Lounge areas are comfortable for users and available for conference rentals to cover costs to the community.

609.	The question of who pays for what needs to be looked at. It seems unfair to me that people who reside outside the taxation area and regularly use the rec campus pay the same fees as tax-paying residents. I think different fees may not be allowed by law, but it's very unfair for our rural neighbours to not pay their share. And while the majority of people living at a distance from Nelson may not be regular users, lots of people are, so a higher use fee seems like the easiest solution (if permitted). Also, spreading facilities throughout the district has not worked in the past. People want to be in town, for example, if their kids are playing hockey or soccer. They don't want to travel to Bonnington or Balfour.
610.	Nelson has outgrown the gym. We are like sardines in a can in there throughout most of the day. We have enough affordable housing in town. The empty lot next door should never be used for affordable housing.
611.	More attention should be paid to ongoing maintenance of facilities, new or old.
612.	I would like to see affordable rates for NDCC facilities for full-time residents of the region (e.g. more affordable 6 or 12-month passes). I love and value the recreational facilities we have. Thank you for planning for their maintenance and improvement; community recreationam facilities are an important part equitable access to a healthy lifestyle.
613.	I don't think that this should cost any more to taxpayers. There have been so many projects, like Hall St down by the water, that have not added any value or beauty to Nelson. Instead of asking taxpayers to pay more, it would be better to divert funds from other projects as this is an essential part of having a community that is fit and healthy and providing opportunities to its citizens. Nothing could be more important than that.
614.	Nelson does not need another or expanded recreation center. What Nelson needs is low income housing and another homeless shelter!
615.	It would be nice for the sports museum to have a dedicated space and other art and sculpture incorporated into the spaces. Combining arts and culture with recreation serves a variety of needs and helps build Nelson's creative reputation.
616.	Please consider changing bilaws or to open a space that local entertainment companies can host events without being constrained to the 2am rule.
617.	Improvements to the NDCC concession could result in a significant increase funds. Why were there no questions about outdoor space? Skate park? Also, very much needed is a full size indoor soccer bubble. One of my children cannot play indoor soccer because it is full and the other was initially placed on a wait list. Indoor soccer tournaments could also have a positive economic impact on community. Curling helps decrease the sense of isolation in the winter in our senior populations.
618.	I do not agree that more taxation is the means to better/more facilities. Better use of current funding should be utilized to ensure maximum benefit to the members of the community. I'm certain that the cost and inefficiency of the bureaucracy at play could greatly be optimized to deliver a better service output to our community. Businesses and humans in general are expected and required to become more efficient and find creative means to evolve as the operating environment requires them to. It's mind blowing that local governing parties are immune to this. I also believe users should have to pay to play at these facilities and should diverge from being overly subsidized. Income generated should help pay for the next generation of facilities.
619.	We have an aging population and keeping us active held decrease other expenses (medical). Pickleball is growing in numbers rapidly and all other areas in bc have facilities provided by the municipality to accommodate this growth. Nelson needs to recognize this need and act on it.
620.	Thank you for all your hard work. Its so important. In divisive and turbulent times, having a thriving community centre is essential for raising people who understand that we are all small parts of the whole and depend on one another. When you think that this is actually the main project of a community centre , hopefully all the details of facilities, access, programs, and financials will find their place. Good luck!
621.	Seniors need activities more acess to things like yoga and aquafit. And The curling club for example. Families need more activities i lined up at 5 am many times trying to enroll the kids but most spots are taken in kids summer activities
622.	It's obvious Nelson needs more. NDCC is packed almost everyday. Nelson city needs to prioritize child activity arena rentals in the day time and adult in evening.

623.	We do not have indoor facilities for pickleball that can be used in the evening for all the people that work during the day or are attending school. This is the fastest growing sport in North America..Its not just for older retirees its for everyone.
624.	I believe the recreation campus should be reserved for sport and recreation only. There are many unmet needs and young families are openly talking about leaving because of the failure of the city to enhance the campus. I believe a multi sport gym is the highest priority, along with making sure the small rink and curling rink get up and running.
625.	Please consider social housing and other options in RDCK... Some very valuable places to stay and coexist could be created here which could benefit low income families especially, but especially those who support disabled people and children. This locus of community support could strongly enhance the safety and effectiveness of supportive housing.
626.	A stricter parking enforcement. The full lot suggests a busy day inside NDCC, but not so. Today a circled for 15 minutes, but the pool, weight room, sauna & steam room almost empty. There was a lightly attended hockey event with no spectators. Jan 6, noontime today. Generally a beautifully run facility. I'm old enough & travelled enough to know. Good job!!!!
627.	Circus are a great activities for kids and adults alike. It helps creativity, body language, etc...
628.	Living in Area H, we do not attend Nelson for recreational activities and we would not support any increase in taxes to fund same within Nelson and area.
629.	We need to be able to fix and maintain the recreation facilities we have and get them back up and running before we lose them all together. Having a variety of recreation available is important for a healthy community. The curling rink needs to be fixed and we need to make sure there is an indoor facility for soccer/off season training for baseball. We need to keep up the NDCC arena for walking for seniors and for hockey. This town needs two rinks to accommodate all ice users. It is important to keep the civic ice surface operational.
630.	Rec fees are low and can be raised. Does tax need to increase, likely no and is going to be a much higher hurdle to get past the community. When you've considered corporate sponsorship, what's been the feedback?
631.	Stop spending our tax dollars on things we didn't vote for, like the pier sculpture roof thing. It only looks good, it doesn't improve the lives of people here significantly. Pay the mayor less and any one else in government who earns over 60\$ hr. while the pension \$ for low income people isn't enough for rent, never mind food etc..home owners pay enough tax, stop stealing it.
632.	Sports (hockey, soccer etc) and recreation (gym facilities) are often male dominated spaces and can provide barriers to entry to women and other marginalized gender. I would like to see spaces that allow recreation to be a safe and equitable environment for all.
633.	I would live indoor tennis
634.	I think a large consideration needs to be taken around Organized sports, not just activities in general. The positive economic impact of organized sports in our area cannot be overlooked. Hockey Tournaments, Bon spiels, swim meets, all bring tourism dollars to our area; and in many cases it is during slower season. It keeps our service staff employed and small business thriving, while promoting a healthy lifestyle and teaching valuable lessons to youth and adults alike.
635.	Area E should pay the same as area F and Nelson or the user fees should be more for those people.
636.	i think the taxing n costing should also reflect the %age of users within the overall population using the combined facilities. if 5% use one building A but the majority use B; that should absolutely weight the decision
637.	For those of us living further from the Nelson recreation complexes, the cost and time of travelling to use the amenity is very high. I do so only for swimming as this is a safety concern for children, but if any taxes were to be imposed I would want to see a pool and recreation complex built in our neighborhood with the funds. We don't use the Nelson complex enough to want to pay tax into, it isn't that useful for us. We are happy to pay the user fee for the occasional use that we enjoy.

638.	An additional Community Recreation Campus is vital to both the physical and mental wellbeing of the community members. This should be a very high priority for all participating local governments to complete asap!
639.	Think of the next 100 years. The NDCC is good. Utilize the parking and under lots, consider a redo on the dated indoor facilities and build up, put the parking underneath. The community is growing and we don't want to outgrow a small expansion. Go big.
640.	soccer is very popular and relatively inexpensive - more indoor space would be great that could also be used for other activities when not in use
641.	Badminton and pickleball are very popular in Nelson, and the loss of the historic badminton hall to gymnastics 20 years ago was unfortunate.
642.	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport. Currently, the only people that can play regularly are retired seniors yet the growth in younger people is also substantial! We need to offer many more time slots including afterwork/ school hours and evenings and many more courts to accommodate even our current growth.
643.	We would love to see a universal sport complex. We need to keep kids in sports and off the streets. Nelson's council needs spaces for kids and not only concentrate on the housing. There are other ways to fix the housing and it's being done and it shouldn't be councils only priority. If we want to see our kids off the streets, sports and recreation should be a priority!
644.	I am filling out this survey for the second time, because I am now aware of an opportunity for use of the vacant lot at the corner of Cedar and Front streets. I understand that Nelson Cares has a proposal for 50 units of housing plus 5000 sq feet of recreation space (the size of a school gymnasium) with a partnership with BC Housing. I think this opportunity should be very seriously and favourably considered. I would like to see RDCK, Nelson City and Nelson Cares collaborate to make both housing and more recreational space available.
645.	I'm confused about the land but highly recommend affordable housing and childcare
646.	The weight room at the NDCC is always very busy no matter what time of the day it is and it can cause people to become frustrated waiting for equipment. There is a strong need for the weight room to be expanded.
647.	Please make sure that this space is actually dedicated to recreation activities. No housing tucked in as part of the only way a project gets approved. We've seen that before.
648.	We desperately need a multi purpose event space that can support music events such as live bands and electronic music dance parties. We have huge talent and amazing sound systems in Nelson. Finding a space for this kind of event is really challenging. It could be a huge boon to the economy if we embrace the continued development of arts and culture
649.	I am happy with the space we currently have for gymnastics.
650.	I think the property by the crosswalk off of the corner of the rink and curling rink should be used for facilities for Nelson tax payers and not low income housing. Nelson has done a great job in providing low income housing but it's time to give something back to the tax payers in terms of new facilities that will be needed to replace older buildings. I used to live in Kamloops and the city of tournaments would be a great lead for us to follow that would give kids opportunities to play sports and keep them engaged in healthy activities and good habits and have more tournaments to bring money to our community!
651.	It has been very difficult to only have one rink during this time. Discover Circus is an amazing group that needs to be supported with a new space.
652.	I think there is an increasing interest in basketball and I believe that it provides a valuable and healthy outlet for children that are too often tied to their phones. I also appreciate that basketball is a relatively affordable sport (especially compared to skiing) which makes it accessible to a greater population. Currently there is a shortage of indoor facilities for our kids to play basketball at. Mary Hall is often full with other sports and/or activities.
653.	Make it affordable, functional over looking good
654.	The recreation campus is not adequate at the moment and must be modified to adjust to growing needs

655.	Access should be reconsidered, allowing public to move from one space to another easily, increasing visibility and interest.
656.	I think taxation should be across the board to all user groups and communities; I would consider higher fees for those not living locally or paying taxes; I do believe in the LAP program and the importance of access for all; I think facilities must be multipurpose but recognize that the winter has the highest demands (although with smoke issues more summer activity indoor options may be needed (or just use of the space as a haven for those with air filters and air conditioning.
657.	Bowling, curling
658.	The city and rdck are so top heavy in salaries we waste huge amounts of money on them when it could be better spent
659.	I love Discover Circus, and the aquatic centre and group fitness class studio at NDCC! I miss curling right now, especially the social aspect - it is hard to find a similar recreation activity that brings people from a wide range of ages and backgrounds together. I became friends with people twice my age while curling (my curling team was 2 people in their 30s (including me) and 2 people in their 60s). Activities that bring people in our community together who might otherwise never meet is so important for building a strong community and social connections! If there is a way to 'build up' (multiple stories) to have more space for more recreation activities, that would be great. Thank you for all your work on the recreation campus and putting together this survey! :)
660.	There needs to be another properly heated studio room available to accommodate rehab classes for those with physical challenges like stroke.
661.	-we need swimsuit spinners in the aquatic center change rooms. -the alert on my apple watch for "loud acoustic environment " goes off each time i'm in the hot tub room. people raise their voices to speak over the equipment noise which makes it worst. please post "quiet talking" signs, and acoustic dampers to help. it's an echo chamber and is difficult to use as a result.
662.	I would like to see a space with a good dance floor for social partner dancing. There are many adult dance classes that are held in different venues and is challenging to find venues of appropriate size and floor conditions at a reasonable rate
663.	Quality of life means different things to different age groups, fitness levels, and interest. Not having adequate facilities housed in the CRC, such as gymnastics, dance, ice time, and curling is a severe detriment to many people's social, mental, and physical health. Nelson and area has always had a strong curling club, and it was on a path of resurgence with younger people and new players excited about the sport. There really is NO reason why there is not a functioning curling facility in Nelson.
664.	We need a Multi purpose event space so badly! Our dance community has been in dire need and it is such a strong and vibrant community with a lot of support.
665.	This is a great opportunity for Nelson and RDCK to resource share and to envision a plan that meets a broader definition of recreation - more than just physical activity & aligns with the visions of The City of Nelson & RDCK. The City initiated plans for new multi-use facility which included the public library and housing. This is a good time to revisit the concept as libraries are critical infrastructures to enhance the wellbeing of communities. Even if not part of the site, a new or upgrade library/housing project could be part of the planning process to take advantage of funding opportunities, increase taxation, and community support. There are many examples of successful rec campuses that include housing, libraries. They attract visitors and support the values of wellbeing. Any structure must be climate friendly and use sustainable materials to align with RD and City's Climate action plans
666.	This is very important to the whole community specially if you have children that loves sports it's good for their wellbeing.
667.	Nelson and surrounding area has a vast array of physical recreation possibilities not only in the Campus, also in the Parks, trails,mountains. What we do not have is affordable housing for many people. New facilities and expansion of current buildings should be low priority. Priority should be for new housing, and for renovation of old facilities which need repair and are well used by a spectrum of people, especially in social/team activities, i.e. good for building community.
668.	A lot of people place a strong value on the the cultural aspect of our region. Music is a huge part of this. Let's find a permanent home for dj and live music shows!

<p>669. We need more community spaces to gather and be brought together. When people dance they are brought together by fun and music and unique fashion, and nelson does not have any good options for night life. No loud music, bylaws that limit and no life on the streets past 2am. where is nelsons fun?</p>
<p>670. Including a multi-use sport floor in the Community Recreation Campus would address a critical need in Nelson by providing a space for diverse recreational opportunities, including a vital home for the local not-for-profit roller derby team. Roller derby offers far more than athletic competition—it creates a safe and inclusive space for marginalized adults, including women, people of color, and members of the queer community, to engage in physical activity, build supportive networks, and foster personal growth. Adults in particular often face limited opportunities to learn a new sport or join a team, as recreation spaces are frequently prioritized for youth activities. While supporting children is essential, the need for adult-focused programs cannot be overlooked—especially for marginalized groups who may not feel welcome in traditional sports environments. Roller derby is unique in its commitment to inclusivity, welcoming people of all genders and backgrounds to participate in a sport that emphasizes teamwork, resilience, and community building. Moreover, the addition of a multi-use sport floor would enable the roller derby team to expand its offerings to include safe spaces for youth and teens. By providing opportunities for younger generations to learn roller derby, the community could instill important life skills, foster confidence, and build a sense of belonging in a supportive environment. Roller derby's rapid growth as a global sport highlights its transformative potential. It is not just about physical activity; it is about creating healthier, happier individuals and stronger communities. An adequate facility that accommodates roller derby and other diverse activities would ensure this sport—and its many benefits—has the opportunity to thrive in Nelson, making the Community Recreation Campus a true hub for inclusivity, recreation, and community connection.</p>
<p>671. The civic center facilities are heavily utilized by RDCK residents. On a given night of pickup co-ed hockey, at least 50% of the dressing room is from the North Shore, Ymir, Blewett, and surrounding areas. Tax revenue from the surrounding areas should contribute to the civic center facilities. Alternatively, children's recreation programs by Civic Center leasees are well attended and hard to register children for. The civic arena is also well used. If City residents are solely funding the facility, they should be given priority usage. I am supportive of borrowing and tax increases to fund better recreational opportunities, but I am adamantly against any affordable housing initiatives. The Recreation Campus lands and tax funding need to be used for recreation opportunities and community health and wellbeing, and kept separate from social housing initiatives.</p>
<p>672. Healthy indoor recreation is very important to all and the heat and smoke during summer months is an ongoing concern. It is not going away.</p>
<p>673. I think the facility and Nelson need to expand the fitness center. We moved from squamish and this community is severely lacking in fitness centers like what the ndcc has. It is hard to find a time that isn't busy, that is rare compared to any other community I have lived in (and there have been many).</p>
<p>674. Taxation should be less for seniors as most seniors do not use the facility.</p>
<p>675. Don't build the housing project on the corner at 824 Front St. That should be for community facilities.</p>
<p>676. The indoor soccer centre is fully subscribed. They need their space ideally largened and at a minimum maintained.</p>
<p>677. Sport is essential to community health and well being and it would be short sighted to not develop better facilities to meet the aging infrastructure and growing needs of our community</p>
<p>678. I think that locals don't have extra funds. We feel the recreation sites and services should be a GIVEN in our community. They should service the community. They should ALWAYS PAY their employees the living wage in the area. I think a lot of the services aren't widely known. I think the gym needs to be expanded as it's insanely busy. I think the gym should be used as emergency night winter shelters -all winter long. People are dying in our streets, people are working full time and going homeless. We need community first after wasted millions of dollars on a pier while people leave human feces on baker, crack pipes, assaults, our town is in shambles and we wasted millions on wood. I hope whatever funds go into this project actually are for the community members and not for profit beyond</p>

what is needed for maintenance and honest improvements not for profits stealing more money from nelsonites. We are snuggling. We are suffering.

679. Increase size of weight gym

680. It is critically important the space at the corner of Cedar and Front Streets is NOT used for low income or supportive housing. It should be used for recreational purposes to support ALL residents well into the future. We have enough supportive housing and these projects can be done elsewhere. Don't permanently destroy the recreation campus.

681. The aquatic centre and the fitness/gym are crucial to a healthy community. These facilities should be supported regardless of the cost.

682. More recreation space will bring more economic opportunities to this area. The ability to host club and adult tournaments without jumping through hoops with the school district would be beneficial.

683. I think it's very important that a health campus be located in town as it will be heavily used by kids and youth and I think accessibility is crucial

684. To ensure more services of technology implementations

685. More funding to the youth centre for our youths at risk

686. There needs to be a better system put in place to account for the operating costs of the ndcc and civic centre. Ndcc prices need to be higher in order for the recreation centre to be sustainable. The overhead costs of running all amenity's offered for 8\$ does not make sense. Increase the price of these services/ sub divide what services are offered for certain prices. The civic centre and arenas bring in so much revenue to Nelson not just through the hockey tournaments but by bringing family's to Nelson where they are spending money in the community, supporting local business. Must address this first. What do the financial statements look like for the ndcc in 2024? It does not seem like a sustainable business structure. Especially since the marginal quality of the experience is decreasing due to increased use but not increased equipment. Other option is to sell to a private owner who can run the facility for profit and make the centre a sustainable operation. If the city cannot afford the work needed to upkeep the facilities that is. Hopefully without needing to borrow to much, as I understand the rate of interest even for a municipality would most likely be around 5% or potentially higher depending on how funding is acquired.

687. We need two ice rinks and all of the facilities that already exist

688. We live in a very active community. It's surprising how little drop-in workout gym space is available (either privately or at the NDCC). I'd like to see more space available.

689. The Nelson City Council would greatly benefit from a fresh perspective to ensure the community's needs are prioritized. A renewed focus on developing and maintaining high-quality indoor recreational facilities is essential for fostering an active, engaged, and healthy community. These spaces should cater to a variety of sports and activities, providing safe, clean, and exciting environments for residents of all ages. Unfortunately, some existing facilities in the area have fallen short of acceptable standards, leading many, including myself, to discontinue their use. The lack of consistent upkeep and attention to cleanliness has diminished the appeal and usability of these spaces, reflecting poorly on the city's commitment to recreational excellence. A shift in priorities is necessary to uphold a standard of excellence that aligns with the vibrant and dynamic spirit of Nelson. Regular upgrades and maintenance should be a cornerstone of facility management, ensuring they remain inviting, functional, and up-to-date. By investing in top-tier recreational spaces, the council can inspire pride among residents, attract visitors, and provide opportunities for diverse sports and activities to flourish. Nelson deserves facilities that meet and exceed expectations, fostering community connection and well-being. A full turnover in the city council could bring new ideas, enthusiasm, and accountability to realize this vision, making Nelson a shining example of recreational excellence in the Kootenays. It's concerning that this survey has been released just days after the city council made a decision to repurpose an area that should have been dedicated to a vibrant new recreational facility. Instead, they've chosen to allocate the space for yet another low-income housing unit. While affordable housing is an important issue, Nelson does not need additional low-income housing at the expense of our community's recreational and social needs. This decision reflects a troubling lack of balance in city planning. Recreational facilities are vital for fostering a healthy, connected, and thriving community. They provide safe spaces for residents of all ages to engage in sports, fitness, and social activities—critical elements for mental and physical well-being. Choosing to prioritize another housing unit over such a valuable public amenity is shortsighted and does not serve the broader interests of the community. Nelson deserves leadership that listens to its residents and recognizes the value of creating spaces that uplift and enrich our lives. Our city needs to refocus its priorities on projects that enhance the overall quality of life, such as clean, safe, and modern recreational facilities. It's time for the city council to take action that reflects the vibrant, active spirit of Nelson, rather than making decisions that could compromise our community's long-term growth and vitality.

690. -consideration MUST be given to looking at other locations so as to not concentrate all facilities in one spot as the current 'campus' has inadequate parking and the area is limited in the type of expansion required; this restricts access to the facilities for seniors, limits the size and scope of any larger tournaments that involve many out of town visitors, etc -that residents of Area E be given the option of paying taxes for the rec facilities like everyone else or paying an individual annual membership fee (like at privately run clubs) in order to access the RDCK facilities -as part of any planning for new or expanded facilities the RDCK incorporate a long term funding model to take care of yearly maintenance and major capital expenses (ie: refrigeration plant replacement, etc); properly planned funding will help prevent the emergency type funding needed to address neglected maintenance as evidenced with the curling rink and the Civic complex -consider engaging the community service clubs to perhaps provide in kind support for aspects of the project -that existing facilities be examined for potential use throughout the year (ie: the arena space sits idle from May to Sept)

691. The importance of parking needs to be considered when any additional use is considered. I would pay extra to ensure parking needs are met. Recreational wants and needs of all ages and socioeconomic groups should be considered, it's not just for kids or affluent families.

692. Large venues

693. Would like to see Pickle Ball in the facility. The gym is great other than crowded
Would certainly like to see the Civic Center back

694. Having a space dedicated to dance events allowing loud sound systems is important to me. At the moment my dance/bass music community is facing challenges finding a space that is suitable for our needs. Without a venue, this community is not able to host events and therefore I lose my sense of connection and enjoyment within the edm community.

695.	Years ago, the entire block where the curling rink is was earmarked for recreation purposes only. What happened to that thought? Where is the long-term vision for recreation? I do not support housing in this location. Also, please care for existing buildings (ie curling rink/civic centre) before construction of any new expensive ventures. Our taxation is breaking many people in this area and the long term economic forecast does not look rosy with impacts from international concerns.
696.	would love to have a space for aerials like discover circus, to encourage health & physical arts in Nelson
697.	Enhanced facilities benefit everyone who use them, but if they don't use them, they do need to learn how their use can be improved. I've worked with many a fundraising for many organizations and know who hard it is to raise that dough, so government funding makes the job easier.
698.	Please provide many indoor courts (basketball, badminton, bowling, roller skating etc)
699.	Increasing recreation does not have to be just at the recreation campus. There is some difficulty with parking so having some facilities elsewhere may be helpful. Though having improved transit as part of this planning can help.
700.	I think we need to continue to improve and create spaces for all of the public to participate in fitness and social events. This benefits the health of our community and our individual citizens, while helping to boast our local economy and create additional pride in the City of Nelson.
701.	For many people the services the library offers are what counts as "recreation" I do not think this type of recreation should be ignored over sports. It would be a great place for a new library!
702.	Facilities that are already used on a regular basis to their capacity (wait lists, unable to use because demand is so high) should be improved/enhanced
703.	Would love to see a sport for ages 8-80 like tennis and pickle ball get an indoor facility.
704.	Get rid of the housing idea and use the space for recreation activities ONLY
705.	Try to have trees and landscaping , not just hard scape and parking. .
706.	The community recreation campus should NOT include an affordable housing building. The land has been set aside for recreation. It's important to consider current recreation but also future recreation demands. The curling rink seems like a facility that requires thorough analysis to see how many community members now, and in the future, it serves.
707.	Please improve signage. NDCC on a building does not give you any real information. Why not advertise that there is a Pool, Arena and Fitness facility hidden inside! And there is no directional signage into the parking lot.
708.	It is important to have good facilities for use for people of all ages. Although I do not use the facilities as much in my later years the use of the hockey rinks was very important to me and well attended. Soccer indoor facilities are needed for a large upturn in this activity year round. Recreation is important and should be supported by local government
709.	Would urge that the responses to this survey be considered in the final decision.
710.	Discover circus needs a new space
711.	Please include a space where music events can be held with no noise curfew. Nelson is bereft of music venues. Pubs and clubs are not the answer to a vibrant community music scene.
712.	Civic arena is awful and is the least accessible arena I've experienced. The stairs to enter, the stairs to the ice, and how unbelievably cold it is. Parking lot is not big enough, and fitness classes and swim lessons are very hard to get into.
713.	Community benefit is hard to define but I believe should include opportunities for intersectional connection. Nelson Leafs games for example bring to gather a diverse cross section (age income background) of residents. Other place like this include Capitol theatre civic theatre library.
714.	I fully support the idea of building a multi-use, residential-recreation facility on the vacant land at the corner of Front St. if the capital cost of the building will be funded by BC Housing. The property has been vacant for the 42 years I have lived in Nelson.

715.	As a frequent user of the NDCC, I am a firm believer that a lot more money and attention should be directed towards the current complex to upgrade the services. My parents live in Creston, so we use the CDCC frequently as well and they have a much better complex with newer equipment and far better services. I believe that given the current use of the NDCC that an increase in budget to the current services would be very beneficial to the community. I would love to see an expansion of the gym/fitness area and a possible increase in fitness classes offered.
716.	I, like many others, moved to the Nelson area specifically for recreational purposes. Since moving here 25 years ago I have witnessed a decline in the number of recreational facilities/activities available and am sad for my kids that they do not get those opportunities. In my opinion recreation and housing are completely separate issues, and should therefore be managed as separate issues. We as Nelson residents should not have to be forced to make a choice between the two. The RDCK and City of Nelson should be ashamed of themselves For forcing residents into such a predicament. We need recreation and we need up to date facilities and we must maintain our existing facilities for the enjoyment of future generations as well as expand them when the need arises. The community recreation campus should be for recreation only. Housing should be in a separate location. Please maintain our existing facilities and expand or rebuild the indoor soccer by also creating a track and other indoor activities people can enjoy. We need a minimum of 2 arenas for hockey to stay competitive and open to hosting tournaments and bringing other teams into our town. Curling should be brought back and we need a bigger climbing gym. Also, please bring back bowling. Thank you
717.	Affordable housing and recreation !
718.	It would be great to have an indoor space to walk in the winter, and to have indoor pickle ball courts and to have more indoor soccer fields for player development, increase options for winter sporting activities for youth, soccer skill development and more kids could play all year long.
719.	The cardio and weights gym space is much too small for the community. Expanding this space is at the top of my personal preference list. Increasing fees is not fair to community members who are already struggling to support themselves with the cost of living. Making exercise more costly is not the way to go. Expanding hours for the gym facilities would also be a major benefit.
720.	Stop spending on useless lake front boat exhibit and sea weed infested area and invest in something that the community will actually use.
721.	A larger gym please! And a facility that has space to showcase local art and history
722.	We live in a mountain town that is based upon activities and health. Support the community with areas that allow for this. Increasing our "tax base" will not improve the quality of life for the citizens. The community is a sum of its people. Let's focus on providing access to a range of activities that allow families to attend.
723.	I would love to see the Civic Centre facade retain its historic Art Deco appearance, while upgrading functionality.. Other buildings on the property do not seem as aesthetically designed and could be completely revamped/torn down to be replaced by "new vision" usage such as affordable housing for multi-generational occupancy.
724.	Don't built the housing .. we need recreation, health and safety
725.	The current gym is overcrowded. Change room washrooms need renovation. More space for group fitness classes are needed.
726.	would be great if the rec center had a few days each year for a deep clean and if it had automated bathing suite ringers/dryers.
727.	Indoor gym space for basketball, volleyball etcâ€¢ is a high need. Also pool rental fees for the swim clubs is considerably higher than other cities.
728.	I think the city could better spend its money to help develop and maintain our recreation spaces.
729.	Nelson is a very active town, I would use the public spaces more often if they weren't always so busy. A new space could disperse the crowds & offer activities for more people.

730. I am pleased to see the RDCK and City discuss multiuse community spaces. As a curler, who found this to be my entry into community several years ago, I very much would like to see the curling rink revitalized. I also believe that if planned and maintained properly, the rink could be better used for community benefit in the off-season (e.g. covered floor for indoor volleyball/artisan shows/badminton etc. and cooling stations).

731. The Nelson community needs to invest into a larger gym or an expansion of the existing gym. As of right now I believe the gym is overcrowded and does not provide enough space to have a comfortable workout. We have a very active community, causing our only public gym to be very packed at peak ours weather that's before 8:30am or after 4:30pm

732. rec campus space is extremely limited. Use only for rec facilities future growth. SD8 fitness programs needs their own facilities share with selkirk gym which is under utilized.

733. There are a lot of unknowns here ..my greatest concern is the safety of me and my kids upon visit..swimming in particular..homeless shower there and ive had run ins with tweakers that threaten our safety.. even the walk down to the facility is dangerous because of this..u need to choose between the tax paying citizens or enabling addicts-its a desperate place because of lack of long term housing which should get tax breaks(short terms need to be regulated and taxed far more than long terms at this point, dishonest landlords and unstable residents (addiction from the transient nature, thanks to Shambhala(tax them to!!)(its a cult more than a community) and these are issues far beyond your facility that need to be considered because they directly affect your facilities. If the community supports shooting galleries then Rally for a treatment center at every gallery to give them a choice...this is an enabling community and I am in the process of moving away because the powers that be just aren't stable enough to make hard choices..

734. Isn't there a way to generate money from people parking at the NDCC who aren't actually using it? Also, a space to fly drones indoors would be an invaluable investment in the community! Why doesn't the NDCC have a self checkin? Some times the wait to scan your card to get a wrist band is long. Especially if you have limited time to exercise each morning

735. I believe we need to invest into the younger generation. Sports are important. The next upcoming generation deserves our investment.

736. Expand on existing, build out and up, with housing on top

737. Housing is important in this community and hopefully the land available will be used for that.

738. I think the idea of having a Rec Facility that services all the potential user groups in Nelson is long over due. This is a destination town. People want to live and visit here and yet we are limping these old facilities along to attempt to meet a growing need. Racquet sports have been neglected for consideration and inclusion in these indoor facilities. Badminton is at Mary Hall and at the whim of Selkirk College's fickle schedule and demands. The facility is make due. The club and community thrived at one point in this town and is now just hanging on. Tennis has never had or been considered for indoor space. The club is fortunate to have a group of good members and board who rallied to build the facility above LVR. Tennis and Pickleball are lifelong sports and need somewhere for people to play 12 months of the year. The Squash Club is privately run by the board and has been in a state of instability for many years. The building is privately owned and has changed hands multiple times. On occasion, the facility has been taken away from the club and left out in the cold. It is an aging uncertain set up and could be gone tomorrow if the owner decides so. Discover Circus has recently been evicted and they were sub letting one of the courts from the Squash Club. A lot of other user groups will likely echo some of the same sentiments. Nelson is housing these groups in old, make shift facilities which are no longer viable. Instead of being behind all the time, Nelson needs to get ahead of a problem, that is not going away, regardless of cost or opposition. It needs to happen fast and have an eye for the future. I think we're close to the point where families, with children at least, will begin to look elsewhere if this course is not corrected.

739. I feel that the space on the corner of front and cedar should NOT be used for low income housing at all and should be used 100% to enlarge our recreation complex needs.

740. Taxes are high enough already. I believe in upgrades over the cost to build new. I'm really not interested in subsidizing other peoples recreation at the cost of others interests such as the arts.

741.	Please make it available to rent for local communities to rent and operate
742.	At present the space provided for my class is substandard. It is cold, open to the public. It is makeshift and should be relocated to a regular gym location.
743.	Our night life is suffering. We are no longer able to utilize specific sound techs at the eagles hall, and no longer able to throw late night music shows at the rod n gun club. Local shows do not happen at bloom anymore. The curling club is a great spot to be able to throw a show that is accessible, and keeps bass contained to not disturb neighbors. This is crucial to our music scene.
744.	We need a venue where dance parties can happen at night. When my partner and I come to Nelson from Silverton to "go party" we rent a hotel room, we go out for dinner and drinks, we shop at local stores. We spend money in town and enjoy ourselves. We love what Nelson has to offer and we are not the only ones but the current state of venues available to independent events is poor and not sufficient or sustainable for the foreseeable future.
745.	Keep costs lower so that this resource remains accessible to all
746.	If the recreation campus could be combined with affordable housing opportunities that would greatly benefit the community !
747.	The use of the word "campus" is misleading, pompous and confusing. While "campus" does technically refer to a collection of buildings, it is normally associated with a learning facility, such as a university. Recreation Centre more accurately describes this facility. A big "NO" to campus.
748.	Keep facilities on the basic side to keep costs down and make it affordable for more people to enjoy. No need for fanciness. Just need the facility.
749.	Build on top of the REC parking lot by adding additional parking and a soccer dome on top.
750.	There were more options for music/art events without noise control or curfew.
751.	Recreation is important for the health and well being of our citizens and brings in tourism dollars. People are more likely to want to visit and move here when there are recreation facilities. Keeping youth in sports is proven to keep them away from drugs and other choices that are unsafe.
752.	Implement cost-saving maintenance designs into the constructed design. Japan has very clever designs built in to their community rec centres that maximize hygiene control. For example, foot baths between the outside boot room, the change room, and the pool. This is a small water filled tile box built into the floor that removes dirt and grime before people enter the public spaces. This mitigates the grime that inevitably builds up in change rooms that is brought into the pool facilities.
753.	i love the movie theatre, indoor ultimate frisbee, and basketball so much
754.	Most important to me is the lack of spring boards in the pool. Formerly the spring boards were utilized heavily by the youth in our community. I think they are an excellent tool for teaching youth about risk taking and risk management in a safe environment. The proposed climbing gym seems like it will be over built and under utilized. I'd rather see areas that have heavy use be expanded. I don't mind spending tax money on recreational facilities. I do think the budget should be kept low for new builds.
755.	Use the vacant land on the corner for additional or expansion of recreational facilities.
756.	The curling rink should not be converted to affordable housing. It should be brought up to code and used solely for recreation purposes.
757.	For six to eight months of the year, Nelsonites are resigned to indoor activities, yet other than hockey and swimmer, there are no facilities to accommodate other sports â€“ volleyball, basketball, pickle ball, etc, The focus of these upgrades should to provide multi-use facilities to include all indoor sports.
758.	These facilities upgrades and user costs should be shared equally with RDCK as is used evenly with this population.

759. Community recreation is VERY important. This facility has the potential to provide year-round opportunities for residents, especially youth, to participate in affordable fitness, which helps keep our kids busy, healthy, and ultimately builds our community. The soccer program in Nelson has been amazing, and there is a continued need to provide indoor training facilities year round to ensure our kids can continue their sport year-round. Look at the success of the nelson soccer kids this year at provincials! Fantastic, and also a result of having access to year-round facilities. The current facility is old, small, and needs upgrades. Having the 2nd ice sheet at the Civic has also been great for my son's hockey development. It provides additional space for practices, games, tournaments. We need 2 ice surfaces! Indoor facilities are also increasingly important with climate change causing warmer temperatures, and unpredictable wildfires causing poor air quality, limiting outdoor fitness opportunities. Who wants their kids at a summer camp at Lakeside park when the air tastes like campfire? Who wants to go for a run, or bike ride, etc... under these conditions? This campus should also consider the benefits of indoor recreation during the summer (floor hockey? basketball?). Also.... are the plans for an indoor gymnasium to support floor hockey, basketball, volleyball? This is currently lacking.

760. A running track in the Complex concourse would be hugely beneficial.

761. Disagree with zoning/building a Housing complex on land that could be used for rec space expansion (Cedar/Vernon St).

762. This space should absolutely not be used for affordable housing, but rather needs to be allocated for recreation, in particular youth sports.

763. I think we need to improve/repair existing building a that see high usage so that we continue to have a place for all activities while also working on developing new buildings with multi sport opportunity. I think if existing buildings can accommodate multiple sports this should be explored and prioritized. For example, does indoor soccer have significantly higher numbers than curling. Can the curling rink be expanded to include soccer space? Can a gymnasium be added so there is room for basketball, volleyballâ€|or even racquet sports that take up space in facilities that would be better suited for other sports. For example, does Mary hall tent to pickle ball users but basketball doesn't have a full size court to use. Could pickle ball play at a non regulation size basketball court location and leave the full Size basketball court facilities for basketball

764. Residents in outlying areas should either pay more in taxes for these facilities, or pay higher membership or use rates. (If this isn't already the case.) Letting Nelson residents pay to build and maintain these facilities, which they benefit from, is not acceptable.

765. I think that providing affordable housing should be the top priority as it is what this community is most in need of.

766. Nelson needs to get with the times and have a designated indoor pickleball facility. It's the fastest growing sport and we can't accommodate all those that want to play. It would have huge potential bringing in people for tournaments.

767. I have previously been a recipient of a Leisure Access Pass and have been so grateful as that has allowed me continue accessing recreation in periods of low income. I think it would be really beneficial to add additional tiers to the membership options available at the NDCC. This would make the facility more accessible and affordable to more users. It would be great if it was possible to buy a 'gym only' or 'swim only' membership as opposed to one for the entire facility.

768. Community recreation is extremely important and should be prioritized over government spending in areas that arent for the general public. These facilities provide opportunities for growth and development of our children as well as well being of our adults.

769. I love the Nelson recreation centre: I am 58 so it's really important to continue to be healthy as an older person. Weight training is important. There is a high demand in that area I would like to continue to expand the services to accommodate increased demand. Also, Pickleball is an area that I've wanted to get involved in, but there is no availability as membership has capped because there's no space again this is an area to consider for all ages, but particularly for older individuals.

770. It would be nice to have this complex remain as a recreation-focus campus. Integrating housing might badly compromise the sense of place here.

771.	I was not aware that Nelson had indoor soccer or a second arena, until I read about it in this survey!! I feel strongly that a vibrant, healthy community must have a variety of facilities and programs that supports the needs of the community!
772.	it's important for community to have community spaces to express themselves and connect to strengthen the community, increase happiness and help to justify higher taxes
773.	I would like to see an indoor climbing gym in this area or a larger workout facility as the current one is way too over crowded it is frustrating having to wait so long to use the equipment
774.	I am really hoping for improved an improvement to the soccer facility. The community has outgrown what we have and the participation in this sport has grown enormously over the past decade.
775.	Have the YMCA take this place over and have it up and running properly
776.	So very important to the heart of the community.
777.	I think we are fortunate that we have what we have, I feel a second, larger covered field area is needed in town, for soccer expansion and other grass sports that could train through the winter
778.	The top priority should be the enhancement and expansion of the fitness center and the soccer center as in my opinion they are both very heavily used by both youth and adults.
779.	Don't use Nelson's complex much but do travel to other areas and use their facilities. Usually for concerts or live entertainment
780.	I believe we should focus on creating more recreation facilities to increase the sense of community through sport. I don't support more low income housing in this area as we don't benefit from giving tax exemption to private corporations such as nelson cares who are tax exempt we lose millions in tax dollars a year . I believe the benefit of a recreation facility is more beneficial.to the community and to create a safe place for kids and families to recreate.
781.	Alt I personally do not use the facilities much I very much see the benefits to the community as a whole. This survey seemed to focus more on the folks who are frequent users. You may not be getting the whole picture of what the community supports
782.	Need a curling rink. I am driving to Castlegar to play twice a week for the last two years
783.	More parking needed
784.	I think the cube climbing gym expansion should be supported by RDCK/City of nelson. Currently the demand far outstrips the availability in the current location.
785.	Soccer should be a major priority as it's the biggest user group in town for sports. We don't have to define ourselves by hockey at all.
786.	Any updates to existing facilities or new additions need to be operated in a financially neutral manner as many people within the community are already struggling to make ends meet. Consider projects that can be funded once existing loans for NDCC expansions are paid off in order to minimize financial burden to community.
787.	I think local government needs to stop being shortsighted on the development of the campus. Instead of looking for cheap or grant applicable upgrades, let's look at what is better for the community. Let's look at what brings tournaments to the city. Let's help small businesses with people coming to Nelson and staying in our hotels, eating at our restaurants and supporting small businesses! Big picture people!!!
788.	As a pensioner with a basic gov't pension (no private), I find the pricing of the amenities and activities of the fitness center unaffordable and the income ceiling to qualify set so close to pension income as to not qualify. It would be appreciated if the cost for seniors on limited pensions could be maybe half price with proof of GIS etc.
789.	Squash court or courts and gym for basketball volleyball badminton is a huge gab.
790.	It is key to have a variety of recreational opportunities to keep our community vibrant, healthy and fulfilled.
791.	On Costs, folks are already out of packet for activities they want to participate in. This why facilities should charge on per occasion basis for participation rather than having an across the board property tax increase.

792.	Our curling club was on the upswing, filling up drop in times and building a great community before the city shut down the club due to the ice plant needing replacement. We fundraiser and THEN the city used a "structural issue" to keep the club from opening once again. It is frustrating as a curler who does not like to drive far at night in the winter in order to curl. And my mental and physical health over the last few winters has been negatively impacted as a result.
793.	More studio space Early opening Saturday/Sunday for lap swimming Parking!
794.	I think a place for circus activities is very important for the community. It is a healthy activity that creates a strong community and culture. Connecting people from different walks of like. It just is Nelson.
795.	The existing aquatic centre and fitness centre are very busy. There is high public demand for these services and these two facilities should be prioritized for expansion and improvement. The aquatic and fitness centres are busy at all hours and by a wide demographic of the community. Please prioritize these two valuable contributors to community member health and well being.
796.	It's time the city and regional district came together to give Nelson a rec center like Creston's
797.	You guys need to get with the program you're hogging all the space in this town. This town has spoken and that's what we want we want a venue space for music people don't want to go to a bar it's gross and most people are sober nowadays.
798.	Maintain this recreation area as such. Renovation, upkeep, maintenance, developmentâ€¦whatever is necessary to keep this area for the whole community's use and wellbeing.
799.	Nelson needs sports, we need to promote healthy living and life style. A new recreational campus is a promotion and prevention strategy. Keep kids in sports and it keeps them off the street. It's two fold. You have well rounded humans you don't need to help house them. 94% of kids that play sport our less likely to participate in recreational drug use. We can not build more housing for a population that isn't growing. Short term work permits do not contribute to a community. Sporting events bring in large revenue when they can hold tournaments. It supports hotels and restaurants in the off season when tourism is low. Nelson needs a recreation complex, we can't let winter sports dye in our community
800.	Greater use of multi purpose room. Should be used for expanded fitness facility floor space
801.	Do we really need more low income housing at 824 Front St? We need more LI, but is that the best location? I'd like to see a multi use gym type facility. Also is curling worth the \$4 M reno?
802.	Affordable housing should be the most important priority for our community. This is a crisis and impacts every aspect of our quality of life in Nelson. I would happily pay much higher taxes if it was going towards addressing the housing crisis.
803.	THe Rails to Trails should be considered, including use by ATV's
804.	We are lacking a community gymnasium space for court sports
805.	CoN needs to reestablish trust within the community. A series of failed projects and lack of efficient maintenance and plans for depreciating assets has proven their management is unsustainable. The current system is not working. A new building is futile without massive internal restructuring.
806.	The Rec campus is a real asset to the community. New improvements should include an expansion of a library building within the campus, the addition of more gym space, more exercise/ class rooms. Services should be affordable and readily available for all community members.

807.	I have attended a number of public meetings as well as meetings with the Nelson Regional Sports Council. At the NRSC meeting - attended by Councilor Keith Page - it was acknowledged that the consultation process for the potential available plot of land on the Rec Campus has already been earmarked by local governments and Rec Commission No. 5 for a housing project with a small (30%) potential rec component. I think that this has led to an undermining and distrust of the legitimacy of local government and its commissions comprised of politicians, by local rec groups. I support housing projects but don't support them on the rec campus. A large parcel of rec campus property has already been developed with NO rec component. We shouldn't allow this again. As a resident there is no gymnasium space available for court sports outside of the school district-owned facilities. This should be a priority as the use of gym facilities operated by school districts is a liability for rec groups and individuals. If the needs policies of the public don't align with that of the school district, then there is nowhere for those groups or facilities to recreate. I also would like to add that the space required for a public rec facility for a given activity should be carefully considered, not just meeting minimum space/dimensional requirements, as a situation accommodating minimum requirements would just pit groups and individuals against each other for competition over access to the limited space.
808.	Open to increase in admission costs up to 10%. If there would be grant and/or government funding to help create a recreation campus, I really think it's worth exploring. The NDCC is always packed in my experience, the interest is there!
809.	This space should be used for recreation, not housing, and not for CARES, they already have spaces in town, and are not recreation. The space should include sports that are using private spaces, like squash. We need to keep current spaces for gymnastics and soccer.
810.	N/A
811.	Users who do not pay taxes to support facilities should have higher user fees.
812.	Above any recreation use, I would prefer if the unused portion of the campus was designated for a low income housing project.
813.	Community recreation facilities are a MUST and it should not be considered as optional facilities. The benefits of these facilities (and associated programs) go well beyond mental and physical health as it also facilitates recruitment of healthcare professionals and it attracts young families to move to / stay to the area.
814.	Affordable, Seniors, and Low income housing is important BUT not at the expense of the very much needed expansion of recreation facilities for people and families. We are in a crisis here and need to come up with a win win solution for both - and certainly there are other major issues that could be addressed at the same time such as using the golf course Rosemont area to address these issues not ONE small empty lot. Also we could move the recycling plant on Airport road to behind the mall etc - and look at developing that area or putting a few mobile homes and portables to address the need for drop in centre and showers etc. The City and RDCK need to step up to make the other possibilities on the table so that the community is not pitted against each other further stigmatizing vulnerable or low income populations. Recreation, Transit and Housing - have been neglected for years, and now an expanding city and local rural communities are understandably frustrated.
815.	Everything seems fine just the way it is
816.	Curling business in Nelson historically built part of the current campus. Seniors and all benefit from life long activities like curling as a national pastime. Curling welcomes people from around the world during ski season.
817.	Soccer please. Improve the soccer situation for indoor and in general to provide better year round access with more space.
818.	Over 20 years ago, there was a referendum asking if we wanted to spend more to expand the NDCC. We agreed we did. We voted to as well. We were very disheartened to see so much of the money go to the hockey arena although hockey may seem like everything to many people, the reality is the majority of people in the Nelson area do not use it or partake in it. We think it is very important to expand other areas of the NDCC to carry and cater to other community groups aside from hockey. We were very dismayed all those years ago to see such little money initially put into the pool and a few years later everything needed to be redone, tiles were falling from the ceiling. The heat needed to be fixed and so on. For our family and our community and social groups, expansion and

	<p>maintenance and enhancement of areas outside of the hockey arena would be preferred and ideal.</p>
819.	Would love to see more options or have better access to programs or discounts for lower income folks - not just families and youth
820.	Many of the existing facilities are for sports that have fallen out of favor and are dying in terms of participation (eg. Curling and even hockey)
821.	available to all at a reasonable cost. If have a membership, then all classes should be included in the membership fee without having to purchase that class separately
822.	There has been much investment in affordable housing. There has been little investment in new or upgraded facilities. Population has increased. We have little in the way of track and field. An indoor soccer venue would be well used.
823.	Fee structures are very imp. Seniors should be considered a high priority age 65 not 75. I was considered a senior from 60-67, then that was taken away from me.now I have to wait till I'm 75. The rate that is considered low income is higher than poverty rate in BC. I don't know how what they did in raising prices was even legal. So disrespectful to seniors.
824.	I think our current, even updated, infrastructure of our pool and gym are bursting at the seams (parking included, however the minimal parking situation likely encourages folks to consider biking/walking/transit if they are able) Same holds true for our soccer facilities. Evening and weekends are so full! We have to put caps on the number of teams allowed in leagues because there isn't enough field time.
825.	No more low income housing
826.	Creating affordable housing mixed with the concept of expanding the weight room makes alot of sense to me. Expansion of the weight room would be much less costly given the grants available through BC housing. And taxes and revenue from the housing facility would benefit tax payers and users. A win win.
827.	Please don't close the soccer facility
828.	Please move forward with a larger recreation campus. Recreation is so important in developing well balanced children and keeping people of all ages active and healthy. Nelson has a long and dark fall, winter, spring season with tough weather. We need space to continue to recreate during those times. Put the building blocks in place to develop healthy adults by supporting things for children so we can hopefully have a healthier generation coming up.
829.	I feel the general adult population is under prioritized. I understand the need for youth sport and seniors activities but what about those of us in the middle? We are the highest tax payers and the least served. Also consider the idea of lifelong wellness. Will the kids have the opportunity to continue their love of sport into adulthood or only be able return to it when they are ailing? Access should be for everyone.
830.	Prioritize: Indoor Soccer Curling Climbing center
831.	Discover Circus is providing high quality programming to the community and requires suitable space to house its programs. I would support it receiving space within this complex.
832.	More parking !!!!!!

833. RACKETBALL, SQUASH & CURLING FACILITIES ARE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN. THESE SPORTS ARE NO LONGER POPULAR AND WOULD SERVE VERY FEW INDIVIDUALS. PICKLEBALL IS VERY POPULAR FOR ALL AGES. IT IS PARTICULARLY A BARRIER FOR YOUNGER PLAYERS AS "CLUBS" MONOPOLIZE THE COURTS. YOUNGER PEOPLE NEED ACCESS TO PICKLEBALL COURTS OUTSIDE OF DAYTIME SCHOOL AND WORK HOURS. UNTIL A FACILITY IS PROVIDED PICKLEBALL NETS SHOULD BE SET UP AND MAINTAINED AT LAKESIDE PARK FOR CASUAL USERS. RARELY ARE THE LAKESIDE PARK TENNIS COURTS FULL. NOTE: RICHMOND BC CONVERTED THEIR CURLING RINK TO INDOOR PICKLEBALL AND MAY BE A CASE STUDY. GYRO PARK POOL: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EITHER A HALF DAY (SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK) OR CERTAIN HOURS PER DAY WHERE THE GYRO PARK POOL IS AVAILABLE TO ADULTS. IT IS UNDER UTILIZED AT CERTAIN DAYS/ TIMES. ADULTS AND SENIORS SHOULD ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO THE POOL TO COOL OFF DURING THE SUMMER (CURRENTLY GYRO PARK POOL IS AVAILABLE ONLY IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH YOU - WHICH MAKES SENSE BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY.) OTHER SPORTS THAT I WOULD PARTICIPATE IN IF A COMMUNITY GYM WERE AVAILABLE ARE BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS. NOTE; THE NELSON RECREATION CENTRE'S DROP IN FITNESS AND YOGA CLASSES ARE ALMOST ALWAYS FULL AND TURNING PEOPLE AWAY. ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THESE ACTIVITIES AS WELL. BUILDING ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACTIVE, HEALTHY & HAPPY! THANK YOU

834. I have wondered if RDCK should consider building more rec facilities out towards the junction. 3/4 of my sons hockey team lives that direction and also although we may have to travel more in the highway less people would also come into the city to recreate? Young families seem to be building out that way do to lower prices? Rink, pool, gymnasium, shared with Castlegar?

835. I believe that every possible effort should be made to maintain and expand recreational facilities in Nelson. Nelson is an active community and is growing! More facilities are necessary to accommodate the growing population. Recreation and fitness are key to healthy and strong communities.

836. Parking is becoming an increased problem at the pool/gym/skate complex. More parking is needed.

837. A multip purpose gymnasium with an indoor track around the gymnasium would benefit many youth programs (gymnasiums can house many different recreation options, indoor basketball, soccer, badminton, volleyball, work out classes, floor hockey) and an indoor ring track around a gymnasium serves not only our high performance athletes, but also, our elders. Our elders often go to the mall to walk in the winter! That is crazy!

838. Rebuild all of it

839. With densification and population growth you cannot provide enough activities. They are a critical pillar for everyone's mental health and wellbeing, especially as people are increasingly living in unit without a back yard.

840. I worry that increased taxes for any new facilities will put an even greater burden on retired seniors whose income is not increasing at the same rate.

841. Before answering if I am prepared for an increase to my property taxes to fund these projects, I would rather the City reconsider some of the funds that are spent in areas that are not considered as important to residents. Sports in Nelson bring people to Nelson. People who come to Nelson for sports spend money.

842. The gym and sauna at NDCC are too busy to use at most many times of the day. Rock climbing would be awesome.

843. Na

844. Do not give up any land vacant or not within the recreation campus for uses other than recreation

845. Interest in pickleball is increasing exponentially. Speaking as a senior, it is a great opportunity to stay fit, it is not as demanding physically as tennis or other racket sports and fun to play. Also, it allows for social interaction among age categories. And, there isn't enough space to accommodate the people interested in playing. Adding external courts would also be welcome.

846. I'd like a field hockey group

847.	The administration area of the recreation centre should adopt processes that are more efficient and less cumbersome to patrons.
848.	As we have been without a curling Center for two + years now people are travelling quite the distances to continue to participate in the sport. People of all ages from 16-80+ yrs old. Traveling to Castlegar, Trail, and Kaslo. The future for this sport is growing world wide and provides not only exercise but most importantly a major social aspect to people's lives. The evolution of the game now allows for seniors in their 80's & 90's to partake in the activity and the social wellness following their games. Now there are leagues for jr's, U15, U18, U20, men's, ladies, seniors, masters. There are conventional 4 person teams, 3 on 3, doubles, stick curling, wheelchair, visually impaired. This sport caters to all levels from beginner, recreational and highly competitive. It would be a shame for their not being a facility in Nelson
849.	An upgraded floor for the walking track in the arena would be a bonus. The concrete is hard on the joints.
850.	Re do the curling rink in the existing spare space. Include space for housing and a gym for silks. Once this is compete, remove old curling building and indoor football. Replace with modern gymnasium, fitness centre and swimming pool. Renovate old gym and swimming pool to new housing.
851.	I believe the recreation campus now is awesome and completely fine how it is. We don't need to build onto it or make it super huge. It doesn't need to be so fancy. This isn't Kelowna and hopefully won't become it. We like our small town community and don't want it becoming a major city centre like what's happening by the Prestige. They're going to ruin this beautiful town. I would suggest making another parking lot where the empty lot is located. It's BRUTAL coming for a swim and not being able to park anywhere, every single time. You don't need to add more buildings, that will only add to the current problem. I'd say the parking is the biggest issue I've noticed. If there's hockey happening at the rink too, it's impossible.
852.	Taxpayers should receive benefits over those that don't. We pay same user fees as those that don't pay taxes for center. Until such time as we get a benefit for years of taxes there is no need to support any tax increase. So others can use center at same cost.
853.	Soccer and gymnastics are huge to our family. If we lose those activities and the movie theatre I would certainly be very unhappy. These facilities are vital to the health of our community. Things cost money to create and maintain and we should pay for these buildings to be maintained. I do not want to imagine Nelson without these buildings.
854.	The Nelson Badminton Hall was originally built as part of the Civic Center Complex and in the 1990's was given to the Nelson Gymnastics Club.. We need a decent hall to play badminton in once again.
855.	I think people contributing to the tax base should pay less in fees. For example, kids playing rep soccer that live in Harrop or Balfour should pay slightly more than the Nelson kids. Ditto entry fees for the Rec centre. Visitors and guest outside of areas paying tax should pay more. We need more things for kids to do in town, not less. Nelson should expand its tax base, it's ridiculous that Mountain Station and the North Shore up to about 6 mile are not in our tax area!!
856.	The Nelson Soccer Association created a feasibility study for a new facility - it should be included here. Also the more users an association has the greater a footprint on the campus they should have. No one does curling anymore but everyone plays soccer so there should be a decent winter soccer facility not an asbestos filled old rink with bad air
857.	My child has gained so much confidence from Discover Circus; we don't want to lose this opportunity for our kids (and adults). Please help to support them with a facility for them to use.
858.	The free pass should be 70 plus not 75
859.	I know that discover circus is looking for a new location for their aerial arts programs. I think this is an amazing opportunity for the community of Nelson and the surrounding communities. I would love to see an aerial arts facility at the community recreation campus.
860.	The curling rink was given to the city to manage and eventual led to ruin. There should be weight given to this fact and the history as one of the oldest curling clubs in BC.

861.	Living in Balfour we are 35 km in each direction from either Nelson or Kaslo. We choose to go to Kaslo for our recreation. Please do not tax us for recreation in Nelson. Should Kaslo also be taxing us for their recreation costs? It is crazy to think that we may be forced to pay for facilities that are 35 km away and we don't use.
862.	We have a significant circus community who has been working out of the ineffective space of a single squash court that is now being lost due to a not-renewed lease. It is very difficult to find space that can accommodate rigging, it would be amazing to have a permanent option for this community. It would be so easy to collaborate with other user groups in town who have similar requirements for their activities such as the gymnastics club
863.	The vacant lot should definitely be reserved for recreation. Our family uses the indoor soccer facility 8 times a week - we would love an updated larger indoor soccer facility
864.	Watching Nelson lose recreation facilities (bowling and curling especially) has been disheartening as I participated in both. The fact that Trail and Castlegar are both able to continue with these two sports makes me question what our City has done wrong.
865.	RDCK will never raise the funds to add anything to their existing foot print. Without Nelson Cares involvement all that you're gonna have is an empty lot next to NEW affordable housing. You need Nelson Cares more than they need you. Someone from the RDCK should spell that out to all the cranky selfish people out there shitting all over that Society and what they're proposing. They will build affordable housing and pay for an addition to the rec center. Can the RDCK do better than that? Doubtfull!
866.	Pickleball is increasingly popular among retired people as well as younger people in Nelson - important for our health and fun to do . Too many people and not enough space for the number of interested people - Mary Hall is shared with many groups!
867.	The existing pool and gym will soon be not adequate for the growing Nelson and area community
868.	Scrap the low income housing/hub. Nelson has added a lot of this in the last five years already. Soccer is a big deal here and hockey isn't. Prioritize soccer
869.	top heavy management / administrators cause for increases in user costs / fees and elevated taxes. Destructuring of top level staffing is critical
870.	Please create a space for the circus school and other rec offerings to operate. There's an opportunity for equity by supporting arts-focused recreation activities, as those often go underfunded and disproportionately affect children and women.
871.	Please use the lot on cedar/front street RECREATION only. This should not be for housing. There are other areas in the community that can be for housing. This lot should be for recreation only. No partnership with Nelson Cares.
872.	Recreation has a direct impact of health and this should be taken into consideration.
873.	My family just returned from a little getaway to Canmore Alberta for my birthday. We ended up spending an ENTIRE day at their rec centre Elevation Place. We in Nelson absolutely need a place just like this. The rock climbing was amazing to have with its numerous high wall climbs good for kids and parents alike, the pool had so many lap lanes instead of the craziness that is our current pool with no space. The longer lazy river that flowed right by the hot tub was perfect as a family, we all played in the river together and also could have daughter play while my husband and I relaxed and took a moment to ourselves in the hot tub while being able to still watch her. I was so blown away with being able to practice river kayak rolling in the warm water in the pool and was able to actually gain confidence and skill in a super safe environment. My husband had a meeting in the quiet chairs above the pool. We had coffee and lunch at the cozy coffee shop and I was able to switch out with my husband after his meeting to do school at a table by the climbing gym. My daughter loved having the library as well, we curled up and read books together after a perfectly tiring day of activity. Honesty, our community needs a place like this. There's NOWHERE to go inside on the off season as a family or individually in this town. It also keeps us healthy and fit. I personally think the health of the current community is much more important than yet another low income housing unit. Please please build something like this, I think everyone in our town would enjoy a facility like Elevation Place.
874.	I did not understand question 14, so I didn't answer it. The facilities I use (gym and aquatic centre) are adequate and don't need any upgrades.

875.	the cube climbing gym is not big enough for its demand. it is always so crowded that it is not safe for children or adults even with the capped limit. it is a great activity and very popular in nelson and deserves a bigger space
876.	Community Recreation Facilities greatly benefit people of all ages in our area and would likely attract people and money from outside as well. It would improve health and well being, as well as likely keep people off the street.
877.	It is sometimes very hard to get parking at the NDCC.
878.	Because I use the fitness facilities at NDCC the most, I will speak to that first. A significant increase in space to this part of the complex would be helpful. As an active user, I find it too small for the demand. There are times when it's hard to access machines and equipment in this area due to the volume of users. I'm grateful we have a fitness facility that is affordable and accessible to the community but the size needs to increase. Parking is also limited, and could use more spaces to accommodate all the facility users from inside the city of Nelson and folks coming from outside Nelson.
879.	Our current facilities is that they are often near or full to capacity, when in use at least by myself and my family. Even if structures already exist, it would be helpful to have additional space/structures to accommodate more individuals who are interested in these activities (sometimes being at capacity is a deterrent to even trying to access the NDCC). I feel this will contribute to our greater sense of community and shared experience within our very active and engaged city and region.
880.	The fitness centre attendance has significantly grown in the last 5 years to the point where certain times of the day are so overcrowded that it is difficult to find space to workout and increases the likelihood of getting sick. I would like to see the current gym extended to the Nelson owned vacant lot. I also support the notion to keep upgrading the old Arena. Having grown up in Nelson, it has a lot of memories for me.
881.	We need facilities to support the vibrant nelson nightlife
882.	My biggest concern is that some facilities will be closed down but there won't be a replacement for many years leaving us without access to indoor field or gymnastics etc at all during that time
883.	Please consider using above market housing developments as a source of financing for these projects. Developers should contribute to the community through affordable housing or helping fund community resources. Look into city of Vancouver's community Amenity contributions (CACs) as precedent.
884.	I believe the campus should have pay parking. This would increase revenue and support those users that walk, cycle or use public transit to gain access. Lower your age restriction for Senior's status to 70
885.	I think the cost of the ice surface maintenance and equipment for skating and curling is absurd, and a ridiculous and disproportionate use of resources.
886.	The indoor soccer facility should be upgraded as it is a very important and used part of children's (and adult's) sports. Curling center should be re-opened as it is a missing but vital part of our community and heritage. Hockey is another big sport in our community and rinks for games and practices should be available.
887.	At my age I am not an active user of the facilities. Also, being on a fixed income causes me to be leary of tax increases.
888.	Looking for more evening activities for adults such as pickle-ball. Keeping the community active and healthy. Investing in recreation. Providing the community with a variety of recreation options to choose from to provide health, longevity and fun to each family.
889.	People are struggling financially in this community. We need low-moderate income house and financially accessible facilities.
890.	Please make a larger indoor soccer field and indoor climbing gym with ropes.
891.	Keeping tooth in sport is vital, for so many reasons that I do not need to explain here. Prioritize facilities that can support growth and participation in sport. A proper indoor soccer dome that kids can play in year round and adequate arenas with ice so all skaters and use the ice for their pursuits.
892.	More skateboarding
893.	We need recreational spaces - community is nothing without it

894.	We feel a multi-use gym for a variety of recreational purposes is very needed in Nelson and would be very beneficial for youth, middle aged adults and seniors. We especially need a facility for Pickleball. At this time we are only able to offer Pickleball for seniors. We would love to have a facility which would allow growth of our sport for all ages. Pickleball is physical and it also a place for social connections which is very beneficial for physical and emotional health.
895.	Would love to see indoor tennis! My whole family plays outside in the summer but then no option for this or badminton even all winter. We love being a part of indoor soccer and would love seeing that facility upgraded
896.	I have lived in this community over 40 years and have seen capacity for recreation diminish. My daughter was a figure skater, my husband and I curled and attended many sporting events in the arena. I worry for the well being of younger families in this community.
897.	More parking is needed at the NDCC. The swimming pool, hockey arena and fitness center are well used and should be the priority. Please put in more parking.
898.	We need more winter pickleball space
899.	Our community is growing. The need is there. Do not over price so people cannot afford it.
900.	1. Transparency and open-minded is key: Your Campus includes lots and yet it appears that you have made some commitments to Nelson Cares re housing. Please put this on hold if you wish to ensure credibility of this process. 2. Usage fees are incredibly low at fitness Centre. Increase could be manageable and beneficial. 3. Taxation needs to change to include the full regional district. 4. This Council needs to back off the focus on housing. Firstly, it is not part of the municipal mandate. Also, a culture is being created that cannot possibly match reality: The number of housing units added and/or planned within the last 10 years HAS to exceed the demand of Nelson residents. I believe that people are moving to Nelson with the attitude that they are "entitled" to a house. Some people that live here have the same attitude: The pier is an excellent addition to the waterfront that all can enjoy and I don't see why the average resident should give up nice things in our community to "house" increasing numbers of people. I realize that meeting basic human needs can have a positive impact on health and well-being, and ultimately our streets as well, but this Council is over the top and needs to take a step back before any recreational land is used for more housing.
901.	Need to provide for existing sports that have completely lost their facilities first, particularly ones that have been important to the community for decades (curling). A housing project should not take up space on the Rec campus.
902.	We could really use more ice available in a predictable, quality way.
903.	It it feels like facilities are becoming more and more busy. It is hard to know whether this is due to the lack of other resources in the area. For example, the weight room at the NCC is regularly full of teenagers. Is this because they are lacking other facilities at the high school, or even other activities in which to participate after school? These facilities are fantastic and some of the best I have visited in the Kootenays. It is hard to plan for future activities when sports such as curling seem to have a lower interest in upcoming generations. The only other thing that could be nice is a large indoor court facility for basketball/volleyball, etc..
904.	I'd like to see improvements on the already existing aquatic centre, specifically, the frigid temperature of the air within the swimming pool area should be warmer, and more particularly, the extreme arctic air blast one gets when entering the hall into the shower and change rooms. I know there is a high demand for more pickleball courts, and it would be great if the city would consider adding this to its indoor priorities.
905.	Important to consider all the community not just typical traditional recreation definitions. Having public space for people to gather like a library is recreation!

906.	I think your previous questions were too vague to allow for informed decision making. I suspect that there are some difficult economic years ahead of us here, and we need to focus on maintaining what we have rather than expanding. If you just briefly look as you walk and drive around Nelson and Area E and F, you will notice many, many existing local government owned assets from streets to sidewalks to retaining walls to water and sewer facilities that are in need of maintenance. Boring old maintenance of existing infrastructure should be the RDCK and City of Nelson's focus for the next five to ten years, and not bling, bling new. Existing sidewalks, active transportation infrastructure, sewer plant, paving existing roads like South Shepard Drive I could go on and on and on. How about some toilets and stairs at five mile beach? This stuff is not politically sexy but neglected and ignored. I ask, where's the plan for this stuff, where's the list of budget priorities for maintenance of existing infrastructure? Jeez...
907.	Discover Circus will need a new facility come October of 2025. That means there will be no circus facility to service the 400+ members that take classes through the program. I would very much like to see a circus training facility with multiple spaces to run multiple classes at a time, ranging from small kids 2yrs to adults of all ages, and adequate space for instructors to prep and train for teaching. The circus community in Nelson is thriving and growing and I believe it is a very important part of this town's culture that blends sport and physical/emotional wellness with the arts.
908.	Tear down the old building and start fresh instead of ongoing Reno's
909.	Demands for hockey, indoor soccer and pickleball seem to be high in this community. These sports should be the priority for any new or enhanced facilities in my view.
910.	It seems as though our population continues to grow every year. The participation in sports like soccer and hockey are increasing every year as well. Would be so great to see a new soccer facility to accommodate several teams practising and playing to ensure everyone has a chance to fulfill their passions of playing
911.	Having not delved into the minutiae of this - the buzz I hear is a fear of housing being the main focus. I hope that isn't the case. Strong offerings for recreation etc. have crucial benefits to the community. There are better places unless it is somehow encapsulated and doesn't diminish recreational offerings.
912.	We Do Not want more affordable/low income housing in this area!
913.	We desperately need affordable housing for our working poor. It is the first defense against mental illness, addiction, crime and suicide. Please show the hard working people of our community you care for them and appreciate everything they do to keep our beautiful home functional. Thank you.
914.	I believe we need a facility that is open and accessible to ALL residents of the Kootenays. We need to look into other cities and how they have facilities that are open and accessible. Yes recreation is wonderful but looking at the Oslo Norway library, it was classes that are FREE and believe everyone has the right to education, recreation, and a place without judgement. Yes it would be great to have nicer facilities and an outdoor track but I would also like to see free and non judgemental options for all residents.
915.	I would like to see facilities to expand indoor PB which is the fastest growing sport in the world and provides physical and social benefits. Also it's a shame for Nelson to loose the curling rink given the long history of the sport.
916.	No student pass! Top heavy management causes raises in prices and user fees and increased taxes. re-evaluate necessary management positions
917.	I would vote for a space for the climbing gym and discover circus to operate. They are both very popular activities that are currently in very small spaces. They require the same ceiling height and rigging.
918.	The town of Nelson is growing in size and popularity, but our goal should not be to further encourage that in my opinion. It should be to serve those who chose to be here for what it is and what it has been. Support optimization of what the community already uses, and Housing should not be part of this discussion. Why not a climbing gym on the empty front street lot?
919.	No housing should be located on the recreation campus!

920.	It is really disappointing that there is no ice surface year round. It is extremely important that the Nelson area maintain 2 ice surfaces as currently with the Civic Closed all of the organizations that use it are suffering because of the reduced ability to offer their sports. It's sad when facilities are undermaintained and recreation, especially youth recreation suffers.
921.	The idea of a joint venture for the available lot should be voted on.
922.	This survey feels weighted and the last few questions are so subjective that without really understanding the actual improvements that are being considered and the costs associated it's not fair to ask how important they are.
923.	Community needs, including for those with challenges should be prioritized
924.	Let people hosts private events
925.	There are three popular recreational activities that are currently underserved in Nelson- pickleball, curling , and golf.
926.	It should be used for recreation and not housing. This space should be prioritized for the health and wellbeing of all in our community with a focus on our youth!
927.	Even just a sort of "hall" would be awesome as there is not a huge amount of options for spaces that host things like a wedding reception or a small music event
928.	It is a very well used facility. Everytime my family and I attend the facility, it is busy. If anything I'd say add more times for certain features like the pool and skating available to the public. Specifically skating.
929.	Having a community recreation campus is integral for the overall health and wellness of the community.
930.	Electoral voting areas should not be adjusted or perceived to be adjusted to accommodate a positive outcome in an failed first vote referendum
931.	Should be located so as to minimize required winter driving for majority of users
932.	To our family is very important that whatever the new campus is, that we make it affordable for people paying the taxes and also those accessing it. Finding a middle ground to keep costs low for people to access the facilities is key help this space continue to be low-barrier for all in our communities.
933.	Please help to ensure that the Civic Theatre gets through these challenging times. It's a tragedy to have to go to Castlegar to see a film right now.
934.	No more taxes for the residents. Use private investors and let the people pay that use the facilities.
935.	Racket courts are needed in the area. Squash club is expensive and there future is unsure current space. Also has outgrown current space. Pickle ballers would also love indoor space to place.
936.	There is no current gym to play basketball, volleyball, pickleball, etc other than school facilities. Currently You have to rent SD8 gyms and they are not N/A on weekends and holidays! We need a Publis gym. Nelson Hoops membership is growing and youth/adult basketball is strong ion Nelson area!
937.	**Dear City of Nelson** The ongoing neglect and lack of support for the maintenance and upkeep of the curling rink have caused significant disappointment within our community. This facility has long been a cornerstone of our community, providing a space for recreation, competition, and social gatherings. Its current state of disrepair is not only disheartening but also a reflection of a failure to uphold the responsibilities entrusted to the city. The curling rink is more than just an ice surface; it is a place where residents of all ages come together to foster a sense of community and tradition. The City of Nelson should prioritize the necessary repairs and improvements to the curling rink. By doing so, you will be preserving a vital part of our town's heritage and supporting the well-being of the residents who rely on this facility.
938.	Please no more affordable housing.
939.	Soccer is increasingly growing for the younger population and our facility can't keep up. It keeps our keeps from boredom, addiction and teaches healthy coping and behaviour management. I would like the facility to be a place kids can come to engage and play regularly.

940.	I think it is important to focus on the broad definition of recreation presented at the very beginning: Not just physical activity. This is an opportunity for Nelson and the RDCK to consider the value to the community of the library, which desperately needs more space to continue to provide all the opportunities for recreation, learning, safety and connection that the community values and wants. A combination of housing, multipurpose rooms, digital learning hub and space for expanded programs for under-served and vulnerable community members could be delivered with a new library as community gathering space. Recreation Campus should not mean just sports - learning, safety, and connection, including activities for the elderly or isolated will result in a healthier community overall.
941.	Recreation is of utmost importance to all ages. The cost of living has become exorbitant. It would not serve our community nor the individuals who live here if the cost of staying healthy was to rise (again) to the point where it was a choice between food shelter or a swim
942.	Upgrading and maintaining our recreational facilities should be a high priority. The land that existing (failing) facilities are located should remain recreational facilities exclusively rather than any other project. Nelson desires and deserves state of the art facilities.
943.	The community needs another ice sheet.
944.	Mental emotional somatic practices focusing on addiction recovery and nervous system reset
945.	I believe we should expand the offerings at the rec campus to include racket sports like squash, pickleball and badminton. I also think there should be a forward thinking approach, looking at types of activities which are growing, such as pickleball and circus. I believe there needs to be a multi sport gymnasium space built.
946.	Recreation fees should be scaled. ie seniors rates, low income rates (must fill out an application to prove this for reduced rates), and aside from that, yes rates should increase as needed for the remainder of users to support costs (if the facility will otherwise not be built due to funding limitations)
947.	The current Nelson Recreation centre is basically unusable because it is too busy. I almost never go to the rec centre other than for a booked class because it is so packed you can't actually use the facilities. What is point of paying for access to a rec centre that can't be used. I'd rather pay more on my taxes and actually get a usable space than pay for something that offers little benefit.
948.	It could be helpful to review sustainability and efficiency of each space - can there be creativity in using the space more - open it up to other programs - seniors - find ways to generate income
949.	As with ALL government organizations the issue is not the cost of enhancing a recreation facility. The issue is never ending inefficiencies. Organizations who fund themselves by taking from others rarely escape this pitfall.
950.	I live outside the taxation area but work in Nelson and therefore use this facility more than any other recreation facility in the RDCK. Should the tax base be geographically expanded to capture more user groups? This is especially true if we are adding more diverse recreation opportunities.
951.	The Civic Arena should be repurposed to accommodate year-round use and should be renovated to accommodate a multipurpose space for sports, exhibitions, conferences, shows, festivals, etc...
952.	The more we can keep our community active, the better it is for both physical and mental health. We have travelled a lot for hockey tournaments. Communities that have nice facilities, host great tournaments. The kids not only use the hockey rink, but then take in a craft fair, or go swimming. The better our facilities, the more many we can bring in from hosting tournaments (money from hotels, restaurants, shopping, using the facilities).
953.	This is a recreation campus, putting housing on this is an absolute travesty. The RDCK needs to be more truthful along with the City of Nelson. Housing is not and should not be apart of the recreational campus, you already stole part of our campus for housing. Go somewhere else
954.	please remember our aging population in all aspects of future development
955.	the pool and fitness is well used, casual drop in sports would be nice. the ice rink could be better used, perhaps free family skates friday nights during school breaks, with craft booths in corridor, mulled cider etc. xmas is a let down in nelson

956.	We need this but need low cost housing desperately. Try to incorporate low cost housing in any plan for Nelson so two and three or more generation families don't have to leave the home they love.
957.	More arena time for family events and less for hockey. More subsidized access to facilities for low income users More use of Civic Center for senior programs
958.	Enjoying getting back into Soccer in adult life after a long absence. A proper indoor field would be ideal if feasible.
959.	Recreation are very important for the community. It should be in the priorities to keep them
960.	I don't like the priority rating of recreation projects. I think the planning process should be collaborative, not competitive.
961.	As a senior I seem to use the Selkirk facility more. More selection and cost way less.
962.	I believe priority should be given for youth recreation and sports e.g. indoor soccer should be prioritized over curling. I believe that the airport should be removed and instead indoor facilities should be housed there..sports dome for indoor sports such as soccer, baseball, tennis. Portion of land can be provided for helipad only (not planes). Airport costs the City of Nelson significant amounts and is for the use of a small handful of those who can afford planes.
963.	Please bring back the Civic Ice. It is a huge asset to the community and is greatly missed.
964.	add a climbing gym, more parking, and sports activity for kids and adults
965.	The sport facilities need to stay operating in community. Low cost housing doesn't pay property taxes either does sport facilities, Sports generates a lot of revenue for our community. Businesses in our community rely on different sport teams to have tournaments. Lets keep our sport facilities open so our business community can stay open.
966.	I would love to have a space where I can host roller dancing events and also use the space to practice dance and acrobatic movements. A large open space with tall ceilings and capacity to store some acrobatic equipment
967.	The recreation campus should be for recreation use, it should be maintained. Further residential development in conjunction with another entity would not be beneficial and take away from the recreational value of the NDCC/Civic center.
968.	Please do not mix support for sports with affordable housing. They are distinct. Nelson can achieve a Community Recreation campus for all ages, complete with a racquet sports centre on the corner land, renovated 4 sheet curling rink with cement floor and eco vinyl curling rink sheets, shared rooms and facilities. join with existing aquatics and civic centre very easily through breezeways. Outside of the taxation area should be user facility fees (plus sport league fee), included in sport fee collection. Stack the parking if needed but try to park in front of building being used. Handicapped and drop off parking is essential.
969.	We need more space for affordable community recreation in this town.
970.	The gym is good value but packed and overused a lot of the time. I love the civic theatre and want to continue supporting it in the future
971.	I would love it if we had a larger gym. It supports mental and physical health and is often very crowded.
972.	Tennis courts are needed outside as well as separate pickleball courts
973.	How about incorporating affordable housing into future development plans? Seems like both could be accommodated, great spot for higher density in my opinion (add'l housing floors over rec use areas). Win-win. Unless the user numbers are higher than I think they are, sadly it may be time to get rid of the curling club facility if expensive upgrades are required. Similar comment for the indoor soccer building, although likely has higher usage. We're a mountain town, take a break from soccer get out and ski or something in the winter!
974.	New vision new heart to reflect the community needs now And into the future
975.	I am a huge proponent of the gymnastics club. There is no more positive competitive sporting environment in all of Nelson, and honestly most of BC. This club is special, and should be protected - it has done a lot of good for the community, particularly the female population who often are shuffled to the sides in competitive sports.

976.	Affordable housing should be included in expansion plans for the empty lot.
977.	The need for an indoor soccer facility is extremely important so youth have the ability to keep up with other communities in the province and throughout Canada.
978.	Invest only in services everybody uses, such as general fitness. Specific groups should be responsible for their own fundraising. seniors only area should be considered.
979.	Bring more player to the community for competitions and tournaments. That will participate in community by spending money for food and hanging out.
980.	N/a
981.	Pickleball public indoor court is needed - the old badminton hall would be a great venue.
982.	There needs to be space for music and cultural events WITHOUT sound limits, or at least above current bylaws.
983.	full cost accounting should be considered, including maintenance costs as well as co-locating multiple functions
984.	Important to engage financial partnerships, look towards donations.
985.	Increased usability of current infrastructure is also an important consideration
986.	A larger gym/workout facility would be helpful as the population would benefit from more access to weight room equipment. Many people are deterred from going due to business.
987.	A bowling alley would be great for a wide age and mobility range
988.	The last few questions were a bit confusing as they were written. Not sure how helpful the answers will be. It would be nice to see a larger fitness facility/weight room with newer equipment and more space. With Nelson growing it is often overcrowded. It is disappointing to see that the cost of fitness classes isn't included in the monthly membership anymore for most classes. Also disappointing that if a child has swimming lessons you must pay for them to swim for any period of time afterwards on top of the swimming lesson fee now. It is unaffordable to some people and unfair to the child. Doesn't make much sense if you are already paying to be in the pool for the lesson. I think it's important to have indoor recreational facilities in our community as well as a basic movie theatre. Money isn't being spent wisely... The warf by the prestige is a prime example of money that could have been spent in other places. Our taxes keep going up and we really arnt getting anything more. Not a good feeling when you are raising a child here. Bike lanes should be top priority as well.
989.	I feel the same way activities that are in high demand for space to get practice time should be prioritized to create more space for as team sports and general fitness is very important for youth and adults alike for mental heath and physical health. Low income housing is also an important issue in Nelson but having a well balanced lifestyle and providing affordable recreational opportunities helps people succeed in living a happy healthy lifestyle.
990.	Think about the big picture. Please do not make short sighted decisionsâ€!
991.	If there is an option to use the space for some kind of mixed-use recreation/affordable housing, that would be ideal
992.	Keep recreation for healthy lifestyles. Do not build any more low cost housing. We have enough.
993.	This community is extremely active, it attracts people with active lifestyles to move here. Recreation programs that are offered are well utilized and will continue granted there is space. The community centre deserves an expansion and I have been in the NDCC when it's at capacity in the gym, arena and pool. Space for more offerings for all demographics to keep residents healthy at every season of life should be top priority. Healthy active people are less burden on the health system and proven to help with mental health. It's a trickle effect. This survey I felt didn't touch on the important questions, and the questions that were asked were worded weird and a bit confusing. I felt many of the latter questions were very important but not in the sense a brand new facility is the only solution so I went more neutral answers. What is being done in the vacant land off cedar street? Do we have a say? I think it's more important to offer expanded recreation than more housing in that space and look for other options of vacant land for our housing crisis.

994.	I'm OK with using land for affordable housing as long as it is mostly funded by government grants and meets the OCP and is not done at the expense of recreation. PLEASE invest in kids activities - Indoor soccer, TWO hockey rinks and gymnastics and dance. Curling does not have enough players to align with the giant amount of space they are currently allocated.
995.	Why are we paying someone from Edmonton to guide this? Isn't there someone local?
996.	If considering new buildings - indoor gym space for playing sports is in high demand. The school gyms are booked solid and there is no indoor community rec centre with gym access. Otherwise, I think doing a good job of maintaining what we have to high quality should be important. I really like the historic civic centre buildings and think they should be maintained. Also -- subsidizing these activities through low rents and low income access is important. It can't be a place for 'only those who have money'.
997.	As a member of Discover Circus for the past four years, I would love to see a new home for the club, as we will be losing our space come October of next year.
998.	Larger indoor soccer arena with a surrounding track, could be used for rugby, field hockey, track meets, ultimate frisbee as well as filling the missing field time needed to accommodate the whole soccer community. Currently around 12,000 users but would be more if we had more field space to grow.

Please explain your answer about the use of the vacant lots at the corner of Cedar and Front Street.

1. It is nice having all of your recreational needs be in one place. We need to upgrade some of the current facilities and maybe there could be a use of this space...although parking also needs to be addressed.
2. Increasing affordable housing is essential to the area, especially with our high reliance on low paying service jobs. We also need space for our growing population to use for recreation.
3. This site is needed for recreation. To improve our current state and innovate a future for the health and wellness of our community in the heart of nelson.
4. There have been many housing projects lately and little improvement to our rec facilities in years.
5. I'm all for a mixed use recreation facility that also adds to housing inventory. There are many professional landlords who will disagree.
6. It is impossible to find affordable housing here. There are barely any long term rentals and especially in the winter with increased rent costs for "seasonal skiers". Making over the minimum wage or livable wage and I still struggle to grocery shop to feed myself. My hydro bill is insane in the winter because where I rent has thin windows and baseboard heating. People are struggling and landlords choosing to rent a 1 bedroom for \$1800+ is insane. There's also no space for someone to have a pet in their rental and be able to actually have their landlord renew their lease. Paying \$900 for a single room in a small home is insane. There needs to be more options available for renting. Long term, cheaper rent, better heating, pet friendly, accessible. If this doesn't become a low income space I hope the city implements a cut off for rent based on square footage of a rental unit, also for units that are basement, no access to backyard, horrible heating, old homes with poor windows and high R values. The majority of renters in this town are struggling to get by.
7. I think there is need for housing and if the building can be both recreation and housing that is great!
8. Seems like affordable housing is the highest priority but if we can fit in something that enriches peoples' lives (like recreation) it's a good idea. I don't know if you'll fit an indoor tennis court there though! That's my dream.
9. It's time to start focussing on the community that is here and move away from focussing on affordable housing. We all know it's unaffordable to live in a gem like Nelson . The reason that pricing for rents and for home purchasing is so high is because everyone wants to live here, let's get over that fact and move towards improving community features
10. It is not clear to me what the spaces in the second diagram relate to so I cannot comment on that. The 6 storey building footprint I do know this site and believe it definitely should be upper level affordable housing.... IF it is undertaken by a group like Nelson Cares who has an excellent record of producing this type of housing with commercially rentable lower units. I would definitely NOT approve of the city overseeing a project like this in any way, shape or form. Many residents are still seething with anger on the Pier; now a meager platform, cost over runs that residents hard earned wages have to cover in higher taxes. Please focus on our infrastructure before costly vanity projects!
11. There are other locations in and around the Nelson Area for affordable housing. What is affordable housing anyways?
12. This is an absolute must and desperately needed in our community
13. We have a housing crisis in Nelson
14. I think affordable housing is good but also give back to community. They get a good deal let them do some community service. Or volunteer somewhere.
15. This block was always intended as community recreation. It is valuable as such. We can do better as a community to provide more recreational opportunities for youth and seniors.
16. Affordable housing will only benefit the few privileged people who are granted housing it won't solve housing affordability in mass. It doesn't serve the rest of the community.

17. There are other places in the community for housing. I believe spreading housing thought the community is better than concentrating it on one location. Having one place for recreational activities makes a lot of sense. If both my kids have an activity at the same time it's easier if I don't have to drive around town trying to be two places at once. As well there are limited areas where the footprint of a rec facility would even fit. House can more easily be spread I. Smaller lots thought the community.

18. There's next to no available rentals for residents working within the community, and affordable ones are next to impossible to find. A cooperative housing model would be terrific.

19. If there is a way to combine both in that location then great. I wasn't aware that was an option. Provided the recreation is available to all the community.

20. Having additional affordable housing is very important and adding more recreational space along with it is a win win situation.

21. We need housing so that is a must if it's genuinely affordable. And expanded facilities would be great too. Maybe 75% housing and 25% recreation...

22. This is a significant need in our community

23. We need more affordable housing

24. i would like to see a solution that has a net benefit for both recreation and housing. ie by combine the project an increase in sq footage available for both

25. We need to keep population of nelson steady with good hardworking poeple

26. There is a lack of both in the community.

27. Nelson, and the City has supported a large number of affordable housing projects over the last several years. This is a huge benefit to our community. But what about all the other taxpayers living here trying to pay their taxes and wanting sufficient and adequate recreation faculties for their children. Neighbouring towns also have a responsibility to develop affordable housing. Why must Nelson be the only ones doing it and attracting more community members to town for this housing. Social services and housing needs should be a shared regional responsibility. I'm tired of my tax dollars going to affordable housing.

28. It's a shame that the only recreation campus is being diluted for housing. Once you give it all away to other causes you lose the power of having a centrally located recreation campus. Poor planning to lose this.

29. I feel that there is enough space in the Curling Rink and Civic Arena, plus parking lots to re-imagine higher recreational uses. The two lots proposed for affordable housing are centrally located to services and shopping. This use would somewhat relieve the incredible pressure for housing we currently experience in Nelson.

30. With the rising population, the demand for recreation will rise. Nelson already has many "Affordable housing projects." Existing facilities are already bustling. Keep Nelson a pleasant town where people want to live.

31. It is difficult for me to envision a harmonious blend of residential and recreational use in the same building. I would also view this available space as a valuable asset to allow for a more painless rotation of foreseeable closures (a new facility could be built here before an old one gets replaced, allowing for a rotation of facility replacements). Alternatively, this site would be appropriate for the community's long sought after Cube Climbing Center 2.0... Having such a gym connected to a pool and fitness center would be nice.

32. We need a park or something that family's can go to and use or a play zone

33. We need more affordable housing and we should support our community with an abundance of recreational options, it's what makes Nelson great.

34. The Community Recreation complex needs this land and parking, to service sports. There is no reason to mix up these issues. Nelson claims to support an active lifestyle, time to see active healthy families using safer and better facilities. Activity is essential for all ages.

35. We need housing. Plain and simple. Not only low income but affordable for working individuals. The cost of living has grossly overgrown the financial means of people working lower end jobs in Nelson. No working individual can survive while paying 60-70% of their income, we have such a large focus on our homeless we cannot forget Nelson has a large population of working poor who are frantically applying for low income housing and living in rental they cannot afford or living precariously houses due to the lack of availability. Something needs to change.

36. I think affordable housing should be situated elsewhere.

37. Climb gym, park, parking

38. Yet I would worry about parking and surrounding area. It appears to be too busy. Not bad for younger people but a bit of hardship for seniors.

39. If there is something needed in the recreation area, this is a logical site for it. Housing is needed â€” depending on who the intended residents would be â€” this is also an appropriate location.

40. Do not want to see a six story building at that location; lot too small.

41. As a person younger then 40 finding affordable housing let alone housing at all is a challenge. I make what is considered the living wage and can just barely afford housing as a single adult with no additional support. I am lucky to have the job I have but those making minimum wage without good references are left in the cold, literally. If the housing market and current rent rates continue as they are we will be seeing a lot more unhoused people. There is no reason especially as a city of this size that anyone should be left without a house and the resources needed to live a healthy happy and safe life.

42. Nelson NEEDS more affordable housing, not \$2000/m single bedroom suites with shared/no laundry.

43. Those applying should be vetted for mental health/addiction issues.

44. You have to stop spending money you dont have and just think of the citizens wont mind another \$200 increase to property tax. Will there ever be anyone on council who is fiscally responsible???

45. we have an extreme lack of affordable housing and many at risk folks that are close to being homeless. this issue is not getting any better and all possible resources available should be focused on this issue first. if someone has nowhere to live, the need for housing is more of a priority than recreational spaces

46. Affordable housing is a need and I support it being in this space. A higher priority for me than recreation would be public outdoor space (courtyard, green space) that retains the willow tree on this property!!

47. There will be families in the affordable housing portion of the charger only makes sense to have daycare nearby

48. The Nelson Rec Complex is extremely busy 80% of the time (especially the fitness centre) and requires room for growth and expansion

49. We need spaces for working people, not low income, special needs or homeless. People that work need homes!

50. Where would everyone park to support both residential and more recreation? It also does not seem like the addition to recreation would add anything meaningful (it's a small area)

51. There's to much low income housing already.

52. Affordable housing is a separate issue to this recreational planning exercise. Agreeing on a plan for recreation is challenging enough without the inclusion the controversial housing crisis topic.

53. This is a valuable space that needs to be designated for recreation. This space should be used for the expansion of the current fitness space. Add squash courts and workout rooms. It should be for the use of the entire community, not housing.

54. The current NDCC space seems at capacity often, more room is needed to expand gym space. Could use this land for an expansion to the existing building. Could expand parking under building, build up above new soccer centre, multi use sport court area, indoor track etc.

55. We need both updated recreation (a gymnasium for multi-use) and affordable housing (if it is actually affordable housing, unlike some of the other recent projects labeled as such).

56. Music venue and affordable housing are both important to the community
57. They should put recreation building all together so that it's more convenient to access . They should put the affordable housing building away from the recreation building. They can also put accessible bus stop the low housing building so that they can go whatever they want to go.
58. Quality affordable housing is important to the community. I do not support development that does not incorporate Net Zero Carbon use.
59. Cost of housing is a huge barrier. It's difficult to spend extra money at recreational facilities when more than 50% of my income goes to rent and utilities. From an urban planning standpoint, higher density multi-use/-purpose buildings are the gold standard.
60. Should be able to coexist
61. Kids need space to exercise and have fun
62. Nelson has a serious housing crisis. There are so many working professionals, creatives and even wildland firefighters that I have personally known that have not been able to secure housing in Nelson and have had to move on to other communities. Even those who were born and raised here are having to leave, not because of lack of jobs or education, but lack of affordable housing opportunities for themselves and their families.
63. We need affordable housing
64. Both are important
65. We have to accommodate our kids and community over MORE low income housing. Sport keeps kids busy, busy kids are less prone to turn to drugs and alcohol. They are less likely to need low income housing in the long run if we let them play sport. We have multiple new projects that are affordable housing options. (One by Dairy Queen, one by safe way, one on the rec centres other corner, the large ones in rosemont, not to mention the hot mess of mobile units at the hotel on the north shore) Creating more is not the viable solution at this point in time. Preventing people from requiring low income housing is an upstream solution. <u>KEEP KIDS in SPORTS</u> , give them opportunities to succeed, to join the community.
66. The housing situation is incredibly dire. The functioning of our entire society depends on addressing this crisis.
67. The city should not use my taxes for housing. I would prefer my taxes go to recreation.
68. Affordable housing if that means that it is supporting working people and families; ie, job is required and it is not supportive housing with no actual supports.
69. The community needs more affordable housing. Housing is a non negotiable human necessity and both the rdck and the city need to address the lack of housing as such
70. I would prefer it to be used for a space for all the community to use and enjoy instead of housing.
71. I don't think the fitness centre needs to be expanded now. But the property would be suitable for future aquatic or fitness centre expansion. I don't think the property is suitable for housing. It is surrounded by institutional (rec centre) and commercial buildings and is on a busy intersection. It would be better to sell it, for commercial use, or trade it for property elsewhere in the city, for park or recreation use or for housing.
72. This is one of the only recreation sites we have in town. It's surrounded by recreation and should be improved and added to with more recreation. It's Nelson's recreation area.
73. There is already affordable housing located in this vicinity. I believe that there could be something in that would generate income. It should be viewed through the lens of a business model to support the community complex instead of adding to the pressure of community services. Having a sustainable strong community center should be the focus. I feel like the space needs to be viewed as a potential for income to support the community complex and its future development rather than adding another new service. We first need to be able to sustain the community centre.
74. Have 2 floors of a building in zone 8 for recreation, and 2-4 floors (depending on The building size) of housing with underground parking for the residents(?)

75. Affordable housing and accessible and affordable recreation facilities are integral to the function of the community. If this survey aims to pit these interests against each other it displays an absurd lack of imagination. But if you're putting a gun to my head, build as much affordable housing as possible at any cost.
76. There isn't one in town for electronic music
77. I am unsure, but I guess a dual purpose is a good idea if it is cost effective and there is sufficient parking planned. Parking and public transportation are issue that need to be considered.
78. I support affordable housing! However, we also need great recreational facilities to benefit the community. Keep the property for recreational purposes and use an alternate location for housing.
79. Please use bylaws and tax breaks to encourage private developers to build affordable housing rather than direct public resources and land to such projects.
80. Affordable housing is in very short supply in Nelson (and elsewhere). Housing is a human right. Housing is a basic need.
81. We do not need any more affordable housing. We do not need it. If anything senior housing but more recreation at this time.
82. We desperately need housing. If the spaces that already exist for rec can be uplifted and/or repurposed it seems important prioritize housing over creating new rec spaces.
83. As I've read recently, and similarly to existing projects, having different options for people/households in different situations and income brackets. Mixed population
84. I guess the question is - who is the affordable housing for? Low income families? Then yes, I would support a mix between the two. I do think that it is essential to grow our recreational opportunities for youth in this town during the winter months.
85. We can not afford the cost of rent
86. In my opinion putting housing on the busiest street in town is a poor use of space. It is however an ideal location for accessibility to classes and a movement center. Affordable housing is important but should be developed in quiet and calm neighborhoods.
87. There is already insufficient space in current facilities. And not enough parking to support NDCC (no available parking most weekends). Adding affordable housing will mean no parking ever unless a parkade is built which will increase costs to users.
88. Don't build the housing
89. Both would be great. It would be important to help with housing and create more recreation opportunities for everyone, as well as accessible facilities for folks living in the affordable housing units.
90. The housing crisis is getting bad in Nelson, I would rather see affordable housing becoming available and existing recreation facilities repaired
91. I see smaller rental housing units for renters with bicycles or a carshare system setup. And some recreational use that is low noise and a low but comfortable room temperature.
92. Recreation facility build community health, and seem like a good compromise to go with the affordable housing project.
93. Housing can go anywhere!! We need to prioritize the land for recreation. This non negotiable.
94. We have had substantial subsidized housing development in recent years, with 0 rec complex development. Limited land available in downtown to do so, good opportunity to improve parking, amenities and levels of service to tax payers. Do not need additional parcels of land under Nelson Cares umbrella.
95. I think expanding rec facilities more important for the rock and city of Nelson. Affordable housing initiatives should be lead by provincial government
96. This is a challenge as the location should be tied to the rest of the recreation facilities, however, WHERE will patrons park? Like it or not, the majority of users will not pedal to the facility. While affordable housing is a necessity, I am not sure that it falls under the mandate of the Rec Commission to be directly involved.

97.	Affordable housing is a fundamental human right and I would argue more important than recreation. The lots under question aren't very big - how many extra units of affordable housing would be able to be constructed there? Is there a bigger/more appropriate piece of land somewhere? Recreation on the other hand has the opportunity to benefit many and it makes sense to cluster these facilities. I would like to see the RDCK and City step up to the plate when it comes to affordable housing in the area by offering money or land. Whether or not it should be here or not depends on a variety of factors that I don't feel like I have enough information to properly weigh.
98.	DO NOT USE THIS LOT FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING!!!
99.	No matter how much affordable housing is created it will quickly fill and more housing is still needed. Recreation is important to all members of the community and helps mental health
100.	there is not enough parking in the area for people using the rinks, (hockey and curling), the gyms, pool, especially if the a tournament or event happening in the building
101.	excellent central location for recreation
102.	Nelson cares wouldn't be the organization I would want spearheading any developments.
103.	There have been a number of affordable housing projects completed in Nelson recently. There has been little to no recent improvement in recreation facilities. Now is the time to invest in recreation facilities to keep families and residents living in Nelson.
104.	This is not the best location for affordable housing. Affordable housing should be located closer to grocery stores and recreation facilities are better located in a multi use facility.
105.	Recreation on the street level and residential for the upper floors.
106.	Expand rec a bit and also put some affordable housing units in if that works- both are important
107.	Nelson needs more affordable housing. With the rise in rent and house prices, it is becoming increasingly difficult for even the middle class to sustain themselves here. Also, with the drug crisis, one of the biggest problems is that people on the street have nowhere to go even if they want to get off it. I think that a mix between recreation and affordable housing would not only benefit the upper class levels of Nelson but also the lower class.
108.	would be good to have some mixed use space here, some affordable housing and some space available for community recreation
109.	We live on a lake in the mountains! There is recreation 360°why are people dying on the streets?????
110.	Middle income essential (healthcare, food service etc) workers (such as myself) are currently unable to buy homes. This makes it difficult to justify staying in Nelson, and contributes long term to exponential gentrification, healthcare worker shortages, and staffing shortages that hurt small businesses. We need help getting our foot in the door!! Affordable housing should be build AND sold at below market value (affordable to the average working class family), and held to fixed resale value for longevity of the project. There seems to be lots of affordable rental options now (Nelson cares), but not affordable housing for purchase- this is a huge problem.
111.	I'd support establishing street level recreation facilities with real socially responsible housing and not a market condo situation.
112.	As mentioned previously, it needs to be both. But I also don't think we need new facilities. Maintain and improve what we have. Build housing in rail town and hold onto this property as blank land until a clear infrastructure need is identified.
113.	We have to many housing projects in Nelson Our Children And Grandchildren and Adult more senior activities this what we Need no more housing projects!!
114.	I think it would be great to have both of possible. Maybe recreation in the main floor and housing above if it's feasible. But if space is limited... I think recreation is just as a great of a need as housing especially since the city and area is growing and it really already outgrew the current recreation center. When there's public spaces for folks to use, it also helps foster better and safer communities.
115.	A mix please, possible space to for games/ hobbies inc. snooker, pool, chess, dominoes, puzzles, cards etc ..

116.	We need to scatter affordable housing throughout entire city We need to save central , easily accessible land for recreational facilities and future expansion
117.	We have enough affordable housing. This land is connected to recreation and should be only be used for that purpose. Recreation is import to all of us.
118.	Both necessary for thriving community
119.	With the rising cost of living, people are increasingly unable to afford a home. The facility is becoming crowded with the rise in Nelson's population. Both problems need to be addressed
120.	Affordable housing should take priority consodering there already are a lot of recreation sites/amenities in very close proximity.
121.	Housing is of great importance but the land will only support a small portion of the population. Using the land for recreation allows for more community involvement. Dual usage is a win win.
122.	More younger people are coming to move the housing markets will settle upgrade our fitness centre etc new ltc facilities =more growth in community do it right the first time
123.	I would love to see new recreational facilities in the downtown area for kids to be able to attend on their own. Would love to see the entire area around the Ndcc dedicated to sport. I get scared having my 12 and 15 year old daughters at the facility as is. The older one is often approached by men. Would love the land to be dedicated to exercise rather than loitering. Even living space loitering. Build affordable housing in industrial area, (Raitown), BOB area, right downtown.
124.	There are numerous recreation facilities needing enormous amount of repairs. There is a high need for more recreation facilities in the community. Having more housing along a main road doesn't seem like a very good idea
125.	The proposed joint project sounds like a great idea benefitting many folks in our community. Affordable housing to me is the most important but an expansion of the community center woulds beneficial as well. Implementing both sounds like the way to go!
126.	I want to live in a community where everyone is housed.
127.	We have built enough affordable housing. It is time to build the recreation facilities and infrastructure to support the community.
128.	To integrate affordable housing into the recreation campus before establishing a vision for the campus puts the cart before the horse. There are other viable Locations for affordable housing. The mixed use proposal adds limited recreation. The community demand for existing facilities is only growing with demographic change, and that need should be the priority in the designated campus.
129.	we need some housing that folks with a disability can afford
130.	Enough housing Nelson Cares is a monster land owner already
131.	Housing is very important, but we also want to ensure there is enough space for future recreational expansion.
132.	Nelson doesn't need more affordable housing. We need more recreation spaces and more high end housing. We need people to come here with money
133.	Multi-purpose venue would be ideal, if properly soundproofed perhaps it could serve as both housing and recreation but that could prove to be tough..
134.	I do support this, but would like to say that we've had several affordable housing projects, and lots for the buckets-of-dough crowd - it would be nice to see some breaks for the middle class who need housing at some point.
135.	Nelson, in my opinion has a great variety of recreational activities & facilities. The need for affordable housing should take priority
136.	This is tricky. Because I don't know what facilities would be placed there. I think the location is good for housing and with limited parking at the NCC. It is almost worth having a secondary recreation facility at a different location.
137.	There is not enough space for youth sports. There have been several affordable housing projects over the last several years, but our children need more space for recreation.

138.	Almost anything other than affordable housing. Liberal bias has no place in this decision. Think about our children. Please! Nelson needs more recreation options for our children. Not handouts to addicts and the lazy.
139.	Bottom two floors could be used for indoor field house/ expansion to the gym/ theatres etc
140.	As someone who has worked for nelson cares for over a decade I have seen first hand how much affordable housing impacts people in the community. The addition of new buildings has helped so many. We've seen how a small footprint like the hall street nelson cares building that was once just a parking lot is now a home for so many and an office for one of Nelson's largest organizations.
141.	I feel we need more recreation here; housing can be elsewhere.
142.	I see both affordable housing and additional recreation as a need in our community
143.	Affordable housing is a great idea, as long as these projects can be completed without costing the valuable recreational programs of the community more money. Glacier gymnastics is a not-for-profit who loves our space, but needs the continued support of the city to maintain their financial accessibility to the community, particularly after a difficult couple of years.
144.	Mixed use
145.	There is an opportunity to address both items at the same time.
146.	our recreation sites are in need of more space, there is affordable house projects going in elsewhere in the city, this land should be allocated to recreation as its on the campus with the rest of the rec facilities
147.	Nelson is an extremely active community and I feel that our current situation is lacking. I would love to see the expansion of an additional fitness area and workout spaces/fitness classroom.
148.	Nothing is affordable in Nelsonâ€¦ city has to do something about it
149.	Absolutely essential to use available space for affordable housing. So little available for low income seniors
150.	People choose to live in the Kootenays because they love recreation, it is integral to the lifestyle here.
151.	The recreation centers in Nelson are starting to get old or are lacking. For example, the indoor soccer facility and gymnasium are constantly under inspection and is not a sure thing they will be around for a long while. These facilities help so much with people within the community who cannot afford ski passes, and sport is their escape for their well being. As well as having a sports center for regular drop ins for people who are unable to join sport leagues for commitment issues with respect to family or work. For these reasons I believe we should be focusing on recreation.
152.	Should be a comprehensive recreational area only
153.	Start to support the housing crisis and those affected by housing inaffordabilty
154.	Indoor soccer facilities more important for families and youth if you want to draw professionals such as doctors into the area.
155.	I think you can figure it out.
156.	Nelson have enough housing that are not being run properly. We can't even sell the housing being built.. it's time to audit the housing we have in place as there are people living in them that shouldn't be. We the tax payers are paying to run these "church" run housing.. and they are getting the tax break. Wake up council, it's too bad the one council member in charge of sport on the board doesn't even come around to talk to the organizations and really understand the needs in the community. Does he even play sports? Or have children who use these facilities?
157.	I work with minimum wage workers and the stress of housing insecurity is so taxing! I also believe we need to provide recreation infrastructure to help all residents keep physically and socially healthy. As Nelson grows, so must our infrastructure
158.	I would like there be affordable apartments which don't cost my entire income a month

159.	The town is too full. More housing means more people and we are maxed out here. If Nelson keeps building up it will collapse, there's not enough infrastructure to house any more. Water, sewer, all those things are an issue. Now the people that have been here for decades are losing recreational opportunities because of the city's ball drop on the civic Center?! They should have been collecting money years ago knowing this day was coming. You literally just finished paying and ungodly amount of money on hall street and the pier and for what?!
160.	Affordable housing is much more important than additional recreation facilities
161.	We do not have enough housing let alone affordable housing in Nelson. This needs to be prioritized
162.	We need more affordable housing in Nelson and expanding the recreation facilities.
163.	2 floors of recreation, 4 floors affordable housing
164.	I'd love to see a building where the ground floor is used for something recreational and community-oriented, and the upper 5 floors are affordable housing. Affordable housing is one of the biggest needs in Nelson right now, so anything that helps achieve that goal is fantastic. Also, having those lots solely used for affordable housing instead of a combo space would be great too.
165.	As I stated before, we already have too many people accessing the limited recreation facilities we have which make use (as well as parking) really difficult. We need more rec opportunities to meet the needs of the population of users.
166.	I'm in support of a venue that can provide a space for late night music events, with sound proofing so surrounding community is not affected by noise. Housing spaces can be designated in residential areas, whereas commercial operations cannot. Let's use the zoning of the downtown area for community event spaces, rather than housing.
167.	Affordable housing is the key issue in Nelson right now, that directly affects the mental health/drug crisis. This needs to be prioritized over recreation/entertainment.
168.	The gym is already crowded. As are the sauna, hot tub, and affordable yoga classes. We need to have quality of living for all not just the wealthy
169.	Possibly recreation based occupancies below and residential above.
170.	DO NOT PUT ANOTHER LOW INCOME HOUSING UNIT IN THIS SPOT.
171.	There is a high need for affordable housing in the area.
172.	Truly affordable housing is much more important than enhanced recreation spaces that are already only used by a small portion of residents. Safe housing is a basic human right and a major social justice issue in Nelson.
173.	We need to preserve our recreational properties for the future as old facilities need to be replaced,
174.	You don't ref housing where there is rec. buildings
175.	would love to see more seniors options. This would be a good location being close to the mall and downtown for amenities
176.	There are numerous affordable housing projects in this city but no new recreational facilities.
177.	with the limited available real property adjacent to the existing recreation complex, a different location for housing would be make sense to me.
178.	Housing is increasingly more of a challenge. Everyone deserves access to affordable housing.
179.	I think we need more space for a gym and classes with the NDCC. Currently, there is no floor space to use weights and the floor space that is available says "do not bring weights here". (One example of a larger problem that the gym space is being outgrown!) I also think that from a planning perspective when there are businesses on the main floor and residences above, you create a more vibrant community, with touch points for more visibility. It's super important to not just put vulnerable populations in a random plot of land, but to plan for what that community will look like. Could the recreation facility on the bottom have a small concession with seats for folks? Will there be a bus stop? Etc. Simply putting affordable housing somewhere and saying "yay, done" doesn't create a community. We need to start planning for communities.

180.	the new building could be multi story where the lower portion could be recreation, the upper portion could be affordable housing.
181.	Both seems like a good idea
182.	There should be an apartment for families to rent, there isn't affordable housing for working people. Rents should be pro-rated to income.
183.	We desperately need affordable housing for our working class citizens. They keep out town running with the amenities we need and love. Affordable housing is also the first defence against crime, addiction, mental health issues and suicide.
184.	It's great to have a hub for recreation. It feels like Nelson is ready for a bigger complex.
185.	We need more space for recreation and it makes sense to have it all in one place
186.	Affordable housing can be built elsewhere. It makes much more sense to utilize this space for Recreation due to it's proximity to our Recreation Centre. It would be a huge shame to lose the opportunity to use this space for recreation expansion.
187.	There's an obvious need for more affordable housing here (and province wide). I think having more affordable housing in a central location, close to amenities would be very beneficial to a lot of people. I would also say a rec facility/ housing hybrid would also be a good option as well.
188.	Affordable housing is a need, the recreation part is a want ("we" want this and we want you to pay for it)
189.	I think affordable housing is desperately needed in Nelson
190.	There are lots of recreation opportunities already, but our deep need right now is housing. I think that would be a great location and space for housing development - affordable or mixed
191.	Affordable housing is vital. It is needed in this area. With more affordable housing available more humans have a better chance of living the best life they can.
192.	My previous answer suggested a green space there, but I can also see the advantages of a dual purpose recreation and housing space. If you could integrate all three that would be amazing - with green spaces and gathering areas around all the buildings, as well as ground level recreation space, with upper levels for housing. The Nelson public library is in need of a larger space as well, and has been looking at options to improve their facilities. Libraries adjacent to recreation facilities make a lot of sense, providing convenience for parking and making use of both services. Together they can provide a work space for parents while children do recreation programs, single location for parking, and increased usership for both. I think a daycare space would also be great to see in there. The more multi use and community focused users you can bring in, the better. But please try to ingrate landscaping and greenspace however you can
193.	While affordable housing is essential for our communities, this particular space should be allocated for the recreation facilities our whole city needs. Giving this particular space to a few individuals rather than making it something thousands of individuals can use each year does not make sense, considering it's location and the inevitable need to expand the adjacent recreational facilities that would otherwise be disjointed if this was designated residential.
194.	Recreation only on this site. At the last public meeting city officials said they had already given approval for a building project on this land. This indicates the entire public engagement process is a farce. This is the only land that could address any other activity beyond what is currently available. Why gather information about, for example pickleball, if you have already a plan to take the only available land for housing. Asking for public input AFTER the plan is made is dishonest and deceiving.
195.	A Better option is to extend the foot print of the curling rink right down to the corner to accommodate a Multipurpose event Center that can host multiple recreational sports at a time instead of just one especially since the curling rink is needed within the community along with a soccer facility and a multipurpose gymnasium to accommodate roller skate events. like roller derby and roller hockey in the summer months.
196.	We need more affordable housing and it's a great fit right beside the community complex as more people can make use of that building as well.
197.	Both are important

198.	The interface between residential housing and public use spaces should be carefully considered and incredibly well thought out. we absolutely support affordable housing projects in our community as they are desperately needed. Years ago there were groups of unhoused people living in those exact spots that are now vacant and the location was a contentious issue at the time amongst the more prosperous in town who took issue with the visibility of the location. While I do not subscribe to that point of view I imagine many still do.
199.	There seems to be quite a lot of affordable housing already with new projects coming.
200.	We need affordable housing and housing developed on land already owned by the population makes a lot of sense. Transit, shopping and recreation facilities are already there including easy walking to Hume school.
201.	Mixed use and leveraging funding sources is a good model, consider rebuilding aging parts of the rest of the campus with housing added on top and roof top gardens.
202.	There are already affordable subsidized housing along Front St. / Anderson/ Nelson Ave. People and especially taxpayers need places to actively recreate in facilities. The theatre has far too much support for a sedentary activity and in the greater scheme of things would rather see a curling rink which is consistent with Nelson heritage and Canadian identity.
203.	Land was earmarked for recreation - combining it with this housing project gives the opportunity to meet this objective without raising taxes.
204.	Obviously both. Expand our recreation and build affordable apartments on top. Don't skimp on parking.
205.	There need to be a balance of housing constructed and affordable housing brings minimal benefits to economic growth. It would be beneficial if housing was focused on all rather than low income workers.
206.	I'm okay with affordable housing as long as we don't lose any of the current facilities and the curling rink space is put to better use.
207.	Housing works nearly equally well anywhere in the city. Recreation facilities work best when clustered at a central campus. For one small example, current NDCC reception staff can process all aquatic, arena, and fitness centre users from a central check-in. If these facilities were scattered you would need staff at each location. Another benefit is parents/siblings can use one facility while other family/children are nearby doing another activity.
208.	Build a place that has housing and some kind of sport facility inside the building.
209.	Parking is a problem each time I attend classes at the pool. Occasionally late for class or unable to get parking at all within easy walking distance(slightly disabled) because lot is full. Circling continuously hoping someone will vacate a spot is very common. Also 2hr limit is ridiculous if class followed by hot tub and shower with hair wash.
210.	Sufficient affordable housing in Nelson.
211.	I don't think its the responsibility of the NDCC to manage or create affordable housing. their perspective should be to create more recreational opportunities for the people. use the space for more rec centres or community space. leave it to the city to create more affordable housing.
212.	Stupid question. Both are obviously a necessity for a healthy community
213.	I think both affordable house and recreation are important. If it is possible to design low income housing with a daycare facility attached, that would also be huge for the community as this is a crisis for young families.
214.	Recreation is important to the taxpayers of the area. Affordable housing is also important. I'd like to see more affordable housing that caters to those working full-time in occupations that don't pay what is considered a living wage. I do not think having housing that caters to those currently homeless and needing mental health and addiction treatment would be wise next to a recreation facility.
215.	Affordable housing for parents that can access daycare would be of great benefit. Also working individuals that are low income

216.	I would prefer the area around Granite point Golf Course allocated for Hallo Nelson be used for affordable housing instead. We have limited central space to develop our recreation. I would prefer to see this space used to expand and enhance our current rec campus
217.	This looks like a good location for a music venue. However, I also think we are in dire need of affordable housing. I'm just not sure the two would do well side-by-side.
218.	Nelson has already contributed massively towards the affordable housing crisis. Government should not be involved to this degree in my opinion. The Bank of Canada along with the provincial and federal government has a larger control on affordability and inflation in all sectors simply through interest rates and wage control. The issue is being overcomplicated with multiple well intended non profit groups, local governments, bc housing, provincial government etc. etc. etc. getting involved. This should not be a consideration for the rec campus in any way.
219.	I believe enough focus has been paid to housing, it is time to focus on other community serices
220.	It would be good to have all recreational facilities together. Parking is needed for recreational facilities, not the tenants. Affordable housing can find another place to build
221.	I know there is a need for affordable housing in our community but I do not think affordable housing should be considered for this location. There are other locations that should be considered for housing so this location could be used for recreation only. We need more recreation facilities and parking and it should not be restricted by lack of space.
222.	The IHA led catastrophe last year involving the safe inhalation site and the drugged out people camping at the civic theatre discourages me from supporting anything which will bring more addicts to the block OR Nelson. Enough is enough!
223.	There is enough room to expand the current facility - meaning the fitness centre and also put up affordable housing as well.
224.	The low income housing that we have people can't afford it anyways and yet we keep raising taxes and the cost of living. We should put the money towards something that people can enjoy
225.	Affordable housing first
226.	Its simpleâ€¦.we need it.
227.	There are lots of spaces in Nelson where higher density affordable housing could be constructed, but this space should be dedicated 100% to community recreation. Once housing is developed, there will be no further opportunities to expand or improve on this critical community resource.
228.	The combination of housing plus recreation makes the most sense.
229.	We need more housing options in Nelson. What good are improved recreation facilities if people are stepping over unhoused people sheltering in the entry ways?
230.	We need affordable homes for our working population.
231.	I do not think it will be developed for recreation without other purpose. To expensive and not fully sustainable.
232.	Safe, affordable housing is a human right. We need more affordable housing in Nelson to thrive as a community! Recreation is also important for a healthy community, but the space proposed for affordable housing has not been used for recreation in the past, so the housing project would not be eating up any current recreation site space. It seems like a no-brainer to me! :)
233.	That property was originally allocated as part of the recreation footprint, and should be used as such. There are other areas of Nelson which could be used for housing.
234.	Rents are too high throughout the area. I would love to see more housing that is affordable.
235.	People who live in an affordable housing area deserve access to amenities as well. It will contribute to personal and community health to have both.
236.	housing is most important but additional recreational facility would be good if the space is sufficient
237.	A place where working locals can apply and have housing that is affordable

238.	Acessible and well located.
239.	Affordable housing in Nelson is being addressed extensively- recreational facilities are lacking - BOTH are critical contributors to residents quality of life.
240.	I'm all for affordable housing but housing should not be the only focus of the city. We pay taxes and should expect something in return. Look at the affordable housing that has been added in Nelson. Time to consider other projects.
241.	Expand the fitness center and have a few apartments available for decent people and young couples. Don't give them to drug addicts
242.	Affordable housing is obviously an issue, but given the demands on the existing recreation facilities are only going to increase with the population increases it seems like there would be a better lot to build more affordable housing.
243.	There are many other locations around Nelson, the NDCC campus and entire block should remain focussed on recreation.
244.	Recreation is needed. Affordable housing is always a challenge and I look to other areas including Victoria for examples of how this has really not achieved intended outcomes, particularly for the cost of it. This is a site where recreation occurs and kids can play. What will the governing entities do to ensure that affordability does not come at compromised public safety?
245.	There are not many open spaces in the city, and the proposed lands are in a prime location near the center of the city and adjacent to existing recreation facilities. The lands should be used to the benefit of all area residents, not permanently committed to a couple more affordable housing units. The City of Nelson owns many properties around town with structures that are in poor repair. Converting or demolishing a structure that is too costly to upkeep for an affordable housing project makes more sense than using the very limited space around the NDCC. Many social housing initiatives already exist in the city, with several more at advanced stages of planning or execution (Ratltown, Fairview, North Shore Inn). I believe too much emphasis is being put on these and related projects, and there are finite resources (land and funding) to be shared between other interests. I want development of the recreation campus area to focus on increasing recreation opportunities for area residents. Nelson attracts individuals and families who are active and want access to recreation opportunities, especially during the work week and off-season when some outdoor activities cannot be done. The existing recreation facilities are well used, and near capacity at peak times. The area's population is steadily increasing, so expansion of facilities will be required to continue offering quality opportunities. The proposed land could be used for open gymnasiums (indoor soccer, badminton, volleyball, basketball, etc.), racket sports, or expanded fitness center facilities (the current fitness area is very busy at key times). The soccer facility and curling club are both in poor shape, so there may be an opportunity to redevelop these facilities. If funding is an immediate issue, the area could be left green or made into outdoor facilities (mixed use courts) relatively inexpensively and accessible 8 months of the year. Alternatively, the area can be made into parking until funding is available to develop recreation facilities. All of these ideas leave open the option of developing new indoor facilities 5-20 years in the future as populations and demand increase.
246.	as our population increases we require a viable facility that provides opportunity for spacious indoor recreation / & perhaps daycare and seniors classes. the current NDCC is too small for the number of ppl using it and it has forced many to find alternate locations. There are actually many affordable housing unit complexes in place and more on the books (ex: chamber of commerce) . What about inviting more homes thru Habitat for Humanity??
247.	There should be a balance between the two in any development
248.	Both would be great in this town!
249.	Nelson is going forward with affordable housing in other areas. I believe we need more and better recreation in the Nelson area. Recreation is good for your mind as well as staying in shape
250.	Housing for lower income brackets is required in town. Rec space needs to be expanded.
251.	Keep the ice rink and expand for ndcc usr

252.	I fully understand and support the need for affordable housing, but I believe this particular piece of land would be better utilized to enhance recreation opportunities in our community. Recreation spaces are vital for fostering community health, providing safe areas for children and families, and promoting well-being for people of all ages. In the last five years, significant resources have already been directed toward affordable housing projects in Nelson. While these efforts are important and commendable, I believe we now have an opportunity to balance these initiatives by prioritizing recreational development on this specific piece of land. This land represents a unique chance to create a recreational hub that could serve as a long-term asset for the entire community. By focusing on recreation here, we can provide a much-needed space for active lifestyles, strengthen community connections, and ensure benefits for both current and future residents.
253.	I believe they are both important to our community.
254.	Both are very important for building a strong and supportive community
255.	Not enough recreation activities in Nelson for kids.
256.	Always more affordable housing needed in our community. Especially if you guys are allowing Halo Nelson to come in.
257.	The community centre is always busy and needs more space. I would rather see the fitness facility expanded and a gymnasium built in that space so programs for youth, seniors and all ages in between can be incorporated into one space. I absolutely do NOT think the housing should go in that space. I'm sure there are other options around the city can look at in regards to the housing crisis but please keep that particular space for the families and residents in our area to stay active.
258.	The need to address the affordable housing issue in Nelson is important. Also important to address the recreation needs of the community. That focal area is within the recreation hub of the community. Easier to place affordable housing in a different area of the community if the recreational needs are high and that land is needed to fulfill those needs.
259.	Let the market decide if the city is going to build a project that loses money and increases taxes
260.	Only would support if one full floor (15,000 sq. ft) is dedicated for recreation facilities.
261.	Money needs to be spent on upgrading existing recreation facilities, not build new ones
262.	I can imagine a multi-storied library with housing on top!
263.	The recreation campus is for recreation purposes. It is not called the recreation and housing campus. Find another location for housing and keep recreation areas for recreation only.
264.	Housing in Nelson is one of the most pressing needs currently needing fulfillment.
265.	Recreation could be used on the lower levels with housing on the upper levels. If this space was long ago allocated for recreation, then that needs to be respected. If all a city does is build housing, then the population will grow, but the amenities will not. This is illogical and puts stress on the current facilities with the increased population.
266.	Affordable housing for young adults in the work force/ school but do not have enough for large rents to live alone
267.	Why affordable housing? Just build housing with quality products. You're talking about raising taxes to afford a mismanaged recreation site a few pages ago, but then you want more low income housing?? bang some nice houses together, sell them for what they're worth and get people in them that are going to build community, and bring money and resources to our community. Affordable housing is not the answer to supporting our tax base.
268.	Put a gym space on the ground floor with housing above.
269.	A combination would satisfy more people. We need both more recreation space and more affordable housing in Nelson.
270.	Some of the space be used to build a gym (for basketball, volleyball etc) and space for affordable housing.
271.	I think there is a greater need for affordable housing as we also have the beautiful outdoors that can be accessed for recreation from Apr-Oct.
272.	Need affordable housing for large families.

273.	I think Nelson has enough affordable housing right now for the size of the community. If we create more housing, I think it should be aimed towards the working class, but I don't feel that it needs to be apart of this zone. I think we need to focus on recreation opportunities right now for the community.
274.	Both recreation and affordable housing are extremely important elements for the health and vitality of any community. I would like to see us investing in both.
275.	I like the idea of expanding the pool of both affordable housing and recreation facilities.
276.	This is valuable and the only centralized land for community recreation. Housing can be built many other places.
277.	It is a good location for affordable housing close to amenities. Needs to also have social supports available and addictions services are severely lacking.
278.	Affordable Housing can go in other locations in the city.
279.	Nelson Cares cares, and some folks need more than just the affordable part; they need some support in the building.
280.	I don't want to leave my home town because I can't afford to live here after retirement. I don't want my daughter to move because she can't afford to live here. Our family has been here since 1966, leaving would be devastating.
281.	We obviously have a rental problem and affordable housing is crucial for the people that not only play and work here, but live here
282.	This town is in need of more affordable housing, but it also needs a multisport facility! Both would greatly benefit the community. This is an opportunity to be creative and combine the two.
283.	The 6 story building for housing plus an extra 5000-7000 sq ft of recreation space added to the existing gym would be a great plan for that lot!
284.	Housing for sure. Gym space downtown would be a great idea!
285.	Housing is a terrible idea. Guaranteed that in 5 years we will have outgrown any recreation space you allocate. Let's make the whole area a recreation campus!!! You could lease any unused space to groups similar to sports lab. How neat would it be to have sports therapy, physio, etc etc all in one area. Let's make the campus a place people of all ages can go to access many activities and health services!! Seriously, housing is the worst idea.
286.	2/3 future recreation projects, and 1/3 future parking. Future growth in this area will clearly require more recreational facilities, with a corresponding increase in demand for parking. Some days there are already zero empty parking spaces at the facility.
287.	If that site is to be developed it should be part of an expanded sports /recreation centre
288.	By affordable I hope that doesn't mean a 1 bedroom condo, with no parking for \$600,000 and up? Affordable rental housing is needed badly in this area. I know many people who had to move out of Nelson to find rental housing. Nelson has lots of very expensive single family homes, but not a lot for young people. My own children, born and raised in Nelson, can't afford to buy a home here and have moved elsewhere.
289.	Affordable housing is very important however the recreation campus is already at maximum capacity. once this land is used for housing then it is unavailable for future expansion of pool/gym/arena. there are other locations that are better options for affordable housing.
290.	We need affordable housing!
291.	We have so many affordable housing options all ready.
292.	It seems very difficult to be pulling onto the highway if you are leaving from your underground parking spot. Our little city has over grown its boundaries. We can not continue to grow in this way. We should say "NO" to further development within our city boundaries. This is not sustainable
293.	Housing can go anywhere but to have recreation all in one area would be amazing! Find somewhere else for housing... not down town.
294.	Keep all the recreational facilities in one area. We don't need people living there

295.	I absolutely agree that affordable housing is crucial and in short supply in our town, but I also believe there are other areas where this challenge can be addressed. However, finding the right spaces for recreational facilities that truly serve our community is much more difficult, and that's something we're also lacking. This particular space could be an incredible opportunity to meet that need. While affordable housing is essential, I think this space is one of the few that could genuinely be used to build a strong community hub, and I believe we should prioritize that here.
296.	Affordable recreation should be offered to those living in the affordable housing units
297.	There is a crisis of affordability in this town.
298.	It's important to expand the fitness area as there are demands for more room to accommodate patrons. Also affordable housing is in demand it must be affordable not million dollar suites.
299.	Nelson has made substantial commitment to affordable housing which results in drawing more people in need to Nelson. The focus on affordable housing should not be a priority for now.
300.	It makes sense for it to be used to expand the NDCC, Nelson is growing and the NDCC is inadequately to serving the community.
301.	Sell the land to either the City of Nelson or the Province so they can build housing. Housing is not the responsibility or within the scope of the RDCK
302.	cooperative low income housing is important more recreation spaces are important for quality of living
303.	We have enough affordable housing projects. It would be a shame to waste this land permanently for this purpose. It's not a good fit either.
304.	I would support an option that also includes a childcare facility providing 10\$/day spots. This community has a tremendous shortage of childcare. This could be paired with housing. People who need affordable housing often need affordable childcare. Could the plan involve adding a second floor to the recreation building or some other re-work like that to be able to offer recreation space, housing and childcare?
305.	Much more urgently needed in the community
306.	As much as I appreciate the need for affordable housing I'm constantly concerned about the "build it and they will come" nature of it
307.	see previous answer - this space should be maximized for recreation facilities. there should be other lots that can accommodate affordable housing.
308.	Growing community needs new infrastructure to keep up with the demand for recreation and recreation options.
309.	This land is designated for recreation. If you're ever going to expand or improve on existing recreation campus, which should obviously happen at some point or another, it's best to keep it all together. There are many other places to put affordable housing!
310.	It would be nice to make this area a recreation epicentre. With the growth and demands happening in Nelson, it won't take long to outgrow any proposed space and you will wish you had that extra land for this purpose.
311.	If it has to be about housing, might as well make it housing and recreation. Sadly, today's "affordable" housing is still not affordable to the general public.
312.	Affordable housing is important but I believe Nelson needs to take a pause until we have a better picture of what other communities are offering. Do they pay property tax based on assessment? Does it encourage others to move here?
313.	Do not allow affordable housing. This space MUST be used for recreation. There are lots of other places (ie: old kiwanis Gordon St property) that can be developed for housing.
314.	Simple, infrastructure required for housing. Reduced infrastructure required for recreation. Nelson's treatment plant will be up for upgrades in this survey's timeline. Millions of dollars for upgrades.
315.	Deemed recreation only

316.	Affordable housing is necessary to our community. If the space can accommodate recreational facilities as needed by the community, this should be allocated if possible.
317.	There is a critical need for young adult housing, leaving home for various reasons. Entry level jobs, very small, very affordable. Also senior housing small apartments.
318.	The city is in need of more spaces for community to have an active and healthy lifestyle, which is something Nelson is known for. Affordable housing is important, but not allowing building projects like Halo would be a better answer to that problem.
319.	Affordable housing is a major social determinant of health that has benefits beyond the individual. Providing affordable housing works upstream to address one of the major causes for ill health and thus the burden we are experiencing today in the health care system. Stable and affordable housing for all means that people are more likely to find and sustain long term employment, have adequate consumption of micro/macro nutrients, decreased mental health concerns, and more. Upward of 40% of renters are considering leaving the area due to the cost of housing which will cause significant brain drain for the community in the long run. Having affordable housing means the community can more sustainably staff rec centres, health services, grocery stores, and all other essential services needed to care for the aging population in Nelson. Long term development in the area will be significantly hindered if the working class cannot afford to rent a home, let alone purchase one, thus decreasing the use of these rec/community spaces as well as funding to support them due to lower income and increased access on social services. Affordable housing is a no brainer in Canada and arguments otherwise are typically from a group of people in society that have already benefited and will continue to benefit intergenerationally from the lower cost of housing in previous generations.
320.	Seems like we already have a reasonable amount of rec space, I would put affordable housing as a higher community need.
321.	Expand the fitness center, improve the curling rink, new gymnastics center, bigger pool
322.	With a vacancy rate of less than 1% it is not just low income residents that are struggling with housing. There is literally no secure rental housing for any income bracket in Nelson. Most rentals still tend to be seasonal and private rental markets can be quite unstable and even abusive for tenants. Even if you have a good job - you will still have a hard time achieving long term stable housing. Possibly even harder since many of the rentals that are available are not available to you due to income limits. The focus cannot just be on low income or you will end up with a city full of poor and rich and nothing in between. There needs to also be housing for people who have skills and abilities, who maybe managers or business owners but are still facing homelessness due to the fact that there just is not any rental housing available at any cost.
323.	We are already limited for recreation spots on Nelson especially on the winter
324.	We don't have a lot of land allotted for recreation. Yet there is plenty of land available for housing. I don't mind if we had housing on top of rec, however if geotechnical conditions prohibit a 6 storey building, then we should only proceed with recreation.
325.	Speaking for the needs of my family, aging recreation facilities have affected my family more than affordable housing because gymnastics was altered this fall.
326.	There have already been enough affordable housing buildings been built in town. We need to support recreation in the community because that is what the Nelson lifestyle is all about. We have wasted enough money due to poor planning like the hall street expansion. A huge screwup on the city's part.
327.	If it's possible to have a mix of both, would be ideal, but prioritize affordable housing. With more people being housed, we do need more recreational opportunities for indoor. Winter sports in Nelson are now too expensive for anyone who needs affordable housing.
328.	Both are important. What does affordable housing mean in this case?
329.	Presently there is no facility to host teams at tournaments.
330.	A shared complex meets the needs of the city and its patrons
331.	Por que no los dos?

332.	There is usually no parking spaces available at the front of the building most of the time I attend an activity! If I'm lucky, I might find one parking spot available in the back of the arena next to the curling club. But it's dangerous and hazardous with falling ice!!! We need more safe parking spaces
333.	We are in a crisis for housing. We do have facilities for recreation. The need for housing far out ways my need to recreate indoors
334.	There seems to be a ton of affordable housing going up in Nelson already. I think it is getting way too congested in Nelson and there isn't really room for more people to keep moving here. The streets, traffic and parking spots are already way too full and it's quite uncomfortable driving in town already. I think it would be great to enhance life for the people who live here by creating more recreational opportunities, rather than creating more living spaces, which will only congest Nelson further.
335.	I don't think recreation and affordable housing need to be combined. They are completely different issues. Unless there is grant money available I don't see why they would be combined. We need affordable housing but not sure why it can't be done as well but doesn't need to be done in an area that is already the hub for recreation and recreation obviously needs more room currently
336.	If we keep building affordable housing we will exceed our infrastructure capacity so, while housing is important, let's focus on members of our community who already live here too.
337.	The vacant land near the recreation centre is an invaluable asset for the Nelson community, offering an opportunity to address pressing needs for both recreation and housing. Recreation must remain the priority for this space, as it serves as a cornerstone for community health, connection, and development. With a growing number of families moving to Nelson, preserving and expanding recreational facilities is essential. Many new residents, particularly those from larger urban areas, expect amenities that support active lifestyles. Without sufficient recreational space, families may reconsider their decision to stay, which would impact the vibrancy and sustainability of our community. At the same time, there is a compelling opportunity to creatively integrate low-income housing—particularly for those aged 50 and above—into this space. Housing close to doctors, groceries, fitness facilities, and the pool would provide seniors with unparalleled access to essential services, reducing isolation and supporting mental health during Nelson's darker, colder months. A thoughtful, multi-purpose design could achieve both goals: addressing the critical need for recreation while helping meet housing demands. We urge decision-makers to prioritize recreation while exploring innovative ways to incorporate housing solutions that align with community needs, ensuring Nelson remains a desirable, inclusive, and supportive place for all.
338.	I believe that affordable housing is fundamental for everyone. It's quite clear that affordable housing is in dire need within our community. While I think that (affordable!) recreation facilities are also important, housing absolutely needs to come first.
339.	Lots of facilities are reaching capacity with population growth
340.	We need affordable housing in Nelson and close to services and transit hubs is a great place to put it. Let's include space within the structure for additional recreation space
341.	There are other sites available for housing projects versus limited recreational land.
342.	Having more space for the ndcc would be awesome in addition to affordable housing
343.	We need more accessible recreational facilities for our growing town
344.	Recreational groups are already competing for space such as indoor basketball options. Pickleball has a wait list. Trail is the nearest track & field option. The affordable housing that gets built in our area does not keep with the heritage look of the town. It is ugly. Build affordable housing that does not destroy the image of Nelson.
345.	Not enough creative spaces for younger populations
346.	This project needs to focus on enhancing the recreation facilities for the residence of Nelson and the surrounding area. I support affordable housing but we should not rezone recreational land to accommodate. There is already a shortage of parking for the NDCC.
347.	We have added so much social housing to Nelson in recent years. Focus needs to move to affordable market housing.

348.	For my needs, I think that the NDCC provides wonderful programming and I do not feel like more recreational support is needed. this community needs more affordable housing
349.	There are other places for affordable housing. The city seems to continue to grow. Already we lost the soccer field to a parking lot. Recreation is needed. For example the weight room is always crowded.
350.	it is a need
351.	The site is central to all residents of the area and housing could be built elsewhere on more affordable land.
352.	there is not enough affordable housing for young working people
353.	This block of Nelson is the recreation location of the area. If Affordable housing can be fit in above or below the proposed recreational structure, I'd be OK with that. Otherwise it would be great if they found another area of the city.
354.	Affordable housing is important for sure but this is the only available space for the recreation centre to significantly expand into. Sharing the space with housing would greatly narrow the scope of what could be done for recreation. As the rec centre/campus could use a lot more space to meet current and future community needs, not to mention the parking needs of recreation users. I don't think leasing a portion of the space from Nelson Cares is in the best interest of the future of recreation in Nelson. Unless perhaps, the curling club is demolished and the rec centre expands into that space.
355.	We need more affordable housing. House people first and then we can expand rec centres
356.	Over crowding in existing workout centre.
357.	It is zoned for recreation, we need more recreation facilities to meet our population growth. Let's use it for recreation.
358.	Both are important.
359.	Recently Nelson has already invested in several low income projects. There are better places to promote low income housing such as rail town. It is nice to have all the recreation facilities close to each other. As a parent, it makes drop off much easier.
360.	It's a fairly busy corner, and adjacent to current recreation area. Because of its location, seems more appropriate to have as recreation than centrally located housing
361.	More affordable housing is needed - should be for low income families- and would provide ready access to healthy recreation opportunities
362.	What good is more housing without actually spaces for residence to really live and have spaces to express and build community in. We need imaginative spaces, not more tiny boxes
363.	I'd like to see this location used for basketball courts vs housing due to its proximity with the existing RDCK facility. Building new facilities here, next to the existing, will likely lower costs and create a unified rec campus vs spreading out to different locations. Affordable housing is necessary as well, but it can go elsewhere, likely with less impact on cost. Also, this is not a great spot for residential - it's busy,
364.	30% to recreation user groups or add onto NDCC 70% housing Funding is in place, move quickly All other housing developments that meet the criteria should have 30% recreation attached, work with recreation user groups to define occupancy of 30%
365.	We need both more affordable housing and recreation
366.	People can't recreate without affordable housing
367.	For the working poor
368.	we need both! Recreation needs to be appropriate and accessible and housing needs to be affordable.
369.	There are multiple other building sites that is owned by CoN where this project could be better situated. Keeping the rec campus for recreation makes more sense.
370.	The lot should be used for a climbing gym and more fitness space.
371.	we have needed more indoor soccer space for years now

372.	The priority should be recreation. However having a structure for both recreation and low income housing would be good to. But the priority should be RECREATION FACILITY.
373.	We already have affordable housing the area. We need something for middle or seniors class,
374.	Both are important. We need health and housing in this community.
375.	I fully support affordable housing but this area should be designated for recreation. We need a long lasting state of the art facility to enhance our growing community. There are other areas for affordable housing.
376.	The maximum benefit to community health and wellness would result from recreation facilities in this Recreation Campus space, not subsidized housing. Nelson Cares has already carved off a portion of the Campus (should be #13 on the map). Modest enlargement of the fitness room into this proposed housing is blatant tokenism.
377.	More affordable housing is desperately needed in Nelson to counter all the millionaire projects.
378.	We are already short on housing in Nelson, and need more affordable housing for those who cannot afford to purchase/rent at current rates.
379.	Recreation on main floor, accommodation above = efficient use of space in city core
380.	Maximize use of this space. Affordable housing should reflect who is best served in this area. Probably not appropriate for families if people transitioning from homelessness are also housed. I think it's one or the other.
381.	Recreation is not viable for people without affordable housing first. So the shortage of affordable housing should be a priority.
382.	We have a lot of affordable housing projects being built in town already. I think there are better locations in town that would accomplish larger housing developments. It makes more sense to have the rec center expanded. Or tell the middle/high school kids to use the gym facilities that already exist in their schools.
383.	Needed
384.	Great location for affordable housing, as the community center good provide amenities to people with less access to such. Recreational aspects would be a plus, but not necessary.
385.	Affordable housing is 100% the priority - as a young person living in Nelson, working full time for a liveable wage I am unable to afford to own a home. Rent is also a challenge, with most of my income going towards it and basic necessities (food). I know many, many others share this situation. Recreation facilities are also of benefit, sure. But ultimately the NDCC is a great resource with lots of amenities and fitness etc available. I like both ideas: but I can clearly say that affordable housing is more important for the larger community.
386.	This land is perfectly positioned for expansion of indoor recreational facilities. Yes, affordable house is super important, but there should be more land available for this use. It would really make more sense to take advantage of the existing infrastructure to use this land for recreation.
387.	We have a lot of buildings that have recently gone up for affordable housing. It would be nice to see the recreation center dedicated to this active community. Help to build more recreation programming for Dryland training for various team sports, more artistic programming for children, more senior programming, and more.
388.	Affordable housing only if it will not have any tax implications
389.	This community is in desperate need of affordable housing. There are too many people living unhoused, couch surfing, or in dangerous living situations, in our community
390.	There are a wealth of recreation activities in our region, there is a housing crisis
391.	Affordable housing key component to a thriving community.
392.	It makes sense to keep the recreational facilities and options together in one place. It allows students to walk from school to their after school sports. Affordable housing is absolutely needed in our community but it shouldn't be included in the campus. As our population grows so will our recreational needs. Once the recreational space is turned into affordable housing, we will have forfeited the opportunity to have our facility space grow with the community.

393.	Affordable housing is top priority. Recreation availability for those accessing affordable housing should be low barrier, whether that be providing some recreation space that is free/low cost in the same space as affordable housing or improving access of available infrastructure
394.	The current plan seems like a decent fit for the needs of the community. It addresses both rec and affordable housing
395.	Because it will probably happen anyways. Regardless of what I think. The wheels are in motion
396.	There are few options for event spaces in town that aren't centered around old people/night clubs and I would really like to see something available for the locals... From the top of my head I can only name - rod and gun club (not open to most events) Eagles hall (now being subject to noise bylaws due to "new" hotel going in next door) And the front room (only space for 80ish people and no kitchen space)
397.	The building should be multi purpose if possible.
398.	make a multi purpose gym
399.	This parcel is situated within the rec campus and should not be used for housing. Housing has already been allowed on a large parcel within the rec campus footprint. It is my understanding that this proposal has already been determined and supported heavily ahead of any public consultation. That isn't right. This means the politicians support this project, but the public - in particular recreation groups - haven't been adequately consulted. As the president of a rec group representing over 1000 individuals in the community, i highly encourage proponents of this project and local governments to engage the RECREATION community before proceeding further with this project.
400.	We need market housing and housing for workers. Not social housing. More low income housing will only continue to ensure that more low income people move here causing additional strain on the community. There have been projects focussed on low income housing in this town already and we now need housing for workers.
401.	It can be both!
402.	We are in a housing crisis. Affordable housing is essential
403.	Housing is more important than additional recreation
404.	Recreation makes the community thrive, we do not need more affordable housing if we don't have the facilities available to continue to make Nelson as appealing and prosperous community.
405.	Housing will never truly be affordable if there is allowing of insane rental prices. We're already annoyed, give us a recreational space to dance off our sorrows
406.	A mix could be sweet. I think we need both.
407.	This town is active and needs more recreational space. There are other land areas the city needs to look at for housing.
408.	this seems like a reasonable compromise.
409.	The community is growing as are recreation needs. The loss of this space and opportunities for the community would never be recovered if given away. Space has already been given to affordable housing and there are huge gaps in community recreation. The space is for recreation so that should be the focus
410.	We have enough affordable housing already, especially in the downtown.
411.	Field hockey arena
412.	Place for people to play, grow and host events
413.	Needs more recreational space, better recreational complex. Using the new area to develop and extend the recreational complex.
414.	The current facilities need more space. The current density of affordable housing is already satisfactory. Land for affordable housing development should be located elsewhere.
415.	I feel we do not need more low income housing. I feel that our community - children and families specifically - can benefit more from additional facility space and use. I feel that mid income housing is MUCH more needed than low income housing.
416.	Glad housing is included in the vacant land.

417.	While I see parking at the NDCC to be a challenge, when I hear of this idea of affordable housing - it seems more important than where to put the extra cars (!) I don't have a clear picture on what a mixed residential and recreation building would involve, so it's hard for me to comment on that. Is there any examples from other cities where there's mixed use like this, and if so how does it work? any pros or cons? that's why I just chose affordable housing on its own, as I'd want to know more before choosing both at the same time
418.	I feel like green spaces are more important at this point in our city. Tree canopy cover is rapidly decreasing and I'm worried about the heat island effect. Housing complexes should replace buildings that are unsuitable for their current use I agree but there are lots of unoccupied spaces. I would like to see this stay green
419.	Somewhere else
420.	To much focus on affordable housing being built. Need to focus on middle income housing. So just build out recreational use.
421.	there is very little public land available elsewhere in City.
422.	I prefer more recreation opportunities. Rents need to be affordable and landowners to stop raising rents to extremes
423.	need for housing in town is big!
424.	Housing project too large; will add to congestion in area; more traffic (vehicle/pedestrian) conflict; eliminates rec facility space for future expansion; too tall - doesn't fit the current visual landscape of the campus; build housing on the current airstrip space - which is under utilized and caters to small rich affluent users only.
425.	both are needs for the community and vital for the health and livability of our special community!
426.	Would like to keep the area recreation only. Housing already consuming available facility space
427.	affordable housing and affordable recreation
428.	We need both and should utilize the opportunity. However, this is a centralized recreation centre and it makes sense to keep recreation amenities together in this area. Housing is needed everywhere but I'm not sure if it should be prioritized on this specific space. Why don't the housing providers work together? There seem to be in Nelson and could maybe benefit from more operational efficiency
429.	It is needed in this community.
430.	We need affordable housing but we also need adequate recreation facilities for the population. Both are an investment in the health of the community
431.	In the last decades in Nelson, it seems that subsidized affordable housing projects have been disproportionately high compared to private unsubsidized housing. I believe that measures such as limiting/prohibiting homes dedicated exclusively to vacation rental will do more to make affordable housing in the long term than building another housing complex.
432.	The City needs to share more broadly what their facility plan is. Where does the need for a new library space fit, or the aging fire hall? What is the plan? It is also important for better transparency around city owned property and how they are identifying land for partnership or disposal.
433.	There is limited land within the recreation campus it should be only used for recreation there are other sites within the City for affordable housing projects the City of Nelson already gave up a corner lot on front and Hall to Nelson Cares
434.	There are other affordable housing projects within Nelson and available site for the same. Keeping recreation central and accessible in an area already available should take priority
435.	Parking will also be critical for the sports campus. The land should be used to support the recreation complex
436.	The gym require a significant expansion, and as long as that was part of the new structure, then affordable housing would be fine too.
437.	Bottom floor should be used for recreation with upper stories used for affordable housing

438.	keep the area as a hub for community recreation, there are more appropriate areas and routes for affordable housing.
439.	There is only limited land connected to the rec campus. I think it should be preserved for Rec needs in the future if not developed now. Although affordable housing is critical, there are many, many other places (anywhere?) where affordable housing projects could be proposed. For example - what about that halloNelson land? Good opportunity to guide that development into something more sustainable for the community.
440.	A mix of both is doable and desirable
441.	I believe that the increasing population's demand for recreation facilities will not be met unless we have adequate facilities (which we currently do not) and parking. A rec campus needs both. Yes, housing is a great need but should not compromise a recreation campus.
442.	too busy
443.	Recreation is most important use for me but suggest we also want to keep affordable housing options close to downtown amenities and if there are limited other locations for affordable housing maybe the lot can be shared between housing and recreation. I don't think municipal taxes should be spent on affordable housing however, these costs should be paid by other levels of government.
444.	nelson will continue to grow and will need the rec space. It would not be efficient to spread out the rec campus. Use the city park on high street for affordable housing.Two 12 floor towers. Best use of limited resources.
445.	this land would be ideal to expand the current recreation facilities
446.	We need affordable housing but we also need recreation and places for the community to gather. Are there other city locations that are less congested that make sense for affordable housing? It is walkable but very loud!
447.	More indoor recreation space. Already have plenty of affordable housing.
448.	Many people across the Kootenays suffer from insufficient housing.
449.	Nelson has had at least four affordable housing projects in the last few years some of which has already impinged upon the space allocated for recreation. Space devoted to the search for health facilities has lost ground, and needs attention.
450.	There isn't a lot of land with the space to be able to provide recreation that is needed in the community. There are more land options to get creative with and put housing on.
451.	Both are top priorities for Nelson
452.	It seems like there has been a lot of affordable housing built recently but not enough focus on indoor community spaces.
453.	There is enough housing and this spot is a natural extension of the recreation campus
454.	We already have excellent facilities. What we really need is affordable housing! If the facilities can expand, that would be great, as the gym is often really full and it would be nice to have more space. But more space in the gym is not as important as affordable housing. So that should be priority.
455.	affordable housing should not be at the expense of people who can barely afford their own housing â€“ these projects will make my taxes go up meanwhile we are not receiving necessary city services in our area. priority should be given to improving EXISTING infrastructure , stop building useless shit please
456.	No more affordable housing in Nelson
457.	Low cost rentals
458.	future recreation opportunity yes, but housing No.
459.	Affordable housing is an important part of an inclusive community. Nelson in particular lacks higher paying jobs to allow local residents to afford the expensive real estate / rentals in our area. Most people are here because they found a way to make it work and the area is beautiful, not because it is affordable or because there are an abundance of job options. Question: can the recreation portion of the building be 2 double ceiling height stories tall rather than only one? It would seem economical to try to get more space under one roof. Also, this would reduce the anti-affordable-housing sentiment that was very vocal at the last community meeting.

460.	We don't need more affordable house in Nelson, we had a lot
461.	Affordable housing cost the taxpayer of city. Let's make some profit of land to pay for our rec center
462.	We have to help people move from the street, or their cars, to a home.
463.	Previously explained. in rec. facilities. comment. Housing does not belong in this location; recreation does. Further, I am against further taxpayer dollars being spent on housing, It is not only the construction costs even if grants are available, there is also the long term maintenance and operation to be considered. Enough large taxation! Let other organizations step forward to do this.
464.	If there is money to do this; that would be amazing. The lot could work for a tall building. Sound proofing and better crosswalk lighting important at cedar and front street cross walk. Bike route, safety, Parking/bus systems need to be part of the picture too.
465.	Expand indoor facilities to include court space so there can be expansion to basketball, volleyball programs. Rec space will be used if more is available.
466.	We need recreation spaces that are rent-fixed or at least semi affordable. The benefits of adding a usable space for various recreational purposes far outweighs the very few housing spaces that could fit here.
467.	The city of nelson needs to consider the needs of the community that already lives hear before we start thinking about those that dont. This space is already on a recreation lot and recreation should be expanded onto this land
468.	I think both are important --- perhaps a mix of the two...
469.	I think there are so many other places to put affordable house. I think this land should be used for recreation as the land was intended for. I wouldn't be totally opposed to having a rec facility of some sort and maybe housing above. I guess that would be housing/rec combinedâ€,possibly
470.	There is affordable housing no space for arts or music
471.	There have been several affordable housing projects in Nelson in the last several years but no significant recreation projects. I think recreation facilities should be given a higher priority.
472.	The need for housing cannot be ignored even though I'd rather have all rec space. Please note I believe 6 stories is too high.
473.	Wast of time, it's not required. We already have too much. Selkirk has 50% capacity in there new housing buildings. Open your eyes, talk with the community members in the businesses that know what's going on. My family has lived here for over 50 years 3rd generation. Listen to the ones that have the history.
474.	Recreation space more important than more housing
475.	That space would be perfect to expand the weight room.
476.	The affordable housing is using the airspace parcel, it doesn't impact the potential recreation space. It's a cost effective way to add recreation space and add affordable housing, it's a win, win. There is also opportunity to add additional recreation space if desired by RDCK contributing to capital.
477.	We need more recreation space. The facilities aren't big or good enough. Affordable housing could be placed elsewhere.
478.	i believe recreation is one thing and housing is another thing. They do not need to be together. That space would be best suited as 100% recreation
479.	Huge need in the community
480.	We need a space for live music acts ! I explained in the previous section.
481.	A recreation facility serves a larger percentage of the community than an affordable housing complex.
482.	It is important for the Nelson Community to house their residents in homes they can afford to rent or buy. This improves their quality of life as well as their well-being. Less stress = better living
483.	Yes to affordable housingâ€,but not at this location. More recreation and entertainment please.

484.	I would rather see the lot reserved for recreation. Nelson rec space is already insufficient and as Nelson grows doesn't it make sense to keep it all on the same block? At the same time I realize that the money needs to come from somewhere and if bchousing will pay for 30% of the area to be rec space, I think it's the better option. But it also feels a bit shortsighted. I support affordable housing projects and I know we have other spots in town that they could go. I suppose I'm torn on this one.
485.	Our recreation facilities are aging and in my view there have been numerous affordable housing projects already. Affordable housing helps a few people but improves/new recreation facilities affects and benefits everyone.
486.	A lot of affordable housing projects have gone up over the years. The NDCC is often (very) busy- the town is growing fast and needs to keep up with its growing demand for (indoor) recreation.
487.	SOME housing would be okay if it helped gain funding. The majority of the space should be recreation.
488.	There is less desirable locations and land that could be used to create nice low income housing, using the rec site for this seems illogical. Let's keep the recreation all centrally located and together and find a nice piece of land where we can put up a real amount of units and make some affordable housing. Love to see both problems addressed just doesn't need to be in the same location
489.	I need affordable housing personally. I would use recreation facilities if I had easier more affordable access for my better health.
490.	Nelson has already focused heavily on affordable housing over the last 10 years
491.	We need more recreation facilities for our community, were kids and elders can participate and feel safe, exercising keep people healthier mentally and physically reducing the impact on health care
492.	Affordable housing can be located anywhere in the Nelson area - NOT in the area dubbed the NELSON RECREATION CAMPUS. Putting housing here is such backward thinking. Other communities would buy up buildings, and tear them down, to enlarge their sports campuses.
493.	I do not want affordable housing built in an area that has been designated for recreation. Affordable housing is important, I live near two affordable housing complexes. One is near Art Gibbons park and I will not let my children go there unsupervised due to the open drug use. I have been enjoying experimenting with developing independence with my ten year old child, he is taking the bus and going to the pool. I would not feel as comfortable with this if there was affordable housing right next to our already bursting at the seams rec facilities.
494.	There is a growing need for recreation spaces. There is no other places for recreation facilities but many for housing.
495.	This is a recreational campus, not a housing development. Go somewhere else to build houses. This is a campus for sport not a campus for living.
496.	I'm in favour of "affordable housing", if and when it actually leads to housing that is affordable. I think the housing market is already so inflated that often "affordable housing" offers still mean that it is housing that is affordable by upper/middle-upper class residents, and not those who are in more dire need of housing supports. Instead of affordable housing, I think more emergency shelter beds (especially in the winter) and subsidized housing would greatly benefit the community.
497.	the library survey reports (just read today in Nelson Paper) need for more space. This is recreation.
498.	There is a never ending need for affordable housing. No argument. There is little land available for recreation facilities. Nelson presents unique building challenges related to locating facilities.
499.	Seems obvious... housing is way out of reach for MOST people.
500.	Nelson has more than enough affordable housing units.
501.	There are many housing projects and things in the province jurisdictions. Recreation is a local need that is not being adequately met. People can choose to find housing in more affordable regions

502.	The amount of space available would benefit approximately how many residents for affordable housing? If this is to be the final NDCC recreation project for years to come, I think the priority should be recreation to support and nurture ALL community members in the activities they wish to pursue. To focus on affordable housing is to offer that space to a very limited number of people. I think focusing on the greater population is priority when completing this project.
503.	There is enough subsidized housing in Nelson. Cramming more and more people in a town without increasing amenities isn't what will keep nelson being an amazing town full of options for arts and activities.
504.	I think one level of recreation with a few levels of housing makes the most sense
505.	The NDCC lacks space for the fitness facility and should be used as such
506.	It would be nice to actually be able to get parking when you want to go to the Rec centre. Otherwise an expansion of recreation facilities would be better than low cost housing
507.	BC housing subsidizes the building cost for the expansion of the rec facility. Taxes paid by the housing portion will help subsidize operations of the rec facility. Affordable housing is in high demand.
508.	Affordable housing should not be overlooked in the proposed plan for the land. If recreation can also be included, this would be a bonus.
509.	indoor pickleball courts with banquet hall up above
510.	I think there are several recreation areas that are unsupported or under supported but there is also a need for more affordable housing. If we can integrate the two then I think that's a win
511.	There is a need for affordable housing but also parking is a major issue at the NDCC.
512.	It's zoned for such so keep it that way. The housing projects are on every corner these days.
513.	See previous comment.
514.	I believe affordable housing is important but feel that given the location of the property and its connection to the already existing recreation opportunities it would make sense to continue to expand the much needed facilities to keep up to the demand of the residents who are looking to live a healthy lifestyle and give the kids in the community an easily accessed recreational outlet. The housing project can be built somewhere else in the community and does not need to be attached to the recreation centre.
515.	There are currently many affordable housing projects in Nelson and only one community complex to serve the health needs of the broader community. Build another pool, enlarge the gym facilities to better provide for the health of the community
516.	Perhaps recreation on the main floor with affordable living quarters in the above stories
517.	see my Other comments in previous section. It makes economic sense to build a multi-use facility in this space to accommodate affordable housing. At the very least, explore if this is the best space to build a library (sq ft needed to meet future needs of the library - see the report completed Oct/24) as part of the existing footprint -depending on design, it may be a better fit somewhere else on the campus. As library is partially funding through RD and City funding, and should be be considered as essential recreation service to the area. The definition of recreation should be expanded in your future community engagement.
518.	Especially if grants are available that lower the cost of any recreation facilities in the building.
519.	Nelson needs more affordable housing. It's a crisis. Let's do the right thing and include it in this project. It appears to be already planned as a concept. So the City and RDCK must have some sense that it can work into this Rec Campus expansion. Go for it!!
520.	Our answer is based on the intimate knowledge of the need for more affordable housing in Nelson. We believe that the combination of housing and recreation is a positive and innovative idea.
521.	Affordable housing is being set as an opposite to recreation. In my opinion recreational options benefit most members of community. And should be prioritized, paying high property taxes that benefit a limited number of residents who provide marginal reinvestment into the city is not viable in the long term.

522.	That sight was always supposed to be recreation. With the lack of spaces we have I think it should fully be recreation. I'm all for affordable housing but not on our recreation campus.
523.	The city should use/acquire sites for affordable housing projects that are farther away from locations that have higher best-use case. Lands near downtown should be used for commercial projects. Lands near high-density residential neighborhoods should be used for parks and recreation. The city should find lands with lower property value for use in its affordable housing projects.
524.	I support affordable housing 100% and would agree to a rec/housing combo on that property if there is no other location available.
525.	While we definitely need to look for opportunities to provide more affordable housing, in this particular instance, I believe we shouldn't ignore the opportunity to expand the NDCC as it is currently busting at the seams with regard to studio space and the weight room.
526.	Without knowing what the NDCC space would be used for it is difficult to know if both housing and recreation would be the best answer. Could there be better use of the whole area including the curling rink as I am not sure it is open and working. Perhaps tear it down and building something bigger and better in that whole area?
527.	We need both. Rec on the bottom floor(s) and housing above is a perfect solution.
528.	This is a recreation campus....keep it that way.
529.	Their are many other parcels of land available for sale, government should either look for a new location for the entire recreation facility or do it properly with focus in the existing location. Including multiple parties / projects increases the risk.
530.	Maximize the footprint for rec, build "up" with as much housing as possible on top Don't listen to the NIMBYs. We need housing more than more pickleball space
531.	I explained this earlier, please refer to that answer.
532.	More space for recreation...Nelson needs better infrastructure to support the current population before more housing.
533.	There is already a lot of housing projects in the area. I feel like we need to focus on recreation.
534.	We have a housing crisis and costs of living are continuously increasing
535.	We give enough free land to Nelson Shares and we keep building space for low income residents while neither of them contribute to our City's tax base. Somehow Nelson Shares gets to get free land AND not pay taxes while they collect rent monthly. No other building owner in Nelson gets this opportunity. Stop attracting more low income residents and start taking care of our recreation facilities that the taxpayers have been paying for. I'd much rather see my taxes go to recreation to keep our youth from becoming one of the homeless or drug addicted due to lack of things to do and keep our seniors healthier. Stop the one sided direction and focus on our community as whole. People in our community WANT recreation. You can see this by the number of vehicles at the NDCC at any give time and day of the week!!
536.	recreation facilities (particularly with the recent closure of the civic arena) are already not sufficient for the expanding population of nelson and area. there are already a lot of housing developments emerging but infrastructure and facilities are rapidly being outpaced
537.	No costs layed out for proposal. No total expenditure given and no list of other needed projects. Only how much money would I be willing to give for unknown projects
538.	We need to address the housing shortage in Nelson. For the size of our town, I feel like we have good recreation facilities, and the focus should be on proactively maintaining what we already have. Housing, on the other hand, is currently insufficient for the population, and given the rising cost of living, more affordable housing is necessary. Hopefully more subsidised units will help take pressure off the local housing market as a whole.
539.	Room for both. We need both.
540.	I do not feel a low income/subsidised housing complex should be in such close proximity to a place where young kids go to recreate.

541.	Extended gym area with affordable housing incorporated
542.	There are other places in town that would also be suitable for housing, however the recreation opportunities are severely lacking for a population of this size.
543.	Both are needed in our community and the affordable housing would subsidize the creation of additional recreation space.
544.	There is already too much development in town, our skylines are being destroyed by multi story abominations while park space is reduced and pushed out of city limits.
545.	This is recreation property so it should still be allocated to this priority. There is a need for more community recreation space. I do not agree with the RDCK approving a plan before this survey has been completed. How do you know 5000 sq ft is enough for recreation without knowing the purpose of the space? An indoor gym is 5000 sq ft - so if that's the need this is not enough space for recreation purposes. Need to determine the purpose before planning. Which makes this survey look like you aren't even going to use it
546.	A compromise. Not necessarily in the utilization ratio described.
547.	Enough catering to already expensive, tax funded demographics!!!! Stop building community housing, stay out of special interest causes!!! Enough!!!! Enough!!! We are crumbling financially! Create parking for employees and owners who work downtown!!! Enough!
548.	Anything that facilitates additional indoor activities
549.	Our waitlists for affordable housing are very long, we do not get many if not any opportunities to utilize city land towards building affordable housing, as developers only build market rental condo's. We are desperate for affordable housing in this community. The more housing we provide, the less people will be on the streets, and the less people will struggle with affordability in this community. We have a responsibility to build affordable housing.
550.	We need more indoor places to play.
551.	i like the idea of having affordable housing on some floors and an extension of the recreation gym area on another floor.
552.	A mixed use development would be best suited for this land, to help with densification of the urban landscape, and provide additional recreation opportunities for Nelson.
553.	We have recreation options, affordable housing is, by far, a bigger issue
554.	Affordable housing is very important but there are multiple possible sites for it and it doesn't have to be in this location. With population increase we need facilities to be expanded on existing site and keep overhead down.
555.	I am very supportive of the development of affordable housing as long as it does not preclude improving indoor recreation facilities in Nelson. Please, more affordable housing and more indoor recreation facilities
556.	I believe that Nelson is growing and needs to accommodate more people. More people need more facilities
557.	The growth of this city is a guarantee, regardless of whether we have more affordable housing. Building a complex to support this future growth, with a focus on recreation would be wise. This extra lot of space could serve thousands of people more effectively. For close to 5 months a year outdoor activities become more finite for many due to cold, icy streets, and darkness. If you want to talk about affordable housing and how the RDCK and Nelson could allocate more space for this would be to look at changing zoning laws around the newly planned development as part of the golf course.
558.	It's very needed in nelson
559.	it is a recreation complex supported by the taxpayers to benefit the taxpayers who want access to recreation for their families and kids. Affordable housing is another thing and it gets confusing when you try to bundle the two together. Are we voting for more affordable and better recreation or for affordable housing? This feels like a sneaky attempt to achieve a government agenda that has nothing to do with recreation.
560.	I would like to see a combination of recreation and affordable housing created in the vacant lots.
561.	To keep sports viable we need to keep nelson affordable

562.	RDCK needs Nelson Cares more than they need it! But to make everyone happy it seems appropriate to have Nelson Cares raise the funds and cover the cost for any RDCK addition. Housing seems to me way more important than most RDCK "needs" save some affordable day care.
563.	Housing for middle income families and seniors is really needed.
564.	Expansion for the fitness Center which has been rapidly getting busier, as well as more space for our city's youth to run programs to help them
565.	It's a recreation complex, affordable housing has nothing to do with it.
566.	We're losing greenspace with each new development. We need to protect this.
567.	Need more fitness classes! Classes and swim classes fill up instantly. Demand is high.
568.	Multiple uses makes sense
569.	These are two of the main needs in Nelson currently. If space and funding are available, affordable housing and performance space for the arts should be priorities.
570.	More pickleball and net sports
571.	Use the lease payments on the new business spaces to help cover costs on existing facilities such as the curling rink
572.	One barrier for me to use the rec centre is the lack of parking Active transportation is not a viable option for me
573.	Rec Centre should be focused on recreation
574.	I'm not impressed with using community land for more housing that doesn't seem to have the ability to satisfy the need. I've witnessed the ghetto-izing of small towns in other places and I see lack of vision eating away at the quality of life here
575.	We are a city that relies on tourism. We need customer service workers to do this. These jobs don't pay well, we need to help house them.
576.	Both would be ideal. If the existing spaces can sustain our recreation needs then maybe just do affordable housing there.
577.	I am 1000% opposed to allocating more land to low income housing at the sacrifice of our recreational space. We don't need to give more land to Nelson Shares as they don't contribute to our tax base to help offset costs in our community yet they reap the rewards of the rental income.
578.	Affordable housing is considerably more important than recreation and I would forego the option to have more recreation in favour of affordable housing. Affordable housing is urgently needed, recreation is not.
579.	The housing crisis is extreme in nelson. I work with vulnerable populations, specifically women and children fleeing domestic violence, and it would be really great to see more AFFORDABLE housing options available. The waitlists are extremely long and there are barely any affordable rentals for single women, let alone single mothers.
580.	Both are important. Maybe create recreation on the lower levels and housing above
581.	No, just NO to using prime recreational zoned space for housing.
582.	Recreation first the meet need of current residence then redevelop other areas
583.	Nelson needs affordable house for young workers, families and seniors. I would love to see this developed with rec space for non- elite activities (e.g. small rec space for table tennis, badminton and or basketball) and/or an adult and youth art studio!
584.	Affordable housing could work well here because it is a central location with easy access to the mall and within walking distance of downtown. That being said, I would not want to see the entire space go only to housing as I think the demand for recreational facilities and space will continue to increase over time and some of the space within the Recreation Campus should be retained for this use.
585.	Affordable housing initiatives in this town have done nothing to improve homelessness to date
586.	I do not think that is an ideal space for housing. Busy road, lack of parking, increased traffic at a bad intersection

587.	I think a blend of recreational and affordable family housing could provide many benefits to the community including increased access for children, security from having residences nearby and increased community participation. Family housing, not single room affordable housing is ideal
588.	I think we need to maintain the recreation facilities we have already. I think the curling rink would be ideal for a multipurpose facility. Smaller curling space, indoor court, social space
589.	This land needs to stay with recreation for all residents and especially children. Nelson Cares Society makes enough money off the taxpayers. This group needs to be taxed like the rest of us. The safety of our children is the most important and businesses in the area not dealing with issues.
590.	Both are needed however there are other affordable housing projects but no new Nelson recreation. Recreational areas supports a longer term vision for the city and needs to be prioritized for future development so kids can access sports and healthy choices
591.	We need to support the vulnerable population in our community
592.	Affordable housing and recreation are both essential for the well-being of the Nelson Community.
593.	It would be nice to have both recreation and affordable housing- an added Rec space on ground floor housing above- multi use
594.	There are so many individuals and families here in Nelson that cannot find housing, let alone affordable housing. We have individuals who were born and raised here that cannot stay due to the lack of housing options. I have lived here for five years and have seen many hard working professionals have to leave this city due to the housing crisis. Nothing says community like providing safe and affordable housing to our hard working residents.
595.	More housing and more recreational space are equally important, so why not do both? I feel there should be more recreational spaces in the proposed new space, not a bigger gym or more of something that already exists. There are so many independent organizations that need space, such as Discover Circus. It would be great to have different studios for different activities. There's certainly a demand.
596.	The city is growing and we need fitness areas and sports facilities
597.	Supporting youth sports is a priority in my opinion.
598.	only if parking is provided for all of its residents
599.	As a homeowner, I am astonished to hear from friends about the extreme cost of rentals in the city, and the 0% vacancy rate. Housing has been declared a human right by the UN and by the federal government, and it appears our governments are failing to deliver on that right. The BC Centre for Disease Control mentions the cost of housing as a principal indicator of health outcomes, highlighting that nearly half of all renters in Nelson are paying more than 30% of their income on rent (http://communityhealth.phsa.ca/HealthProfiles/HealthReportFactorsThatAffectHealth/Nelson). They site that >30% is considered unaffordable, and that the large cost of housing means there is less money to use for healthy food and basic living costs. These worse health outcomes from the cost of housing will ultimately impact our struggling healthcare system, so this investment in people now will ultimately have compounding benefits. Additionally, in the recent draft budget which the city of Nelson sought community input on, I noted that the housing reserve only have \$26K or 0.0009% of the total budget. Compare that to policing, which has \$5.5M or 19% of the total budget, more than all Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Transit, Library Grant Transfer, and allocations to the Airport, Bridge, and Affordable Housing Reserve COMBINED! Regardless of your feelings on the effectiveness of police, I'm sure you can understand how this seems dramatically out of balance if the goal of the city and region is to foster a well-rounded community that offers a fulsome suite of reliable services - including public housing - to the citizens who fund it. I sincerely hope that the RDCK and City of Nelson, along with the provincial and federal government, are treating citizens with respect and dignity, and use this project as a jumping off point for a generation of public housing projects that are created for public good instead of treating them as profit-driven commodities.
600.	Providing recreation at this site should be prioritized because having 1 central location is convenient.
601.	Housing crisis Rents are too high

602.	Great need across the province. Support the working poor. It is untenable that we need people to work in areas they can't afford to live.
603.	Expand the NDCC and build a indoor court
604.	Bowling alley + housing
605.	There isn't enough affordable housing for young couples/families or people with animals.
606.	Nelson already contains a number of affordable housing projects. as well, this survey only identifies affordable housing as "30% or less of gross income"; it doesn't identify the targeted income bracket for a potential new project.
607.	Recreation space is limited, and as a city owned lot, this is a feasible location
608.	There is need for expansion of the NDCC. Although affordable housing is also important, giving up this space, which is centrally located and connected strongly to the community with recreation, feels like a miss.
609.	The library's programs provide recreation, learning, digital access and training, outreach to vulnerable populations, safety, shelter from heat or cold, and connection with others. There is increasing demand from the community and the current library is strained trying to meet that need, due to lack of space, parking and interior flexibility. The City and region need a community hub that is not about sports and does not require an admission fee - a new library coupled with affordable housing is the best possible use of the land.
610.	This space needs to be used for Recreation, and housing can be found elsewhere. This space is already attached to the Rec center and should be extended into a gym, not housing.
611.	Adding more affordable housing to our community should be a priority, and including shared recreation space would enhance the quality of living for everyone in our communityâ€” new residents in potential housing included
612.	Everyone deserves a home
613.	Both are important issues in our community and I hope both can be accommodated in some capacity
614.	I think at this point, recreation as Nelson is such an active town and a number of recreation facilities are inaccessible and user groups are being pushed out of their homes (Squash Club, Discover Circus, Curling Rink, Indoor Soccer, etc). It's ideal to have recreation facilities close together in a one-stop-shop type of area and ideal to have these types of facilities in areas where kids can walk from school to their activity. This would be an ideal location for recreation and then affordable housing would be ideal in residential areas -fairview, rosemont, etc.
615.	We need to keep diversity in this city and we need housing for low income people who run these facilities. The city will die otherwise.
616.	It seems like there are currently unused recreation sites and a serious need for affordable housing.
617.	It makes sense to keep this block as the recreation hub for the area and keep all recreation in one area. Affordable housing can be built elsewhere.
618.	need a curling rink
619.	Accessible recreation facilities is a basic need for healthy vibrant communities. Keeping kids busy, healthy, active and supporting adult sports contribute to a healthy community. Providing enough space for recreation will have the biggest impact on the future of Nelson. The available space doesn't seem like enough space to provide a significant amount of affordable housing anyway. Additionally would these affordable housing units compromise the safety if the area around the recreation facilities? Can we not find separate land for affordable housing? Why does the recreation area have to have both?
620.	Just some concern about losing expansion capability for the over crowded recreation facility, once lost no future ability to expand. Some city owned land at rail town near the public market should also be looked at for housing.
621.	Adding housing without improving and building out recreational facilities will negatively impact the community in the long term. We're lucky to have a recreation campus that is centrally located with many facilities in a small area. We should focus on adding to

	and improving the facilities in this location and build affordable housing in other parts of Nelson and the RDCK.
622.	We need more affordable housing. Businesses need staff, people struggle to find affordable housing to be that staff. We also need to help get people off the street.
623.	We have added a lot of affordable housing already. Families need more healthy things to do in this town in the evenings
624.	I have no experience with city planning, but this does seem like a really good location for affordable housing. I said both housing and recreation though because I do think a bit more facility space would be well used:)
625.	The need for housing and recreation are equally important.
626.	Mix of recreation and housing would be a wonderful addition to the community!
627.	There is demand for other/additional recreation amenities than what is available in existing facilities, use this space accordingly. Find another location for low income housing, we have enough already!
628.	The need for affordable housing outstrips the need for slightly enlarging recreational facilities, simple as that.
629.	Because this area/block of the city is already largely devoted to recreation/sport facilities it makes sense to include/add similar facilities here.
630.	Make an indoor soccer because so many kids and adults use it. And also make the housing.
631.	I would actually want this split 50/50 between affordable housing and recreation and I am torn to answer that it needs to be only recreation. The NDCC gym facility is SO BUSY whenever I have gone, that this expansion would only be accommodating the people who ALREADY GO THERE. I believe that giving the NDCC just a little bit would not satisfy the greater demand for this facility, but on the other hand, I support low income housing. Is there ANY other location for this low income housing?!?!? If the answer is yes, then I would like to see this lot be fully given to the NDCC.
632.	There are other areas of land what can be used for housing. This land should be used to enhance our recreational facilities which are clearly lacking.
633.	It's an appropriate location for expansion of the NDCC, and a good location for affordable housing (which is greatly needed).
634.	The city needs more affordable rental housing and more recreation. This should be funded in part by developers who will make their money selling above market and (especially) luxury developments that target non-residents (ie vacation houses).
635.	There is both a need for affordable housing and recreation, but it depends on what type of recreation envisaged
636.	Recreation is an undervalued part of our community. Affordable housing can be pursued in a variety of ways that does not include government funding. The youth in Nelson have very little to do in this community. Promoting wellness, recreation and fun should be important.
637.	A mix of recreation and housing
638.	Make it actually affordable and be open to families with pets..how dare you tell someone they have to pick between a roof over their head or a part of their family. Pets matter as well and for some people animals are their kids because they can't have their own. You say you make it help and affordable then prove it.
639.	both are needed
640.	Clearly, we need additional affordable housing (especially rental). My understanding is there are financial benefits (for both uses) through partnering with BC Housing on this integrated project. It's the kind of partnership we need - in order to provide more housing and recreation space, and to not create ghettos of housing. Also, community support will be needed for financing capital improvements and the more needs that are responded to, the more likely community support will be strong.
641.	Nelson lacks good areas for affordable housing and this fits the need and location. A portion of the property should be used for recreation as well.

642.	NO HOUSING!!
643.	We desperately need more affordable housing in Nelson, but also improving facilities for recreation purposes
644.	There is currently a lot of housing being constructed in the area.
645.	I want to see affordable housing that includes complex care housing for our most needing community members. Wrap around supports with a housing first protocol in place. I think it is awesome that the city is being part of the solution .
646.	As previously stated, recreation and housing are two separate issues and should be treated as two separate issues. Residents should not have to vote on which one is more important. This location must be maintained as a recreation campus. Housing is important but this is not the location for it.
647.	We need affordable housing more than recreation. I don't think our recreation amenities are at capacity? But I don't know. Fringe needs are not so important as housing.
648.	We need less homeless people around. We need more recreation space for people that actually work and pay taxes.
649.	I believe nelson tax payers are already subsidizing enough affordable housing with the several private projects that are tax exempt in the city . Nelson is losing millions of dollars a year in taxes that are given to private business such as nelson cares.
650.	It would be great to see more affordable housing as well as a newer recreational space
651.	There are enough things to do and facilities to accommodate them. There is not enough affordable housing or parking.
652.	I'd like to see more working low income housing.
653.	I don't think it's ideal to have affordable housing in this location when we already have troubles in this area. Let's keep the rec campus for rec. I'm also not in favour of a 6 story building!
654.	Bottom 2 floors recreation, top floors affordable housing.
655.	adding library to housing and the recreation picture incorporates more solutions to address the varied needs of community members.
656.	affordable housing should be incorporated into every project that it can be
657.	No more housing projects until we have recreation facilities for our citizens. We can't grow the city population if we don't attend to growing the recreation facilities. It's not healthy.
658.	The gym feels too crowded. Expanding it and adding a larger men's change room would be amazing!
659.	We already have enough government subsidized affordable housing in Nelson. No need to build more.
660.	Recreation opportunities are not considered much if affordable housing is not in place
661.	To help those who are unable to find adequate and affordable housing in Nelson
662.	It's a win/win for city and recreational users. More housing that is needed and an upgrade of a possible indoor rec sport that needs high ceilings (as proposed).
663.	high population density and no parking in nelson
664.	Sport and recreation is key to a healthy community
665.	Room for both equally important As is PARKING!
666.	I think a combo of both affordable housing & recreation is the only way to go. It would be nice to see the inclusion of a small outdoor courtyard area for eating lunch with kids, taking a call etc.
667.	Both are very important for the community even though it seems that there are many new & being build housing projects. Do worry about density.
668.	The infrastructures are not covering the current needs of our community to support accessibility to recreation. We need to keep our community healthy and engaged.
669.	Parking at NDCC is ALWAYS a problem!

670.	We need more affordable housing in nelson, but recreation space is also important
671.	There are other affordable housing projects occurring in the area. I would prefer to see an increase in recreation space.
672.	Both are much needed in the community.
673.	Need housing. Need recreational spaces. Accommodate both. Don't have one take over the other.
674.	Do not use recreation campus for housing
675.	I feel that a large amount of new builds have been either housing or affordable housing, while no new recreation has been built, so by allowing more people to live in nelson we also need more recreation.
676.	there's already plenty of subsidized housing projects for a city of this size.
677.	After the most recent public engagement meeting I support a new build that costs tax payers nothing and yet will offer our community 30% of the new space for indoor recreational activities
678.	In my opinion, the demand for recreation activities provided both by the NDCC and private sector is much higher than the available supply, thus the need for additional supply is needed. Additionally, with increasing cost of living, I believe there needs to be more affordable spaces for the creative arts (dance studios, art spaces etc...)
679.	Nelson has enough affordable housing projects, and there is affordable housing available outside of town.
680.	The recreation work out space is very small given the amount of use and size of the surrounding communities utilizing the space. Increasing this would be beneficial. With that said, adding additional residential units to the housing supply is always important where possible.
681.	There is a need for affordable housingâ€!.collaboration opportunity with groups to build multi purpose building.
682.	We need more housing, so of course I want to see that included in the plan. But this support is for affordable housing, not homeless shelters, safe injection/inhalation sites.
683.	Affordable houses and community recreation space are both very important
684.	New space for Discover Circus
685.	WE need more recreation space that is affordable for residents to use. We need to focus on attracting residents who can afford to pay their full share of taxes and local service costs unless the local governments are willing to cut their administrative costs and programs that don't support the majority of residents. Too much money is spent on projects that do not clearly benefit the full taxpayers in the city and region.
686.	The property has been vacant for 50+ years. If there is an opportunity to develop it with funding support from BC Housing to address the community needs for housing and recreation, I fully support this.
687.	I am all for the city to provide land for affordable housing, however including it in the recreation area seems to be a way to compromise and at the same time minimize the need for both. Not sure what the 5000 sq ft recreation area could be used for? The fitness room at the recreation centre is so small that it does not accommodate the numbers, I am often turned away from classes due to limit. Another housing project on the busiest street of Nelson makes no sense either. Nelson Cares is a good non profit, but they are already at capacity without an ED. Makes no sense for them to run another housing project. Nelson Community Services runs one of the most successful youth facilities in the province, perhaps affordable housing for second stage women and children might be in order. We support both affordable housing and recreation, just have concerns about the coupling???
688.	We need both
689.	new housing projects, whether market or affordable (they seem to be mutually exclusive these days), should have some green space. I'm not sure what is meant by recreational in this context. If it's family housing, I could see a safe playground as part of the recreational additions.
690.	My priority is affordable housing, but I recognize the importance of recreation to my broader community, though I myself do not participate.

691.	The facility is at capacity we need more recreation space and more parking (the parking lot is a gong show)
692.	I think we need to rename is SUPPORTIVE housing. Affordable housing has a poor stigma right now in our city. Bring on the housing with new projects! We need it.
693.	Build apartments elsewhere - densify areas that are already residential. Use this space to expand our much needed recreational facilities.
694.	Affordable housing is equally important to a community as affordable recreation opportunities.
695.	As this space is co-owned, this proposal makes sense as the housing shortage is such a crisis in our community. However, there must be a recreation component to honour the RDCK portion of ownership. With housing eligible for funding from provincial sources etc. it may also make financial sense. This location is also a good spot for affordable housing.
696.	Both
697.	We would like it to be affordable housing if that is actually what will happen.
698.	there is a lack of housing that is actually and truly affordable
699.	housing in Nelson is heart breaking. Affordable housing for families, there is enough being done for street people, the working poor need security. Its really tough, friends cant make ends meet, and blame themselves, I say its not their fault, its the times.
700.	Ground floor should be a community space. Above 5-8 stories of residential. Should be locally sourced prefabricated light wood frame, or Mass timber hybrid. Nelson area is becoming a leader in value added forestry and should demonstrate these solutions to housing.
701.	I believe we need more affordable housing in Nelson.
702.	I have a concern that if the area is given up for other that recreation, that future recreation needs can not be met.
703.	Our community is in desperate need of affordable housing.
704.	i think above use (2nd floor and above) is a good use of community resource and space best bang for the community buck vs building 2 separate spaces it takes a village â€!. we are ALL connected n community
705.	I believe more information is needed on the long-term plans for the campus before committing any one area to a specific purpose. There may be other parts of the campus that could be better suited for affordable housing.
706.	We have a housing crisis not a recreation crisis
707.	We desperately need affordable housing
708.	We need affordable housing desperately.
709.	There are other areas for affordable housing it makes sense to add similar recreation options close to what exists already.
710.	I would like the rec center to be expanded first and use the space as it's in a central location/building close to the existing rec center. Perhaps the affordable housing could go somewhere else?
711.	I see a lot of affordable housing projects happening or recently happened in the city. I think this vacant land so close to existing facilities should be prioritized for recreation. Affordable housing should occur in p[lace of Hallo Nelson!
712.	Affordable housing has gotten a significant amount of attention and funds. Looking at the state of the current recreation facilities, it is safe to say that our recreation facilities have not had a comparable amount of attention and funds. I am not saying that it is not important or should not be a priority in general, however youth sports are imperative to child development and engagement in sports increases health and fitness and self esteem. Making youth sports and recreation a priority is a preventative measure to many of the issues our society has with mental health and addictions.
713.	i think we can find some balance and utilize the area for both
714.	Nelson and area has probably enough recreation facilities. Some of them need to be upgraded but I don't think we need more buildings for this purpose. However, low income people are struggling to afford housing

715.	Mixed use buildings see a lot of positive reactions in UK - London requires it as a mandate for example. I disagree with segregating into 2 separate building as shown - think use can be more efficiently used. Could entire footprint 1st or 1st and 2nd floor be rec, and upstairs residential? Cannot increase residential too significantly as no parking available. I disagree with 100% housing and would prioritize rec space first. Could the plan to construct 'NDCC space is one story' increase to 2 floors to maximize land use?
716.	I WOULD NEED MORE INFO ON WHAT "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" MEANS AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE VERSUS RECREATION IS BEFORE I CAN PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION.
717.	It should benefit people in different ways
718.	I'm super disappointed in this survey I thought it was about recreation. Now you're wanting affordable housing. What a joke. Why not build housing? Why are you adding housing in whit recreation. Nelson is turning into a dump fast.
719.	Affordable housing first. But if there is opportunity to add another level and create more recreational space then I think that's a good investment in the community.
720.	Affordable means different things to different people. Absolutely no. Housing is not the responsibility of the Nelson taxpayer. This is a recreational survey .for a recreational project. Lets not confuse the two especially the budgets
721.	I think as a community we should support middle income families by providing one stop, low barrier recreation. This creates a sense of belonging while lowering the cost of access. I don't think low income housing should be managed at the municipal level.
722.	It's already well known that the affordable housing doesn't end up with the people who need it in the end- IF there was a notice that it was Affordable Housing forever or 99 years, I would have a different answer
723.	Recreation unless the City of Nelson pushes this through without community support. Then adding recreation to the affordable Housing would be my second choice. This would allow for less money to be spent and space could be used to extend the weight room at m minimal cost allowing for funds to be used in another way.
724.	Nelson Community's population is growing and the need for more residents requiring affordable housing and recreation services is increasing.
725.	I think there's been enough affordable housing built in the past few years. Time for other surrounding communities to contribute more housing. If we build it they will come, but we should consider a cap at some point. We can't keep growing just for the sake of growing.
726.	This property was originally designated as recreation use. Affordable housing is a totally different issue. The city has other properties that can be used for affordable housing. Please keep this for recreational purposes, as our city continues to develop and wellness becomes a priority for many.
727.	I am more interested in affordable housing than recreation. I am not sure what recreation would be added there, but it probably would be an enhancement to what is already at this recreation campus.
728.	Nelson has zero vacancy rate. Rental rates are astronomical. Affordable housing needs to be prioritized to meet the basic needs of our community members.
729.	We need a Multi purpose event space, and affordable housing can be adjacent.
730.	How great would it be for there to be affordable senior housing above a fitness centre geared toward senior citizens!
731.	The rec centre gets so much use in the community and we could really use more indoor recreation spaces for kids. At the same time there is an obvious need for affordable housing. I would like to see the affordable housing to be targeted to families or to young people working in our community since local businesses really need the labour!
732.	Both are important and can aid in bringing communities together

733.	I think the push for housing in Nelson has been at the forefront of the city's action plan for a number of years, but now the infrastructure and facilities of the city lag behind. Creating a recreation facility with adequate parking will take up all the space being discussed. If the school fields and facilities were in better shape it would be one thing, but they are not... we need to start focusing on providing kids with safe places to build community and healthy living habits. I think a big part of that is the NDCC and civic complex.
734.	The housing crisis speaks for itself and many are no longer able to even afford what would be considered a "starter home" here. A cooperative would also be amazing, especially if it allows pets (with restrictions). So many pets have lost their homes and families have lost their pets do to majority of places not allowing (that previously allowed) pets. They're very important for many people's mental health.
735.	Nelson desperately needs rental housing. The existing rentals are priced way above many working people's incomes. The high cost of real estate and borrowing in Nelson makes new rental suites in houses unaffordable for many average income earners. I'm really concerned about our community because of this. I don't believe we need more recreation facilities ahead of rental housing, and I have two small children who participate in these things. Rental housing should be our number one priority for our community.
736.	We should not be supporting homeless people. We need to encourage them to leave Nelson
737.	You could have one floor for recreation and housing above it in a multi story complex
738.	Main 1/2 floors increased space with apartments above
739.	We continue to need affordable housing in our city and it shouldn't come at the expense of larger recreational buildings. Housing first!
740.	Affordable housing is such a dire need in this area. If a building could go here, in an area that is within walking to lots of necessary amenities, that would of course be ideal. As well, for the mental, emotional, general overall well-being of the residents, having a wide variety of affordable recreation activities would also be a plus. It could strengthen community connections, give folks something to do in off-seasons. Both affordable housing and affordable community activities are needs for folks of all ages.
741.	Affordable housing will always be an issue. Of course it would be wonderful to have more affordable housing, but I do not think that is the right location. I think of recreation as prevention for our children. It is a protective factor to support mental and physical health. Recreation needs to be prioritised.
742.	Could the recreation space not be bigger, eg two normal storeys high instead of double-height?
743.	Affordable housing is at a premium in our community, as well as recreation space. The two can go hand in hand in effective and meaningful use of these vacant lots.
744.	Along with community spaces for recreation, affordable housing is an issue on most residences minds. The cost of living and the low availability of affordable housing is pushing many people out of the city and out of the area. We are losing the people and families that have spent their lives here. Adding additional affordable housing would allow for lower income people to stay in the area and live good lives in the city.
745.	We could use that property for a indoor racket sports facility, soccer, climbing and other indoor training.
746.	Nelson does not need more affordable housing, it needs more community facilities to get the community engaged and active.
747.	Would rather see it be a combination of affordable housing and recreation if the space is available for both.
748.	Recreational lands should remain as such. With our growing population the need for good recreation areas will only increase. Recreation builds community ! "affordable housing" in our community often attracts drug use and crime. We should carefully consider that and safeguard the safe spaces for our kids.
749.	Nelson rent costs are extortionate, units low quality, and hard to find. That said apartments don't meet the needs of the community. Space is needed for recreational equipment storage such as canoes, mountain bikes and snow mobiles etc
750.	It's the greatest need in our community.

751.	Affordable housing along with accommodation for folks living with a disability is needed in Nelson. Support Nelson Cares in their effort to secure this area for a housing project!
752.	We need affordable, accessible, and climate-resilient housing in Nelson. I suggest we use this space for affordable housing with a green roof and/or a solar panel roof installation.
753.	There is a housing crisis in Nelson with far too many people who are unhoused because of the rising cost of living. We are a community and need to provide better equity so that EVERYONE has an affordable and comfortable place to live. We need to give less land to multi million dollar companies to build expensive second houses for people, and focus more on those who need it.
754.	Bottom floor could have expanded class and flex recreation space - upper floors should be affordable housing, which is desperately needed in this community. If combo not possible then affordable housing should be the priority.
755.	Parking is terrible
756.	Affordable housing can be built in many different areas, recreational areas seem to be less so. I think the district requires an expansion to the recreational side, I already explained the gym side but indoor or out door pickle ball would be great as it is full and hard to get in already in nelson. This would also bring more money into the community
757.	Leave housing to the private investors
758.	The tax base for another building is simply not here.
759.	With housing prices and rentals as high as they are and an affordability problem across the region, affordable housing is more important than ever
760.	I think it makes sense to concentrate the recreation in one area. It is a huge asset to Nelson, and it's so nice to have so many options in one place.
761.	More people could access the recreation as it's not that large of a space for housing.
762.	Nelson has affordable housing, and it has not made a difference to homelessness or drug use.
763.	need to help those with few resources but not a place to use drugs
764.	Six stories is too high. The maximum allowable recreational space in a mixed use bc housing funded project should be allocated to recreation. The residential component must have parking for every unit and not be taller than the rest of the street scape
765.	There have been several affordable housing projects already in Nelson. I also think affordable housing should not all be concentrated in one area of Nelson. The rec facilities are getting so well used that it isn't comfortable because of how crowded they have become.
766.	I would like to see a combination of affordable housing, and a centre/coffee shop restaurant on the street level to accommodate patrons, pre and post use of the recreational facility. This would generate funds, and provide a meeting place for many.
767.	Don't need more affordable housing in Nelson. We are already well above the provincial/Canada average
768.	I don't have an opinion on which is more needed but parking at the NDCC is tight!
769.	Housing is a basis for stability and without it, we can't live the lives we want to. For example, a life where we actively partake in recreation. If affordable housing isn't addressed, as it isn't being addressed now, then I won't be able to afford recreation anyway. I can only afford recreation now because I'm a student and have a free pass to on campus recreation. And trust me, I've cut out as many avocado's as I can.
770.	Affordable housing is urgently needed in our area. I'm happy to have some recreation there but only if it doesn't impact the number of units available for new affordable housing units.
771.	Both are important for our community
772.	Affordable housing is becoming a significant/great need in our community.
773.	The number one issue that needs to be addressed with that lot is recreation, since the current fitness centre is very inadequate. If affordable housing can be integrated into the project then great, but improving the NDCC needs to be the number one priority for that lot.

774.	I think there is space for a gymnasium along with affordable housing.
775.	Explained above. If room for both great. If not.. affordable housing is needed
776.	Affordable housing above recreational facilities example - Kootenay Co-Op
777.	More housing is great, but would like to see expanded recreation options as well
778.	We do need more affordable housing in our area but we also need more space for recreation. So a combination of both would be ideal. A bottom floor (or 2) for recreation with housing on top.
779.	I understand that housing is supportive of a diverse population. However, the infrastructure in the town needs to be expanded first to better service the whole of the existing population rather than a smaller need group. Updates to the recreation facilities have been put off for too long and this needs to be a priority.
780.	If my tax dollars are being used, recreation facility should be built. End of story. I have no intention of funding housing projects from my own taxes.
781.	The affordable housing efforts have been and are being addressed at other locations in the community. Recreation and wellness have not been.
782.	This survey refers to the areas being discussed as a "recreation campus" and any development of said land should be for recreation purposes only. Being that there is such high demand for gymnasium use at Mary Hall, a need for a climbing wall, etc, it should only be used for this purpose. Additionally, Nelson Cares has already built on Front St and Hall St. All other areas on this campus should be utilized for sport only.
783.	The Fitness center is way to small for the amount of members, this needs to be a priority in expanding the cardio, yoga weights and stretching areas to accommodate a community that wants to be healthy and active. on the city portion housing would also benefit a lot of people who are struggling with Nelson's cost of living.
784.	I oppose housing on the recreation campus because it would limit the space available for children's activities and sports. As a parent, I value having a dedicated, safe space for my kids to play and engage in programs without the added traffic and congestion that housing developments would bring.
785.	Priority would be affordable housing. If both could be accomplished that would be nice.
786.	Housing above a recreation space, eg gym
787.	We don't need more affordable housing. It comes out tax payer money. I think it is important to have recreation or open a day care center that would benefit the general public instead of benefitting a specific group
788.	No more affordable housing
789.	There is an affordable housing crisis in nelson. There is a large amount of people asking for more housing, easily accessible downtown nelson, affordable, and with access to recreation for mental/physical/spiritual well being of the community.
790.	Expanding the rec center could offer more activities and programs for the community. Affordable housing is going in and other places around Nelson, but the demand for recreation space programs within the NDCC is increasing.
791.	Rosemont has much more space for housing, for example the golf course is an unnecessary luxury in Nelson and we could make affordable housing there. There are other lots in Rosemont that are much more suitable for housing as there already is affordable housing in this area. We need to use downtown for recreation!! Don't waste another perfectly good space for housing
792.	We have enough affordable housing
793.	We have such a little space for recreation for the entire area. We can do housing elsewhere. There is already an entire building there! Use it for the future of recreation. So we can be inside during climate change fires all summer long. No more housing there please.
794.	This is a recreation section of town
795.	If the city of Nelson Residents have a need for a new recreation space this should be included in the plan with the affordable housing. More housing means more people and so you need infrastructure for the people such as recreation amenities. As Nelson grows up it's facilities should as well.

796.	It occurs to me that affordable housing is a recent push that may not coincide with adequate long-term considerations for demographics within the city. As a homeowner, I feel sympathetic for folks seeking affordable housing, but not as much for new people moving to Nelson seeking affordable housing, which may come at a cost to those already living here (over-crowding, change in mentality, compromise to recreation, six-story buildings popping up everywhere).
797.	Low to moderate income housing. Recreation could be part of that if it is accessible (physically and financially) to the people that live in the housing complex. Please make this available for people for less than 30% of the living wage as some places are barely paying that.
798.	I believe there are other affordable housing locations--very important in Nelson-- already operational or being built that are still downtown. Better to keep the recreational facilities in one centralized location to enhance use, ease of access. Recreational facilities promote health and community within the town. I'd rather not have affordable housing and recreational facilities compete with one another. Both are needed.
799.	Nelson expansion is constrained by geography. Would be good to use available "flat" space for affordable housing. Housing area should include access to green space for all to enjoy.
800.	Having a new unit for affordable (actually) housing as well as a space that can be utilized for recreational events would be ideal for everyone
801.	Extra parking and traffic in this spot would be a nightmare. More recreation is more desirable.
802.	Ongoing housing crisis and labor shortage.
803.	We're desperate for more affordable housing. I had to move to Vancouver for awhile because I had no housing options as a young person on disability. No one would rent to me and I couldn't find anywhere I could afford
804.	There is an extreme housing crisis going on in Nelson right now. the difficulty of getting a job that pays a liveable wage, in conjunction with the rental market. Lower/middle class population is being pushed out of town. Many of whom work the jobs that are essential to keeping this town operating as it is.
805.	Both are important to our community.
806.	This is the location where our recreation are. I am sure there could be other spots for affordable housing maybe not as much downtown as this.
807.	Upgrading the facilities that we have is a nice to do, not a need to do. We desperately need affordable housing in this community.
808.	If the affordable housing is for people working in into it.
809.	The city and district have significant recreation needs with many sports in demand and aging facilities. The city should not be compelled to join the housing market. Market forces will adjust rent appropriately. People can react accordingly with many opportunities for affordable housing in surrounding communities. Investing in public transit to make these areas more accessible is a more reasonable approach.
810.	There is already affordable housing on the other side of the ndcc. I think this land would be better used to further recreation opportunities than affordable housing. I think housing is better in residential neighbourhoods rather than the downtown/commercial core.
811.	I believe actual affordable housing is far more important than expanding our current base of recreational activities giving Nelson's growing population. My only concern is that I do not trust that the housing built would actually become affordable
812.	if nelson cares wants to buy the land and fund everything great, do it, other than that i want to spend nothing on recreation or affordable housing, stop using use as an atm
813.	We are in the midst of an honest to goodness crisis in housing. Regular working people are unable to afford to live in this town in some cases. This land would provide the most meaningful benefit if it provides affordable housing.
814.	Affordable.housing, with a smaller portion of recreation than what was described. No more than 5000 sq ft of residential. Priority should be affordable housing.

815.	Nelson absolutely needs more affordable housing! It would be great if it could be recreational on first floor then however many stories of affordable housing above!
816.	We don't need any more new builds for housing. The last 2 lower income housing didn't even go to local residents. When the city can come up with a proper way to house Nelson over bringing in residents from out of province or country and house them first, maybe I would consider supporting housing. Recreation center is needed more, unfortunately 90% of our council doesn't use these facilities and are only looking for votes for next election.. sad, our youth need sports.
817.	A central coordinated rec campus that includes as much recreation space, for as many user groups as possible is the optimal way to deliver recreation services. The benefit of attaching user groups to a central rec area is huge (as opposed to having them available but off site). Any affordable housing on that space would take away from the available space for recreation. Conversely, It would be possible to find affordable housing locations elsewhere in Nelson, without impacting the rec space. Also, as we've seen with the interplay between ankor's and the soccer and gymnastics centres, these groups do not jive well together
818.	We need more affordable housing as well as a 4-storey gym space with rigging available for Discover Circus!!
819.	Primary use should be recreation.
820.	I think that affordable housing is a higher priority, and that with adequate investment the rest of the campus should be able to meet the city's recreation needs.
821.	There is a dire need for affordable housing
822.	I whatever is built will not be affordable housing unless it's subsidized. Everybody wants to make a profit. Use it for recreation where EVERYONE can use it. We need places communal, open to public.
823.	We have invested enough in affordable housing in recent years in our community. It's time to start offering things to the majority of the community that does NOT fall into that category of benefit from it. We need to consider are we trying to attract to our community!
824.	I think the drawn up plans seem like A good use of space for that area
825.	The housing crises in Nelson is dire. Prices are way too high. Locals are being forced out of the community because they can't find homes. Homelessness is incredibly pervasive and increasingly concerning in terms of safety. It feels grossly irresponsible for this area to be used for anything other than affordable housing at the moment.
826.	More parking is needed for the NDCC
827.	Focusing on recreation is what the community needs.
828.	I think Nelson's population is very close to maximum. I think we do not need much more housing. The fitness centre is too small to meet current demand I think small office space for nonprofits would be a nice addition
829.	I am in full support of affordable housing in our area, but see the space as precious as it is adjacent to existing NDCC structures. What about space along the waterfront, along the highway from across from Fairview (approximately at Elwin street), or in Rosemont on the site of an already excessive golf course. We do need more affordable housing in our city, but if we do not have adequate community meeting spaces, the folks drawn to the city will not have healthy and accessible spaces to gather.
830.	As a single parent on a single income, working full time, the rates of rental in Nelson are highway robbery. The vacancy rate is nil, we are all struggling. More housing is PARAMOUNT. I would prefer to see AFFORDABLE housing over recreation facility upgrades!!
831.	Modest rent for working individuals. We need to balance society out with low income living with middle income. It tends to police its self at a higher standard. Volunteer coffee shop with basketball court. Cause ten street is on the opposite end!
832.	It seems we need a bit of both
833.	An hall open to the community. Available for lease to host events. Especially loud music events!

834.	The horrors of how the town has disregarded its people. Wasteful spending while people with multiple jobs go homeless. I resent what this town has become after I decided to settle here. The business owners steal wages from employees three get nominated for business awards? It's a messed up town the a fake hippie vibe now. We need help for the people who make the town run not the millionaire business owner that pays their employees far below a living wage to pad there own pockets or commercial landlords renting to the highest bidder which ends up being millionaire business owners from whistler. Nothing done lately is for the people here just the rich
835.	Don't you want to attract more affluent people to Nelson Why are you wasting so much prime real estate on affordable housing in Nelson's city limits Don't Ymir, Trail and Salmo already offer affordable housing I'm appalled at how Nelson allowed the encampment outside of City Hall to continue for over 3mo! Fire the people who are wanting to make nelson more appealing and supportive of homelessness
836.	please ensure that some of the affordable housing is set aside for those involved in recreation who tend to be in lower income brackets - such as coaches.
837.	We need affordable housing, but it feels we also need more space for recreation and that's a very logical spot to expand the NDCC. But I'm no expert here, hence the 'other'
838.	There seems to be a lot Avenue affordable, housing and plans for it. Much of it will be used for people that come here which means we need more rec facilities and parking.
839.	Please see my answer earlier " new venue for music and other independent events"
840.	Use it for recreational purposes, it housing
841.	That area already has affordable housing, and another large project being built on Vernon St. We need more recreation facilities - it is not healthy nor sustainable for a community to put in housing and not similarly add to recreation space. Housing projects in Nelson need to start being built with more stories to maximize space, instead of expanding on more space.
842.	We need both.
843.	I absolutely do NOT want to see any housing on public recreation land. I am personally very affected by the housing crisis and would likely qualify for a unit in an affordable housing project of this sort, but I do not believe that using public recreation space for residential housing is appropriate, regardless of any grants we may receive from the provincial government. As increasing population density encroaches on every bit of spare land, it will be ever more important to have public recreation spaces that are enjoyed by all. A housing project on that site would be permanent and would forever limit what we could do with the site. A purely recreational use of the space could change over time if needs changed. If housing is built on the site, we will be stuck with it and that 5,000 sq ft space for at least a century. What is the purpose of the 5000 sq ft recreation space? A "space"/room of that size could be used for an expansion of the weight room or as a multi-purpose space, but what is it actually being designed for? The design of it seems less about satisfying Nelson & District residents' recreation needs and more about satisfying BC Housing grant requirements. What is the need that this "space" is fulfilling other than politicians' need to claim that they are addressing the housing crisis?
844.	i know that housing is critical, but I worry that if you make some of the space housing, it would never again become available to recreation; are there no other locations for housing? I like the idea of combining functions (like Rossland?'s hosuing/city hall); but not sure right now if housing is the best co-share with this recreational space. However, I could be wrong. Maybe it is a brilliant idea..
845.	It's important to support the health and vibrancy and spirit of connection of this community. There seem to be an abundance of affordable housing initiatives in this town already.
846.	Affordable housing is important for the community but recreation is equally important; I am unclear as to what you are proposing as NDCC recreation space... if the space is 6 levels perhaps 3 for recreation and 3 for housing would be better. Maybe some of the space could also consider parking issues that currently plague the NDCC and are not being adequately addressed with current parking rules and monitoring.

847.	I understand and hope for more affordable housing. However, recreation needs must also be considered.
848.	Affordable housing is essential for community and individual well-being. Without affordable housing, cycles of poverty, mental illness, and crime are exacerbated. It is time to follow the lead from other jurisdictions, and build more affordable housing for all who need it. While recreation is important, it is a relative luxury compared to the essential importance of having a roof over one's head, which leads to numerous social and individuals benefits.
849.	Both affordable and recreational to bring balance
850.	There are already monay affordable housing projects going in but less places for people to recreate.
851.	A park could be enjoyed by all ages. We need more green space.
852.	There is a huge demand for recreation and as stated before it is so important for our community and children. I want to see more tax dollars go towards community as a whole. The recent shutdown of recreation facilities has proven the significant impact that these closures have on everyone.
853.	Recreation can bring value and utility to everyone, thus it may be the better investment between the two options. Most Nelson residents do not qualify for affordable housing so it is unclear how handing out tax-funded land for free to a NFP would benefit those who paid for it. Tax money should be prioritized in a way that supports the majority of residents.
854.	To have more services to have fun and entertainment with peace of mind
855.	The area should be a recreation hub.
856.	I do not want an Affordable Housing Project on this site. The site should be used to extend the existing recreational facility because demand will only increase as Nelson's population grows. Affordable housing can be, and already is being built, on other sites.
857.	I think a mixed use building would be the best use of the land.
858.	The city of Nelson has an increasing population with increasing recreational needs and use. Providing more space for different indoor recreational opportunities would be a benefit (encouraging health, wellness and community engagement). It would attract more families. There is a need for more enhanced facilities.
859.	We have address all types of housing in our community but we have not really addressed affordable housing for families. This space could be used for a library so they can expand. Or any other recreation programs. Camore has an excellent facility. Library, Cafe, climbing centre, rec centre are all in one building.
860.	Appears to me there is a lot of newer housing that is affordable housing built in Nelson
861.	I am in favour of affordable housing but NOT at the proposed location (directly beside the NDCC). There are other areas available that can be used to facilitate affordable housing and the land adjacent to the NDCC should be used for RECREATION. Many more recreational activities could be provided at this site.
862.	Affordable housing shortage needs to be addressed, reducing homelessness needs to be priority
863.	There are many contributing factors as my previous statement suggestso
864.	Affordable housing combined with the existence of recreation keeps everyone happy
865.	nelson does not have enough housing for Both seasonal workers and year round workers. Affordable housing should not increase Nelson's taxes
866.	We do not have enough indoor space for members of our community to stay active for all ages
867.	I'm in favour of the affordable housing if we can restore the parking lot to recreational use and have indoor tennis courts. (Can you build a parking garage somewhere?) Or if you can provide indoor tennis courts and affordable housing then I'd probably be OK with affordable housing on the corner. I am totally in favour of affordable housing elsewhere in Nelson.
868.	We need more affordable housing for people to be able to live here

869.	Government should stay out of housing. The federal and provincial governments have made a mess out of it through various policies/laws. The municipality should not make it any worse.
870.	how about some park/playground space for the affordable housing project?
871.	There is a lack of housing but lots of other organizations are currently work on this issue. I think the RDCK should be focusing on community supported through offering free or reduced pricing facilities and activities.
872.	I'm a bit worried about the traffic and parking at this intersection to be honest. That hill in the wintertime is a nightmare. The crosswalks are treacherous on Front St and if cars are parked along the road, the visibility will be even worse. Not sure this is the best spot for high density housing (even with underground parking). To expand the sports complex makes sense but I worry about the massive density that would bring a lot more traffic and where are all the cars going to park.
873.	Affordable housing is important but maybe not putting it right in the heart of the city where the value of that land is expensive. Also I think it would make sense to expand upon services in other areas of the community like 10th St. campus and Silver King, to spread out accessibility to a broader audience and then build affordable housing in those areas
874.	Talking around town, it is getting harder and harder for non profit recreation groups to find a suitable space to use in town. I understand the housing situation too but there are more options for locations for those buildings than for recreation I feel.
875.	There are plenty of places in Nelson, waterfront, Rosemont near golf course, upper Fairview, to build affordable housing while there is little space to expand recreation facilities. I think Nelson Cares/City of Nelson is looking for is looking for a quick fix instead of expanding the vision to find better locations to build more affordable housing. Nelson Cares already used a nice piece of land at the corner of Hall and Front Street for affordable housing.
876.	I would like to see an indoor public basketball court
877.	We need a bigger rec centre. Do not put housing in this space. This space must be for fitness. This is very important. Why put housing here? This is essentially the only open gym that isn't crossfit. It is full to capacity. It currently operates at a dangerously full level. I worked there for a spell and it was a total shit show. The high school needs its own proper gym so that this gym is not running over capacity all the time.
878.	We need more house that the middle class can afford
879.	focus, work harder, put your phone away. too many people. period. less babies
880.	Both are a good fit for our town. I am grateful for what Nelson Cares has achieved, <u>they have my support as a longtime citizen.</u>
881.	Affordable housing is as well important, however it needs to accommodate locals that have lived here for longer than 10 years (preferably longer) not new residents.
882.	Both are important in supporting the community and allowing for growth. Compromise.
883.	Benefits to more of the community if both
884.	Nelson is less and less attractive to live in as more people move here. Providing more housing opportunities encourages population growth. I don't believe that affordable housing would drive down the permanent housing cost for current residents.
885.	Makes sence to do both but 6 stories is too high I think. just 5.
886.	There's room for both
887.	Just prefer to reserve that land for expansion of recreation
888.	Most recreation spaces are only one story, such as the NDCC, so why not add housing on top?
889.	Affordable housing can be build an on other land
890.	I'd like to see a building with affordable housing, but also a public FREE parking lot that people can use for the pool, arena, etc. maybe have them get a ticket so you know they're using the facilities when they're parked there.
891.	There are other areas with more space that would be better suited to affordable housing
892.	We don't need to have any more 6 story buildings in town

893.	We need more recreation spaces and housing, I believe both are important
894.	congestion will be an issue if too much residential is added to this area
895.	stop with all the affordable housing....unless someone wants to purchase the land keep it for the enjoyment of the tax payers
896.	Make the whole block for recreation
897.	The lack of walk in clinics for those residents without family doctors is putting strain on the emergency dept at the hospital.
898.	A multi level / high density plan where you can recreate on the main floor/basement and build housing on top. Mixed affordable housing for families is important too. Like 3 bedroom units/. Affordable townhomes would be good to see somewhere.
899.	The Rec Center and Civic Centers are big enough for our population. They just need to be upgraded. Housing supply is essential for our City. Especially affordable housing.
900.	We need more local and low income housing as the prices keep rising and it's harder and harder to find affordable rentals and especially if on fixed income. And it's crucial as more and more new housing is used for rental and are not for locals.
901.	Both are dearly needed
902.	"affordable housing" needs to be better defined. There are many individuals, such as those with diverse needs who need housing and a safe place to live. an inclusive, safe, diverse housing community is needed.
903.	Balance of needs and desires
904.	Build elsewhere. Keep sport centralized and safe from the massive influx of degenerates that brings in. Low income housing should be built elsewhere by either purchasing land from cp rail or re using the site of the old.nelson transfer station on McDonald drive. DO NOT RUIN OUR FACILITIES
905.	We need more and better recreational services that are centred down town.
906.	This is the perfect spot for increasing recreational space. I can't think of any other Nelson. Space is for affordable housing could be found throughout the city. I don't think it should be the priority here.
907.	We have an abundance of affordable housing in Nelson and insufficient sport infrastructure in Nelson.
908.	Nelson has a lack of housing availability in general. Affordable housing will allow more people to be in homes and succeed in life with lower financial barriers to that
909.	A combination that would include a wider range of population: families also, not only single people. Kids and couples, of all ages, European models with shared spaces.
910.	There is enough under market value housing in Nelson.
911.	We need more of both in this town.
912.	Housing is a separate matter altogether. This project should solely focus on recreation only.
913.	Discover Circus needs a space. I also want our young people to be able to afford housing. I want our unhoused people to be looked after and cared for.
914.	A combination of both would be best .
915.	Nelson has plenty of affordable housing. The space is small, the rec center is all nelson has, let's add to it.

<p>916. -This area is over congested already. - Do we need to put kids at risk as low income sometimes bring undesirables or mentally ill into a high traffic congested area. Why not look at land just past Rona where it's obvious low income housing is needed. -Why would the city not look at land by Rosemont campus or uphill by cemetery or by 10th street. Prime commercial on Cedar street area??? High traffic area who even thought that was good idea should be demoted. City should utilize its busses. Why not distribute population density avoid bottle necks. Mark my words low income housing there would be disastrous for community traffic and parking and business. I could keep on going but bad ideas and over budget is what this area is about. - so why give prime location to low income housing - Why does the city wanna kill tourism in Nelson put these in locations that will not effect businesses or community. - Why is this town taking on this burden release some land from RDCK put it to affordable lots let people buy own. - Hey kick WPM off old KFP land make a trailer park there clean it up put low income housing back of land subdivide land expansions walk. Do it proper RDCK and city will make money why not put a good city camp ground there for tourist and draw money instead then you accomplish goal without further burden to taxpayers. Engineer smart as well look how the city dock got out of control.</p>
<p>917. This whole area is designed as a recreation complex. Introducing affordable housing starts the slippery slope towards diluting that vision. My understanding is that Nelson Cares is a significant Nelson landholder and has many other options in a way that recreation in Nelson does not.</p>
<p>918. Seems to be the need in this town... Too many homeless and transients. Recreation is a privilege, housing should take priority.</p>
<p>919. Recreation is in high demand just as much.</p>
<p>920. both are important to meet the needs of our community</p>
<p>921. There is already affordable housing provided on the one side of the recreation facility. It would make more sense to utilize the empty lot to add onto the recreation facility for more recreational expansion that is much needed.</p>
<p>922. I'm in favour of affordable housing but this area should be preserved for continued expansion of recreation facilities to keep it all in one hub.</p>
<p>923. I just think there should be a better spot and keep recreation together.</p>
<p>924. Nelson Cares adds absolutely nothing to the community. Not only that, but adding 40+ vehicles to an already chaotic corner is nonsensical, especially considering the congestion on Front Street.</p>
<p>925. We need to prioritize an indoor sports arena. I don't think there is enough space for this on this lot. In Vancouver, seniors share the indoor and outdoor tracks and have safe flat places to walk on. Fitness helps people stay out of hospitals and their mental health. Families need recreation spaces. Nelson is bursting at the seams and families are suffering and not getting enough time for sports and working adults can't be expected to forgo or have to have late night times or have to drive to Castlegar or Trail for their activities. Housing is an issue. BY THE WAY. Anderson Gardens was built without balconies and it has been awful for the residents. We need to stop ghettoizing low income people. Surely there are other lots available to consider. The Rosemont golf course should not be reserved for people with money over a multi use area with trails, soccer fields and a mix of housing. These two issues dovetail together.</p>
<p>926. Both of these things are extremely important for our community!!</p>
<p>927. There is a fine line between supporting those that are willing to take responsibility and enabling those that are looking for others to accommodate their irresponsibility or poor lifestyle choices. I am not confident that all of the affordable housing projects in Nelson support or develop a community of responsible residents.</p>
<p>928. I do think affordable housing is important but I think that people need to utilize this space for recreation for the community.</p>

929.	We have catered to low income groups and homeless people to the detriment of local taxpayers . If you build it they will come .we have gone to far to the left and it's time to swing back to the middle.nelson needs to cleanup its image considering the amount of tourists that come here and how much that supports our local business'. My kids walk down to the soccer pitch and come across drug paraphernalia and homelessness that scare them â€ . That's unacceptable.i believe there should be a centralized gated tent city where ehs and resources could be sent to help with the addictions and eyesore of baker being overrun of where tent cities pop up wherever they feel like.some people may be able to be helped,overdoses could be minimized ,mental health patients could be monitored. Leave that land for recreation and promotion of health.
930.	I think there are efficiencies in doubling up on land use, building maintenance and construction costs
931.	we desperately require both. because there have been many affordable housing units recently added to Nelson, and we have to choose a single use, then my choice is recreation.
932.	I think that space needs to kept for recreation. Nelson Cares can find other opportunities for land in our area to accomplish the same business related tasks. They don't need prime time downtown real estate which is very limited. That should be saved for community related services that are central for everyone in our entire area that all access these programs or could benefit from accessing these facilities. This will also create more of a community culture / atmosphere around the downtown core which is only positive for all other business owners within town.
933.	There are many advocates for affordable housing in Nelson. Recreation facilities benefit more residents overall.
934.	We have a lot of rec facilities that need upgrades and maintenance. Take care and improve existing facilities. New construction can focus on serving housing crisis needs, perhaps targeting folks who would benefit most from proximity and perhaps indoor access to the NDCC.
935.	It is very difficult obviously needed
936.	We have been building a lot of affordable housing but we have not been building housing for the average senior who wants to simplify their lives and down size. Our options are very limited and the spaces are too small. We need to build for these seniors who are still active and require more than 6-800 square feet.
937.	Affordable housing has many other sites to consider, developing a recreation campus has no other sites as close.
938.	Affordable housing, recreation and daycare and the library.
939.	We have a lot of affordable housing in. Nelson for our population
940.	The residents need space to recreate
941.	I believe the more we can offer our youth, our next generations options to be involved in physical movement and promote healthy choices for all citizens is vital for a healthy community. Recreation for everyone at affordable prices needs to be a mainstay in our community.
942.	housing is important provided drug, alcohol and smoking use is controlled additional recreational use should be allowed for, as Nelson has limited vacant land
943.	By and large, I think we have adequate recreation space in the existing complex. I would rather see the RDCK invest in smaller recreation facilities in more rural areas if those communities desire them. Housing is brutal right now in Nelson. This is a serious community need that must be addressed with affordable social housing. I am not opposed to a having some recreation facilities involved, but I would like a clear rationale as to why its more important to use that space for recreation then to house people, and what that recreation activity will be.
944.	Population is ever growing. Available recreation facilities and housing need to be grown together to maintain quality of life in our town.
945.	The need for affordable housing is becoming more and more desperate. This would positively impact the entire community.
946.	The houseless are in desperate need of help and housing and i think it should be a huge priority right now to give them safe spaces and the help that they need.

947.	A park for small children. No fees and used by the whole community. The campus is already suffering from a lack of parking and I feel affordable housing will only exacerbate the parking issues in and around the campus.
948.	While I fully support the need for affordable housing, I believe it's crucial to carefully consider how we use valuable community spaces. My primary concern is that the proposed location is not be large enough to maximize its potential for economic growth through sports, events, and community activities. By creating a multi-use venue that can accommodate diverse sports and events, we could attract out-of-town visitors and generate significant revenue for the city through showcasing, tournaments, and other activities. Additionally, we must assess the impact of adding more housing on Nelson's infrastructure. As it stands, the city seems to be reaching its capacity in terms of resources and services for its size. Increasing housing density without corresponding investments in public transportation and infrastructure may detract from the unique small-town appeal that makes Nelson so special. To maintain this balance, a more distributed approach to housing, combined with improved public transit, could ensure sustainable growth while preserving the charm and functionality of our community. This approach would support both the long-term livability of Nelson and its appeal as a destination.
949.	UTILIZE THIS SPACE FOR A PROPER RECREATION FACILITY AND TAKE CARE OF IT AFTER ITS BUILT.
950.	the need for affordable housing needs to be weighed before I could decide because there could be other areas where affordable housing could be built, keeping this available for 100% recreation
951.	I know there is a need for both of the above.
952.	There is insufficient affordable housing in Nelson, prioritizing affordable housing is important over recreation to ensure lower and middle income earners can continue to live here
953.	Find another lot for more housing. keep recreation solid in this area. Be proud of a recreation space that the majority of the citizens can come to in the centre of town by walking, biking or busing. Outlying areas find the centre of town more convenient as well. Tourists, especially hotel patrons, would also find this valuable asset.
954.	As we have spent the last five years building affordable housing around nelson and in nelson, I would find it fair to expand our recreational facilities as the facilities are often overused and crowded... Our town and surrounds have expanded exponentially and thus require a healthier approach to the balance of activities and budget for all.
955.	As someone who has been through the renting process time and time again, and has seen so many others struggle to find housing I think having more available affordable housing that is close to amenities is SO IMPORTANT. The struggle to find rentals in town is so incredibly difficult and often far out of most of my generations price range.
956.	Housing can be built in a variety of locations (e.g. on a hill) but recreation requires larger amounts of flat land.
957.	A multi-purpose hall attached to a residential building where community groups can meet for a variety of recreational and social activities. It could replace the existing senior centre.
958.	Nelson is a very active Community that faces significantly challenges regarding housing and recreational spaces. If new houses are build to accommodate more people in this community then recreational areas should be created as well to allow people to enjoy themselves in this town.
959.	In my opinion, recreation that everyone can use and enjoy is more important.
960.	2 close family members need low income housing. Can you go bigger than 6 stories to offer more recreation space? Also, what other land is available in town to do a new facility. Middle of Nelson is too congested with vehicles. Can we go toward the industrial section of lakeside, upper Fairview and design a new sport centre there with parking.
961.	Affordable housing it a big issue in our town, having a building that offers additional recreational services (ideally child minding!) what also provides housing would be a great community building option
962.	If the housing is actually affordable then I think it would be a good option. But if it's just another new fancy space that is going to sell for high prices then I think that's a terrible idea.

963.	With the rising costs of living in Nelson, I think it's important to prioritize affordable housing. I don't want to see long-term residents pushed out of the city. Sports and recreation is at the heart of what makes this place wonderful, so that should also be included, but not at the expense of affordable housing.
964.	We need indoor recreation space such as a "fieldhouse"
965.	I think both are important, however we are desperately in need of pet friendly affordable housing to accommodate not knky service animals but emotional support pets
966.	Focus on expanding recreation and other community services in line with the recreation campus vision and look at other locations/options are available for affordable housing.
967.	We need more space for recreation! A full field soccer field
968.	All kinds of housing should be built in Nelson whenever there is any opportunity to do so. More housing projects, bigger taller more dense. In this case affordable access to housing. We needed it!
969.	Both are important
970.	We need both
971.	Ideally, I would love to see it retain some of it's current properties as a green space. Down that stretch of road particularly, there isn't that much of it. I don't know if community gardens or similar could be added. Plus the murals would be lost. I recognize that affordable housing is necessary and I support that. However, multiple units are already adjacent to the NDCC and I'm not of the belief that concentrating these units in close proximity results is the best outcomes for those areas.
972.	Prefer for recreation and accommodating housing elsewhere.
973.	affordable housing is needed and so is recreation
974.	Nothing more to say than we need more affordable house. I think this is obvious.
975.	Affordable housing and recreation are quite important to our community!
976.	Let's keep our youth active and engaged and sports accessible to all.
977.	There is so much need for affordable housing that should be the priority. If it can blend with a recreation improvement or new offering that would be amazing
978.	Require both when living in a complex a green space is also required.
979.	The Region is lacking in this area and cannot support the current demand. More housing without proper recreation facilities and infrastructure will only make our recreation facilities, and current infrastructure shortage worse.
980.	1000% we need affordable housing. Likely a little more than recreation. We do have soooo many options for various affordable recreation. Not so much when it comes to affordable housing.
981.	We have enough facilities for the number of people that actually use them. We haven't nearly enough affordable housing.
982.	there is a great need for affordable housing, not for profit housing
983.	We need more affordable housing for our important middle class
984.	Affordable housing is already being addressed by other groups.
985.	Affordable is likely the higher priority in Nelson with recreation for its citizens next.
986.	There are other areas for affordable housing.
987.	Nelson Cares should build affordable housing outside of Nelson. The site proposed is best suited for recreational activities due to its proximity to the other facilities. Adding more residents will not benefit the area but add congestion. Cedar Street would also need to become a dedicated One-way. Focus on enhancing recreation at this location.
988.	Many people are without homes in Nelson and limited space for recreation
989.	As, explained in a previous response I believe, this land would better off expanding our recreational facility especially the gym. If you add affordable housing to this area this will cause the current facility to be overwhelm as this will naturally, increase the amount of individual attending the recreation center if they live right on site.
990.	Affordable housing and recreation facilities are both very important, seems like a good use of the land.

991.	Just did
992.	This is a prime recreation spot. Put the low-income anywhere else. Low-income and homeless populations is already a problem. Investing in our future generation, with recreation facilities, is a better investment long term. SPort and recreation leads to further education, social skills, further education and social skills decreased likelihood someone will be on streets, and can afford to live
993.	It would be good to use the space for both recreational and housing.
994.	Both are important and necessary for the welfare of citizens.
995.	If the facilities are upgraded, the available parking is already limited. A multi floor parkade would be necessary
996.	I think more studio space could be combined with affordable housing
997.	If this project is truly about the Recreation Campus then keep the project to recreation and healthy living. If there is an affordable housing included then the residents may not respect the "healthy lifestyle" (smoking) that users of the facilities would expect. Also, there seems to be a lot of affordable housing projects over the past decade or so here in Nelson. If we do need more perhaps have this in another location.
998.	Getting people housed should be the first priority. A hybrid option where both rec needs and housing needs are met would be ideal.
999.	I understand the need for housing, but there is also a tremendous need for childcare. If you can't work you can't pay rent or living expenses. There is a tremendous need for more childcare options. Currently new parents are unable to even be placed on a waitlist, there are NO options available. This situation has made it impossible to return to work after leave. This is something that can't be solved by private community members as facilities and properties are at a premium. I know this impacts many families and a new large scale facility that utilized the NDCC facilities would be incredible and help so many people. I have born and raised Nelson friends with young families that had to move away because of the lack of care. This could also include additional recreational space, ideally that might be designed and used for kids.
1000.	We do way too much affordable housing in this area. We need to attract more people with money to the area-not cater to people without means moving here.
1001.	I think affordable housing is more important, especially in these trying times. But I also think that having recreational spaces is almost just as important as it keeps the community strong and gives people opportunities.
1002.	There are other spaces that are not close to downtown and parking that could be used for affordable housing.
1003.	I feel it's a poor location for housing. Also this land should be utilized for services or activities that enhance recreation. Better option than for housing
1004.	Given the sites proximity to recreation, this site could play a key role in developing new recreation facilities and later decommissioning the old facilities such that there is no interruption in service. Without a recreation master plan in place, it seems very premature to commit this site to housing. Generally, I support housing initiatives, and would be okay house was integrated into new sports facilities provided it meets the needs of a resolved master plan.
1005.	There is an affordable housing crisis. If people don't have affordable housing they don't have money to recreate. People need affordable homes.
1006.	There's been too many adorable housing projects recently.
1007.	Recreation facilities that would be used by the folks living in the affordable housing and the greater community could make the housing more lively and vibrant, and strengthen community bonds.
1008.	Affordable housing: Nelson and partners have built SO MUCH affordable housing... that fact is now attracting many low income people to Nelson because it HAS so much "affordable housing". Affordable is a relative term. How about SENIOR housing?
1009.	This lot should be used for recreation only. No housing. The city should not have entered into negotiations with Nelson Cares without consulting with the recreation community first. This campus should be recreation only.

1010.	Affordability is a bit of a black hole, but it makes a difference to those it directly benefits, which in turn indirectly helps prevent Nelson turning into Whistler.
1011.	I feel that recreation is already being taken care of.
1012.	indir gym or squash courts
1013.	In the last 10 years, Anderson Street has been built, as well as over 200 units for Nelson Cares, plus a Workforce Housing project for Share Nelson. The North Shore Inn is under renovation for over 20 people, and plans are in the works for more workforce housing by the Chamber Building and up by Mt St Francis. Mount St Francis completion as well COULD open up some housing. Surely, in a town of 11 000, we have enough units and need to think of things that benefit the entire community. Plus, it is not the job of Council or the RDCK to provide housing.
1014.	I support the addition of affordable housing in Nelson, it is much needed. My only concern about its location as part of the rec campus is that it may limit the future expansion of the campus. However, I do think that adding housing this location would go a long ways in activating this part of front st. The buildings along this section of front st turn their "backs" to the street creating a largely empty corridor. Housing would also diversify the hours that this area is occupied, currently it is mostly empty after business hours close.
1015.	Affordable housing is important to Nelson, but a full analysis of all affordable housing should be undertaken, including how many longer-term Nelson residents have been house (compared with those coming from elsewhere). Other land should be prioritized for affordable housing, and NOT the recreation campus
1016.	once it is built its hard to go back; if the housing entity paid 100% of the costs of the recreation complex then i am ok with housing; if the housing pays taxes like every other housing project and taxes are not government subsidized then housing can be considered.
1017.	I am sympathetic to people that can't afford local housing, but we need to continue investing in critical infrastructure like recreation facilities as well. Nelson Cares has built a few developments in the last 5 years, but lets not let housing outpace the rest of the needs of this town. Lets keep the land at the NDCC a recreation hub and continue a legacy of healthy activity for generations to come.
1018.	As I mentioned before, I believe this needs to be a top priority as folks experiencing houselessness need support in our community particularly with the rising cost of living. I have worked with Nelson Cares and the Committee on Homelessness and it's clear how much support is needed in our community. As well, as someone starting a new business and cannot afford to buy a home, I am an example of many "young" folks experiencing the impacts of the rising cost of living.
1019.	There is already several new buildings for affordable housing! this space should all be used for recreation
1020.	That is public property. It should meet the needs of the broader community and this is just a small piece that could be useful to the region as whole.
1021.	Nelson cares has enough buildings
1022.	Affordable, and I mean, TRULY affordable housing upstairs, dance and art studio downstairs.
1023.	The idea of combining affordable housing and recreation is wonderful. We all do better when services and housing are available for everyone.
1024.	New indoor soccer centre would be funðY¤·â€• â™,ï,•
1025.	Combine more gym space with affordable housing as long as it doesn't take away any existing recreational foot print and facilities

1026.	Apart from Lakeside Rotary and Gyro, where are the green space in town ? This housing shortage did create a situation where people build tinier house on tinier spot, close together with more and more artificial place. Less and less people have access to garden space, as any space where a garden could grow is being build over. The Flooding risks increasing with it. Housing is an issue, but resilience and access to food source is important too. If there is nothing the city can do to temper the overbuilding on private land, then it is your duty to keep some green space, even if this one is not nicely located and barely used. But it can be improved. Put a hedge on front street to reduce noise/danger from traffic, add a retaining wall and flatten the area where the house was, put some bench, maybe a giant chess board, and you got a nice spot. If you go ahead with the big building, think about engineered green roofs/walls. There is enough gruesome concrete in town.
1027.	Depends what you mean by affordable housing. I support worker or middle income affordable family housing.
1028.	I would like to consider what are the needs of recreation. Is there space for affordable housing or are we giving up recreation for affordable housing. I think the location is r=great for affordable housing and if grant funding for affordable housing would support the recreation then this would be a benefit. But what about parking? There is already no enough space for parking at the arena. Have alternatives been thought out regarding land less central for a second rec campus? It seems that there is no long term plan and yet a decision being attempted for a piece of land without the long term plan understood.
1029.	No to Nelson CARES - find a competent and honest partner
1030.	Enough affordable housing already
1031.	Greater benefit to all
1032.	We already have as a %, more affordable housing in Nelson than most cities in BC. We need to start paying attention to the bulk of the tax payers in this city and continue to promote health and well being through <u>expanded sporting facilities</u> .
1033.	We have to quit looking to the government to provide everything for us. We forget that they don't make \$. They use our tax dollars. So for every project we want government to provide, we need to make more \$ because they are going to tax us more to provide the service. People have a cap on what they make and are taxed out!!!
1034.	There is a need for both so why not use for both?
1035.	The need is great and the location is central and ideal and can easily be serviced by bus.
1036.	We need affordable housing. But that land is right beside the recreation hub. I think that land should stay recreation focused
1037.	If the entire ground floor is recreation
1038.	There's several other places for affordabe housing, and it definitely shouldn't be near where children recreate.
1039.	Affordable housing has already taken part of the Campus on Hall St. The remainder is precious recreation space for the future health, well-being, attractiveness, and prosperity of our community.
1040.	Affordable housing is desperately needed.
1041.	You say curling rink cannot benopened. And othe facililties need upgrades. Dont get in over your head and ise the income from the sale of these parcels to upgrade the existing needs. Governments spend far too much and then expect taxpayers to make up shortfalls or pull needed funds to finish a project from other programs they have told the taxpayer they will benefit from
1042.	A mix of both to encourage housing and recreation
1043.	expand gym, have affordable above
1044.	if you want to keep a recreation campus then you need this land to expand why give it for housing and then go looking for property elsewhere
1045.	Current recreation space is hitting max capacity. More space is need and there this is the only space in Nelson which more space could come from.

1046.	I believe the entire campus should be dedicated to recreation. All user groups report their facilities do not meet the current demand, and some have no space on the campus. Circus has already lost their space and they serve over 300 children, etc. Put housing somewhere else. I would rather my tax dollars be spent on recreation.
1047.	We seem to be tight for space in nelson and it seems silly to take land so close to the complex and not create additional recreational spaces when there are so many associations either with no dedicated space or limited access to space for their activities.
1048.	Affordable housing units will benefit a small increment of the population, and the previous projects have, in many individuals opinion, not actually been affordable. Recreation space can be used by an incredibly large portion of the community and generates a more stable environment for families to spend time -- there is already a major need for low cost or no cost places for families to visit and gather
1049.	Seems like a great location for more affordable housing. In addition if we can get more recreation space here as well that's a bonus!
1050.	We have enough low income housing in Nelson now and they all want to use a facility too so now you make more people and not enough space for recreation. Enough is enough. Focus on the people who live here now. That was a promise from before when the new arena was built. The old civic is falling apart and you still use it and make all the users pay and hence the whole roofing project now. Fix what we have for people to have options. The curling club is a recreation site and it should stay that way if you are taking the curling club out. Building low income around this area of town seems like you are going to also bottleneck the highway and again cause more parking and traffic issues. WE are not at big city. Thank you.
1051.	There are other places for affordable housing
1052.	We have enough affordable housing in Nelson
1053.	No affordable housing.
1054.	As Nelson is land deprived, it is important that further recreational needs are protected land availability in the city core. Kids can active transportation to Campus activities following school, vs vehicles. There are various housing projects built/planned throughout Nelson, eg corner of Hall and Front Streets, which once was designated for recreational lands from 1904.
1055.	I would like to see affordable housing only if it is for low income individuals and families.
1056.	I feel that affordable housing is an essential need in our community. Basketball is not an essential need, but it is important in that it contributes to a healthy community.
1057.	The RDCK lot is small along e, making use of both city owned and RDCK allows for a better use of the lot. Combining recreation space downstairs with housing upstairs would seem to be a win win.
1058.	I think housing on that corner is appropriate. I am not sure that studio, one bedrooms fits with our needs assessment. As we have already built a number of these units. Some joint plan for recreation -perhaps expansion of the fitness studio is appropriate

<p>1059. It is the responsibility of the municipality to provide land without delay to meet the dire need for housing, per the recommendations of the Federal Advocate for Housing in Canada and her recommendations that all levels of government respond with swift action to increase non market options in our housing market. As well, the recent Nelson housing report and assessment reflected the need for housing, and our community has one of the highest provincial rates of homelessness. Nelson needs affordable housing to increase social stability for those people living in poverty, recovering from mental health, abuse, substance use or other situations, single parents etc. Provision of safe housing is the first step towards advancing people in rehabilitation, and allows care teams to connect and provide home support or nursing support for seniors or others with health concerns. Affordable housing should be prioritized on all city owned land at this time to fulfill the observations of the recent report on housing need that was filed this fall. We do want to lead the way in terms of responding to the needs of our local community, and the recreation facility is already serving many purposes for those who enjoy that, but in terms of the need for affordable housing this is gravely needed by many residents here in Nelson. Thank you for reading and for the opportunity to share my thoughts on the importance of affordable housing in our community! This can play a part in reducing homelessness, and this can help support people to have homes, instead of being out on the streets with no where to go.</p>
<p>1060. We need both!! So if we can incorporate both then we should. Pitting one vs the other is unhelpful.</p>
<p>1061. Please do not allow more affordable housing in Nelson. Make recreation the priority. We have enough affordable housing and per capita we have a high ratio compared to some other places already and we are not responsible to house everyone in the country. It also shouldn't be built in places where there is an option to have more much needed recreation facilities. If we need more affordable housing find another place. Leave the recreation campus for recreation. Recreation is a priority!</p>
<p>1062. Nelson cares is unable to manage its current assets and programs. Not a suitable choice to partner.</p>
<p>1063. The current gym space is way too small. Adding additional workout/cardio/weights gym space would be extremely beneficial to the community. This could easily be paired with affordable housing if the intent is to build a 6 story building.</p>
<p>1064. We have enough affordable housing! We need more seniors housing.</p>
<p>1065. I believe that affordable housing brings stability to our community and accessible recreation is critical for children's development.</p>
<p>1066. I understand that BC Housing will partner with Nelson Cares to see this proposal to fruition. This seems like an opportunity that would benefit all of Nelson, and could provide an opportunity to meet the increasing need for more court space for pickleball and other indoor sports activities. Pickleball is the fastest growing indoor sport in No. America, and the demand here in Nelson is fierce. So is the demand for affordable housing. What a win win opportunity.</p>
<p>1067. Multi use facilities inspire community engagement and collaboration. With support from the city of Nelson I believe that two major issues, that of housing affordability and availability as well as recreational spaces can be addressed in a single project.</p>
<p>1068. The primary use of the property should be for recreation first and foremost, however a multi use facility which includes affordable housing which could augment the costs of maintaining the facility.</p>
<p>1069. no explanation is needed. it would be great to expand the facility!!!</p>
<p>1070. We are experiencing a large issue with housing and I think this should be a #1 priority!</p>
<p>1071. Many other affordable housing units has gone up recently and there are other areas to continue to develop. It makes sense to keep the community sports near each other and close to downtown.</p>
<p>1072. The space is set aside for recreation. The city is growing and there is a limited variety of indoor activities, with many facilities being undersized or very busy (no bowling, limited pool space, very small and busy rock climbing space, etc.). Housing is also important and limited, so property should serve both. Removing recreation from these properties effectively removes it from the broader public benefit.</p>
<p>1073. We need AFFORDABLE housing and recreational opportunities for a healthy and diverse community.</p>

1074.	With the amount of activities offered at the NDCC, there is very limited space for parking. The parking stalls are tight that it is difficult to open car doors for children/car seats to get in and out of vehicles.
1075.	Net community benefit much greater as a central recreation site for present and future generations, not housing.
1076.	Many projects seem to start as affordable housing and then once built aren't affordable. Stay focused on recreation for the space, if you're creating a recreational hub, keep it focused on recreation
1077.	Recreation is more important.
1078.	Make Hellhole Nelson into affordable housing. Preserve these places for community enhancement. Once it goes residential, it will never go back.
1079.	I have worked as the Emergency Housing manager with Nelson CARES and affordable housing needs to be a priority to help address the housing crisis Nelson has been in for the last 7 years. I fully support City land being allocated to support affordable housing initiatives
1080.	Housing is a human rights issue that will always take priority
1081.	It would be good to provide affordable housing for residents and combine recreation facility if possible.
1082.	I was excited to hear that nelson cares had put forward the proposal for the unused space on that corner. I think affordable housing is something to be focused on at the moment. If that housing can also support some form of indoor recreation that would just be a bonus. I cant come up with any ideas that would use that space for recreation that - isn't already covered by the ndcc - the things I would like to see added wouldnt fit in that space. I'm sure there are good ideas for the space and if it will help get approval for the housing I'm all for it. If the recreation facilities being included werent going to add any value or make it so the project gets approval, I'd prefer to have only the housing and updates to the existing ndcc and nelson city facilities (like the curling club).
1083.	Nelson is alway in need of affordable housing, so I agree this should be prioritisedâ€"however, this should NOT be done at the expense of recreational spaces and resources to keep existing recreational communities alive. What's the point of living in a town if the community resources and recreational communities have all been squished into nothing?
1084.	we have enough low income housing funded by municipal government. Funding these projects does nothing for tax revenues for municipal coffers to aid in services such as the rec campus.
1085.	Being able to address both needs in one project makes sense to me.
1086.	curling, soccer, sport & fitness
1087.	We are living a housing crisis and lots of people are looking for affordable housing. I think it important to take care of the population of Nelson. In another hand, we are laking recreational facilities and I would love for Nelson people to be able to keep practicing their favorite activities
1088.	As a single parent and rising costs and not alot of places to go, even if it was for people who worked full time and still can't afford rent
1089.	Spa in fitness studio is not adequate. expansion needed. Space in weight room not adequate
1090.	Both are greatly needed
1091.	Affordable housing is a big issue. But I also encourage planning for long term population growth with regards to recreational program needs. Portions of the recreation complex are quite busy at times, and it would be good to take advantage of the opportunity to expand the NDCC with part of this vacant property, before the recreation complex is over capacity from population growth.
1092.	I understand the need for affordable housing in Nelson, but we also need affordable recreation for at risk youth. Hockey is expensive and out of reach for people. Our soccer program is currently robust and doesn't require any assistance. Nobody is interested in curling. Raquet sports, basketball, bowling, etc are inclusive and low cost to the user. Please diversify what we have to offer and make this truly great city even better.

1093.	We have a pretty amazing facility, but Nelson and area is growing. Maintaining space and capacity where the NDCC and Civic Centre currently exists leaves the door open for future expansion. Nelson has seen a large amount of affordable housing go up in the past several years. I would guess better per capita than most BC cities. This includes the Nelson Cares development at Hall St which was an area that could've been used for expanding recreation opportunities.
1094.	Probably best to spread some of recreational activities to less congested sites in the city possibly industrial land near waterfront? This would be a good site for affordable housing
1095.	This is top priority for the community
1096.	We need affordable housing.
1097.	Like I said earlier, no need to expanded or add another recreation facility. Nelson has a great one. What Nelson needs is low income housing. As well as another homeless shelter!
1098.	This town is already over populated. Build space for the people that already live here
1099.	I really want to see the added affordable housing, as long as it doesn't take over any existing recreational buildings (ie the curling rink as that building should be re used for a multi use sport centre, preferably indoor soccer) but it would be nice to see the NDCC expand its gym facilities to add box gym style units to open more space for gym users. I 100% support more housing, but I do not want it to encroach on existing and future recreational uses.
1100.	We need housing
1101.	What an awesome opportunity to provide two things which are community desperately needs. Affordable housing in the downtown core so close to opportunities of physical health and well-being of the rec centre. Let's do it!
1102.	Multi level with housing on top of something like a gym or climbing wall or squash court or something
1103.	Place to have music event of any kind
1104.	Should be a parking lot
1105.	The only way the NDCC will expand is to link with affordable housing on the city land. Rick has had the land for many years and nothing has happened. This is a window of opportunity to ought back on affordable housing that is a provincial priority today.
1106.	Selkirk College location is too isolated and lacking visibility for a showpiece climbing gym.
1107.	There is no one at Nelson Cares skilled or qualified to direct or manage this or any other of their current housing projects. Please do your homework. Ask for proof of experience and qualifications. A power hungry property manager from T.O. has no business leading this or any other project in our community.
1108.	Unless there was adequate space to fully rebuild the curling rink/indoor soccer, yet still provide some housing units, then I think this is the only way to justify housing. No housing should take the place of this recreation-zoned facility.
1109.	NDCC needs to expand as it is over capacity. Surely the affordable housing could be planned somewhere else in the city, such as down on Lakeside Dr where there are those empty lots.
1110.	I think that mixing a small amount of recreation with residential contributes more to community building than just having residential
1111.	We need both
1112.	Love this idea!
1113.	This area was expressly purchased for use/expansion of Recreation activities by earlier City Councils and this should be honoured. The corner of Hall and Front St. was already removed without the electorate being consulted.
1114.	We don't need any more housing in this area and once it's auctioned off to BC housing it may never be what it was intended for. Create parking that you charge for and create revenue. This will allow more people to use the facility and generate more revenue for the center. It's a win win.

1115.	This area is zoned for recreation and focusing on preventative programming (ie keeping kids involved and busy with sports, indoor safe spaces to do activities that regulate and improve the nervous system) will benefit in the longer term. Also, safety is of the highest concern for kids walking to their recreation programs and waiting for rides after without potentially high risk behaviours from those who tend to be in Nelson cares housing.
1116.	We have enough subsidized housing in Nelson! We need to realize that Nelson as a city has zero industry. The city needs tourism and amenities to be offered not only to locals but also to outsiders who have money and may consider making Nelson a destination stop. The demographic of people in Nelson will continue to change.
1117.	Affordable, healthy, and energy efficient housing is priority. Added Recreation is a bonus, if it makes sense and deems to be important.
1118.	Not low income, but rather affordable housing is most necessary. We need housing for the young middle class population in Nelson. Recreation is an amenity that we already have plenty of and it is effecting far less of our socio-economic status as a community.
1119.	Because people need to do activities to stay physicaly and mentaly healthy. Especially during the winter. It is a key piece to a healthy society
1120.	I think we have a high need for both and if there's some way to effectively combine them then that is great.
1121.	I think there are way more options of places for housing. This space is so integral to our recreation community, which affects so many people. Part of that is the accessibility and proximity (to other recreation facilities, downtown, and schools). I believe housing will remain a priority, and can more easily be successful elsewhere, but recreation will have a harder time recovering or moving forward.
1122.	Desperate need for affordable housing.
1123.	The NDCC is in need of an expansion due to increased demand. Parking is a challenge and the gym is overcrowded. This SHOULD NOT be more affordable housing!
1124.	I think affordable housing is a priority, but that can happen anywhere, like the golf course instead of luxury condos. In town there is a need to community spaces that are accessible to foot traffic. This spot may serve better for a venue space, but housing is critical too.
1125.	we NEED affordable housing. we would benefit from more recreation facilities
1126.	Oops, I guess I mostly answered this question in the previous section. Any and all additional affordable housing for Nelson community members is only a positive in my book! :)
1127.	Both are needed and it fits with the spirit of the space
1128.	Affordable housing is becoming a crisis in Nelson. I am a relatively privileged individual and finding affordable rentals has become very challenging. I pay 50% of my income to rent. I want to see the housing insecure folks with more options as well. I was appalled that the city spent so much money on a pier when there was an encampment at city hall. I am appalled by the Hallo Nelson proposal. We are a small community and the local population is being pushed out by gentrification. Balancing recreation and affordable housing is important to community wellbeing
1129.	It's not a desirable location for housingâ€!, better location to grow our recreational facilities. Private sector will not invest in recreational facilities so best to use this as community space.
1130.	There are other applicable areas that would be suitable for affordable housing. I want my taxes to pay for recreation.
1131.	A balance of affordable housing with fresh recreation spaces to support our growing community are both needed.
1132.	I've been told that 30% of the proposed structure can be used for recreation and would not require borrowing or tax increases. 100% no brainer in my mind and of course will put a dent in our dire housing situation.
1133.	Both are important

1134.	If you put recreation ebsode residential units you better put good money in sound insulation. A beautiful two story high building seems ideal for dancing. But we need numbers to make a better decision here. How many affordable housing units are we talking about. I'd hate to see people on the streets because the wealthier want more recreation units that won't be accessible to the people living right next door. Now how ironic would that be
1135.	I personally am BARELY getting by and I am on welfare assistance. I cannot get a job and believe me I've been trying since April. It seems like the cities version of affordability isn't actually all that affordable and I wish there were more resources to help.
1136.	While I do want housing there as someone who has been homeless. We need more green space that isn't pay to rest. Like all the restaurants taking over community spaces downtown. We need more benches in the city too.
1137.	Why would housing even be considered on the campus recreation property? There are other property locations around that are more conducive to housing.
1138.	Let's keep areas where families are enjoying recreation totally separate from housing
1139.	There is only so much space in proximity to the recreation center to develop and expand the recreation center. The onus for providing a lot for affordable housing should come at the cost of recreation. I am very in favor of Nelson creating affordable housing, but I think there are a number of other options.
1140.	Nice to help everyone
1141.	It is already to dense and congested in that area to put more housing.
1142.	I've heard people say the fitness centre needs more space, so adding it to the 3rd and 4th floor of affordable housing makes sense
1143.	Although affordable housing is important so is recreation.
1144.	Recreation programs on first floor available to community such as classes and affordable housing above.
1145.	Affordable housing is really hard to come by in Nelson. We need to prioritize that. The recreation facilities also need to be expanded and enhanced because they currently do not provide all services (community gathering and art space) and for current activities are too small for the demand on them.
1146.	RECREATION, NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING!
1147.	Our community is growing and the existing facilities and parking cannot accommodate the current need. There are many affordable housing projects already on the go, let's focus on recreation.
1148.	There already is lots of affordable housing
1149.	Housing is desperately needed in the city
1150.	2 levels of parking, 1 level of recreation and 12 levels of housing
1151.	Housing should be mixed and never just affordable. There's cost savings to be had by using some of this space for recreation as well and allowing it to meet the needs of more residents
1152.	The gym needs to be bigger.
1153.	Expansion of the fitness centre. Another soccer pitch - would also be used for other activities
1154.	NO !!!!!! This is a prime centralized recreation complex. KEEP IT THAT WAY. Move the housing project to another area , and allow the recreation facilities to stay together. We need the recreation for the entire community. Housing at this location is a HORRIBLE idea.
1155.	We have enough affordable housing options in the area. We need services to bring more people and improve the health and wellness of our current population.
1156.	multi use - well thought out and benfitting the community
1157.	Why should housing be put whete the recreation center is.put it down on the maglio land or next to the wholesale store. All that land is empty and a total eye sore
1158.	Affordable housing is a crisis right now. Recreation facilities are not. Future recreation facilities could be constructed at other locations if necessary. I also believe that expansion could take place at the current location if necessary.

1159.	Make it a housing Co - op. Not for profit. This will keep rent lower & the rent monies will go for to up keep of the property, not into one's pocket.
1160.	I would like to see supported housing for youth and or homeless or under housed people. But I would be happy with affordable housing where pets are possible.
1161.	Although I am not opposed to affordable housing, I don't see where residents will park, and the proximity to the NDCC and the additional recreation space will already be more of a burden on limited parking. Maybe there is underground parking planned? I think that in a six storey building, the recreation portion should be at least 1/3 of the space.
1162.	Priority should be given to the current residents by improving the recreational facilities. Building more housing in that lot would be a terrible idea by both lowering the money available for recreational activities and making them now available to more people, thereby diluting the quality and quantity of services offered. It is already almost impossible to sign my kids up for activities because spots get taken up so quickly. Building more housing will only make that worse.
1163.	Combination of both with housing and recreation sharing space in a building.
1164.	We are deeply in need of more affordable housing
1165.	Nelson is full of greed and high rent.
1166.	People's basic needs have to be met in order to even think about using recreational facilities. Housing is a human right and basic need and should be seen as a priority over recreation.
1167.	I believe that area is allocated for recreation
1168.	Nelson as more than adequate affordable housing.
1169.	Expand the gym
1170.	Finally, space in the downtown core is needed to provide essential services to a growing population. We should not be sacrificing it in order to create subsidized housing. There are a lot more places that housing can go, including the Regional District. Adding housing in this location will not reduce the opportunity for future expansion of facilities that may be needed, but also will exacerbate the already overcrowded parking at the facility. Chasing grants to come up with some hybrid will only result in a bad fit for both. Also, the downtown core and the waterfront should be the most valuable real-estate in the city. Creating low-income housing and shelters in the downtown core diminishes the potential for development, and reduces, rather than enhances the quality of life for all in the City, with possible exception of those benefiting from the housing. If you are looking for space to build affordable housing, and combine it with recreation, I hear we have a golf course....
1171.	Affordable housing needs to be part of the plan. It would be wild to plan such an enormous repurposing of land without, addressing the immediate housing crisis. It's really just a drop in the water in terms of addressing the need, but I wouldn't support a plan that doesn't include affordable housing.
1172.	If both housing and recreation can be incorporated into a solution then it's a win-win as both are needed. If the space has to be one or the other then affordable housing should take priority considering that it's a crisis situation. We already have robust recreational programming at existing facilities whereas we do NOT have enough affordable housing.
1173.	Affordable housing should be the priority
1174.	Recreation isn't important if people cannot afford to live here. Affordable housing helps ensure a diverse and resilient community.
1175.	There are other city owned properties, this should be recreational use
1176.	Lack of both in the city.
1177.	The curling rink closure affects a lot of people. Also a bowling alley would be a good idea as well. Nelson needs more options for recreation . Not everyone fits into the same box. There are other places for affordable housing.

1178.	Affordable housing should come from government incentives to promote building at a higher density. Delete the red tape and let the free market work along with programs to incentivize building. These facilities are currently in need for the active tax paying population and are also a way to help intervene and reduce the amount of next-generation homelessness. (Team sports and mentorship through recreational programs are shown to have huge positive impact on youth in compromised home environments).
1179.	Only recreation, this is a recreation area, and we don't have enough space for all rec programs. That should be the priority. Housing should not be on the table for this space. The city is constantly building new housing, this space needs to address the recreation activities that the city/rdck do not currently provide, and parking for the existing facilities. Housing should not be going in, or considered for this space.
1180.	I don't really care all I care about is the venue space and so does everybody else.
1181.	recreation facility below and affordable housing above
1182.	The City of Nelson has a high percentage of affordable housing for the population base, with other affordable housing projects already in the works. The area would better be used for a recreation facility considering the number of citizens that would access the facility.
1183.	Include recreation if increased users are anticipated and more space is needed to keep quality of experience high.
1184.	Our community needs affordable housing. Connecting it with recreation would be more appealing to the community and make the residents feel more like they belong to the community
1185.	Housing crisis is obviously a massive issue in our area as well as across BC. But I think this is a perfect opportunity to use the space provided
1186.	I think filling tall buildings with more people will simply put more strain on our current resources- not enough doctors, longer wait times, less available jobs for people showing up here
1187.	I think that whole block area should only be a recreational facility including keeping and fixing the needed curling rink.
1188.	Fixing the economy starts with housing, but enjoying life is important along with suitability. Creating housing but not low income, as Nelson does not need to be a housing place for low income. Nelson doesn't have general supports for low income/homeless as it is so to half support it would be a waste of money. Bring the rent down for the middle class
1189.	As an administrator for a local rec organization I feel strongly that the city needs to devote money and effort into this aspect of our community. As a homeowner I can empathize with members of our community who are being priced out of living here and affordable housing should also be a priority.
1190.	Homeless and drug issue making Nelson challenging to live for ordinary citizens I worry about my 12 year old just walking around
1191.	Mental health and emotional well being needs are important originally agreements™.
1192.	It seems like the weight room is over crowded or there is more need more space for group fitness programming or recreation groups. It makes more sense to me to enlarge the current rec centre/parking area to accommodate the increase in Nelson's population.
1193.	We need both
1194.	Recreation is as important for lower-income people than it is for higher-income people.
1195.	It is imperative to provide recreation opportunities for our youth especially and the citizens of our community. By doing this we are allowing them to live a healthy lifestyle which in turn will keep them off the streets!
1196.	The RDCK should sell this property and use the proceeds to fund the recreation campus initiatives. The RDCK does not have in its mandate to provide affordable housing. Please stay within your scope
1197.	Expand the complex have a proper meeting room, expand the gym, parking, proper concession with real concession food, bigger universal change rooms

1198.	"Affordable Housing", another white wash term from the planning world! Housing subsidized by taxes; lets be clear and transparent for once please. Since when has housing been affordable: 1984? The City of Nelson and RDCK already have enough existing recreation space which could be much better utilized or should be demolished. The existing Civic Centre rink, gymnasium(s) and curling club are vastly under utilized. All of these assets are inadequately maintained now, and taxation is presently a significant portion of most property owning residents monthly spend. I'm not in favour of more new large recreation infrastructure, until the existing old is considered and a plan fully developed to bring them back or demolish them, including tight costing, not pie in the sky order of magnitude nonsense. Costing should include taxation affects. The existing Civic Centre roof repair bill should set the stage for this conversation and should be referenced as a cogent example of maintenance ignored for too long.
1199.	Nelson needs more affordable housing.
1200.	Multiple purpose spaces- gymnasium with a ring track and housing above.
1201.	We need to invest in our recreational future. There are other locations for housing to be considered. This is not that location. I absolutely agree there should be more affordable housing, just not here. Create a space dedicated to recreation use, make it state of the art, make a statement for the Kootenays, open sporting competition opportunities and build an income stream for our community.
1202.	We need affordable housing. If it can be combined with enhanced community recreation facilities I think that is a win for the community
1203.	We do not have enough child care spaces to support our community needs. Having space co located with affordable housing enables residents of the housing and areas around to ensure quality child care while they work and participate in our community.
1204.	If there is funding for affordable housing and the future income could help offset a rec facility that makes a lot of sense. The rec area seems small so not sure what useful space could be there that we don't already have
1205.	As much as housing is needed, the property on/around the recreation campus is extremely valuable for future considerations. I would not want to get caught in 20 years time that the facility have no room to expand.
1206.	Yeah no. No housing. You dumb to wanna build right next to a highway. Keep it ndcc and build them gym bigger. I will make sure everyone stays awake if they build houses on the lot.
1207.	There could be an indoor space for pickleball and apartments above it
1208.	There is a great need in our community for the young and old to have space to recreate safely. Our current facility is far too small for our community.
1209.	we need more recreation space in this town.
1210.	We have more than enough affordable housing projects done or being done per capita in Nelson. Leave this area clean and recreational only
1211.	The housing complex is too large
1212.	Affordable housing isn't really affordable if you can't have pets, can't have children, can't have parking etc, there is still too much criteria that limits who can access. We need to reduce barriers not create more. Housing needs to be more accessible, we have plenty of empty suites in Nelson.
1213.	We desperately need affordable housing for young families and couples. These living spaces need to be a decent size and not micro living spaces. The housing also must be affordable for working couples and families rather than single low income/no income people. Trying to squeeze in more facilities into this area rather than allowing for decently sized homes is the wrong approach. Tiny 400sq foot apartments are not appealing to anybody.
1214.	Housing is affordable already.
1215.	There are other locations for housing and although you did not give this option I would like to see that space be for parking and recreation. The only way I would approve a joint venture of recreation and housing is if there was parking below ground, recreation on all of first level and then housing on upper levels.

1216.	The city is growing which means we need housing and more space for recreation to accommodate people
1217.	The Library already has a proposal for a new facility that includes affordable housing. It has already gone through feasibility and planning. Save time and money and go back to looking at this plan.
1218.	Our community is becoming saturated with "affordable housing". I believe strongly that recreational facilities help our children succeed in life, so they don't need low income housing.
1219.	This is not the best location for affordable housing. Keep all the recreation areas together. Nelson needs more indoor recreation spaces and affordable housing but that's should be some other location.
1220.	This is a great idea for mixed-use development that provides multiple benefits to the community.
1221.	Affordable housing is badly needed.
1222.	the corner is too busy for housing, we need it for NDCC
1223.	This could be a good combo but I think we need a new indoor soccer facility that is larger than the one we have.
1224.	Both are essential needs within our community
1225.	This is a recreation campus we are talking about. Why is affordable housing included here?
1226.	that area is on a huge slope and im not sure what kind of recreation could really be squeezed in to that space. Housing could be a better option as we are severely limited here in Nelson.
1227.	Housing is (very) expensive in our community. One of the solutions is to move towards higher density housing and a multi story unit would do that.
1228.	Our community is in dire need of more affordable housing, so I feel this is a priority. I really like the idea of incorporating a recreation space into housing as a way of integrating housing and community activities and of meeting additional desires for recreation space.
1229.	Safe affordable housing is critical to the community well-being.
1230.	The land is limited in the City of Nelson. There is already a large chunk of the Recreation Campus allotted to affordable housing. We need to keep our youth, and all citizens of Nelson (and area) active and taking more of the rec campus away does not help keep us all active. I 100% disagree with this lot being put into affordable housing. We need a new indoor facility for soccer, a gym for indoor sports- skipping, volleyball, basketball, martial arts, indoor hockey...the list goes on could be put there.
1231.	There are lots of available developable lots in town. Keep the recreation campus for recreation. Use another lot for the housing. The land is so limited on the campus, it is too valuable to use for housing. I'm not sue that the user group parking has been thought through either.
1232.	If I had to choose, I'd prioritise housing, but if it's possible to combine housing with needed recreation facilities, then I choose both.
1233.	Our community center is very full during peak times and with a growing community the needs for a bigger facility seems likely. If the recreation was a priority and then the affordable housing could be attached in some capacity that would be a good idea as well
1234.	There are many areas in Nelson & district for affordable housing. This prime spot should be in line of recreation. Would the affordable housing project help finance the much needed upgrades & maintenance to our recreation facilities?
1235.	There are very few community gardens in Nelson. If the building goes up there should be a community garden on the roof for the residents and green space up there should be prioritized
1236.	There is a recreation facility deficit in the Nelson Area and a very limited amount of space. There seems to be more space for housing.
1237.	If the property is to be sold for development it should be sold at maximal market value. If it is being kept for local use then it must be completely covered by grants

1238.	Nelson Cares has enough facilities in Nelson. Recreation facilities should be a higher priority than more subsidized housing.
1239.	Nelson is a town where it should be a privilege to Live. When you work hard you deserve to live in a nice town. There are plenty of opportunities in norther BC for jobs and to make money to then be able to afford to move back. You should not get to live in an idyllic town because you want to, and then expect the town to float your living expenses. I worked very hard to get a degree, moved away to do so to be able to move back.
1240.	There are currently multiple low income housing options being discussed or in the process of being worked on that have not been completed or started. I don't feel that adding another housing project to that list is beneficial at the moment. Focus on the current housing projects and finish them, use that open lot to expand the NDCC and provide more services out of it.
1241.	We need more affordable housing and already have recreation facilities.
1242.	We have a serious housing shortage in Nelson. Anything we can do to help should go forward
1243.	It will not shape the numbers of homeless people in Nelson
1244.	We do not want the RDCK to expand in any way. We are already paying too much taxation for too little services. Efficiency, efficiency first and foremost
1245.	The gym space is limited at the complex and actual gym space for adult sports can be limited, but more housing is also needed locally
1246.	Nelson has a severe lack of affordable housing. It is an area with abundant outdoor recreation and a decent offering of indoor recreation already. Funds where available should be used to improve and expand on recreation (eg. curling rink) but affordable housing is much more important in the community.
1247.	I believe that Nelson already leads the area in affordable and low income housing.
1248.	I think recreation is super important for nelson, since its such an active community
1249.	My explanation reflects my response to last item in Recreation section. It is not clear from the diagram showing an orange NDCC rectangle if it is an extension of the current building. I assume it is and is on the section of the corner lots owned by RDCK. All through this survey you refer to this as a Recreation Campus. It will be very important in decision making that consideration of next steps is decided not only by the Rec. Commission. The need for housing has to be deliberately included, not off to the side, and decisions not heavily influenced by the people who use the facilities currently, and are also more likely to have capacity to be vocal than vulnerable people who need housing. Thank you.
1250.	Please provide facilities for the residents of Nelson who currently live here. Rather than trying to expand more housing for future residents. We already don't have enough recreation space for the current population. Recreation facility is too small
1251.	Both are important for a vibrant and healthy community
1252.	My life has and health have been destroyed but housing insecurity, housing unaffordability, predatory landlords and the unsafe/unsanitary slums I've been forced to spend the majority of my income on with little accountability for landlords, despite using services like a nelson cares advocate to help me navigate these horrors.

1253.	I am very supportive of more affordable housing being built in our community. I would be fine with the entire site being used for that and Nelson CARES Society is the perfect operator, but I think you will get more community buy-in with some additional recreation space (unless you can get it from where the curling ring, civic arena, and indoor soccer fields currently are). Badminton (and pickleball) at Mary Hall is always extremely busy, often above capacity. Creating space on the community recreation campus for it would be good. As well, the one fitness room at the rec center could easily be expanded to two or three, it seems there are always competing interests for that room. Classes like Spin fill up immediately, it would be wonderful to be able to offer more of them. Additionally, having a daughter who is more into creative recreation, like dance, gymnastics and music, it would be great to see them prioritized as much as hockey. And it would be amazing if there was space at the rec center for less sporty parents to hang out while their kids are in activities, with a few comfy chairs, etc. The two or three benches currently available are sparse and uncomfortable. A place to play ping pong would also be lovely. I haven't mentioned rock climbing here because it's my understanding that you are supporting a new climbing gym by the current one at Mary Hall, but I would like to add that that is a huge priority for me as a resident.
1254.	Venues are already over utilized or in need of repair and or replacement. Fitness and community are important for health of a small community.
1255.	I'd like to see more businesses being established for people of nelson to have more job opportunities.
1256.	I believe affordable housing is severely lacking in town. If there were some recreational opportunities that did not have a financial barrier preventing all but the wealthy from participating I could support that.
1257.	Nelson needs more affordable housing. This will be of benefit to our community on all levels.
1258.	We have to meet the needs of people already here not more housing
1259.	I would like to see it being used for affordable housing and recreational purposes. Six stories seems high for our town, but I know we are in great need of more affordable housing.
1260.	The city can't handle the current population with water shortages etc.
1261.	I believe either affordable housing or recreation would be an amazing use of the land. However given the proposed Hallo Nelson development I think the city needs to highly consider upgrading the facilities that already exist and investing money into making those buildings functional- while using as much space as possible to allow a normal person with a low/regular income to be able to exist in this town.
1262.	More people need sustainable housing.
1263.	If a housing complex is to go in, then one would assume that use of the NDCC recreational facilities would increase too, therefore the facilities would need to increase in size as well. More housing should be a first priority given the need.
1264.	I think affordable housing is incredibly important, but I also think that recreation is important too for people's mental health, to keep them busy and to give them a place to go
1265.	I think accessibility to recreation for the community is more important than the few affordable housing units that could be put in that space.
1266.	If we are in need of relocating some relational facility needs maybe this corner could be useful if not let's put in more affordable housing
1267.	We desperately need more affordable housing. Its a bonus that there is recreational space that will be included in this proposal!
1268.	We need affordable housing!
1269.	THIS IS FOR COMMUNITY RECREATION. NOT TO SACRIFICE FOR HOUSING.
1270.	It would be great to get additional recreation space. Good for body, mind and spirit. It helps individuals socially and emotionally, and a could be a space that is rented out, and creates an income source for the city. We also need to support those who have low income and are in need of housing.

1271.	The gym facilities get extremely busy. I would like to see more space added. There are other spaces that can provide affordable housing opportunities, but the NDCC remains the best option for recreation in the area.
1272.	Why not use the space for the most benefit of the community. Affordable housing and recreation could be amazing in that space.
1273.	Housing elsewhere
1274.	The use of this site for new recreation build is very unlikely to be a financially palatable idea for the tax payors. This housing project is a very thoughtful use of a challenging site and housing is a huge need in the region. There is plenty of other land on the campus that should be used for recreation.
1275.	Build a condo elsewhere - this space is for recreation - how about a new bigger soccer facility - housing is for elsewhere - this space is for recreation
1276.	Recreation space will bring more business to the town's tourism to allow current local sports association to host bigger events and promote our town. A town without a good recreation center, is not as attractive for people to move here long term. There has been a lot of new buildings in town in the last few years, but not improvement for those new or old residents...
1277.	Looking at maslow's hierarchy of needs, it's impossible to deny that having safe, affordable housing is a base need and right. Although recreation is important and valuable in our community, I value housing those in need more than a new pickleball court.
1278.	I wrote a lot in that little box. Lol. Affordable Housing could be an operational complement to increasing the recreational utility of the block. Similar to market housing atop storefronts allows for utility, land use, capital utilization, and operational benefits over single use. If that sort of opportunity is available here, it seems it should be seized. Equally important is avoiding a project that is the worst of both worlds if the coordination costs are too high and any efficiencies are eaten away by complex governance or competing interest without clear lines of responsibility and accountability. The housing should make the improvements easy or cheaper and largely pays for itself, either outright or through clear and persistent benefits to the primary function of community recreation.
1279.	Although recreationnis important, HOUSING IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT and should be the priority in our community die to the lack of safe, affordable housing options
1280.	Try and utilize the space - ensure adequate parking
1281.	It is time to update and expand our recreational facilities. It has been neglected for too many years in my opinion. Affordable housing in a different location.
1282.	Enough low income housing in Nelson. We would be attracting people from out of Nelson to live here and not contribute to Nelson's economic base.
1283.	The entire area should be used for recreation. It is the recreation hub of the city. Keep it that way.
1284.	We have a housing crisis in BC, affordable housing is necessary. As well, it would be good to see additional space such as an event center or an open gym that organizations such as the boxing club, an event center, or an open space other user groups can use
1285.	There seems to be an Industry counter to Nelson Small Business & Tourism associated with the Nelson Cares Business model. We need housing that a 20 year old restaurant or retail worker can afford, BUT this needs to be separate to the industry of Nelson Cares. Their model brings more no working individuals to our community and does not fully address the needs of the working class whom keep our tourism sector running!
1286.	The entire recreation should be maintained for recreation. It is central, located next to other recreation facilities. I also thought that the lot was zoned as recreational.
1287.	It's a recreational campus. It's zoned for recreation. It's what makes this town great to live in. More housing doesn't belong here
1288.	Affordable housing is a HUGE priority in Nelson, and this seems like a win-win. What a great place for folks to live, so close to recreation opportunities!

1289.	We need more opportunities for recreation especially during the winter months if people can't afford skiing/snowboarding type of activities. There is not enough options for families to do with kids in the winter, especially with small kids
1290.	We are so very limited with the options for recreation in our growing town. There needs to be more available for people who live here to maintain quality of life.
1291.	What makes that site the right fit for housing? The Rec Centre is already bursting at the seems. Hemming it in with more housing feels prohibitive to the ability to allow recreation services to grow with our community.
1292.	Affordable housing could go elsewhere in or around the community. The recreational facility should be right where the other recreational facilities are as much as possible.
1293.	There are other areas of the city that can be used for residences. I think keeping the designated area just for recreation benefits the whole of Nelson.
1294.	We have affordable housing. We have more and more housing in this town but we need space for activities and community events
1295.	Expand the NDCC.
1296.	We need it
1297.	I stand opposed to giving up precious civic property to yet another low income housing project. With 3 major projects underway I'd suggest BC Housing and CARE Nelson wait before biting off another. They need to see how their current projects impact the community and allow the community to then decide how they'd like the next one to go. The North Shore Inn has seen substantial push back from local resident due to the lacklustre public consultation that occurred before the project was approved by the city of Nelson. BC Housing asked residents within 60m to comment.. that equated to approx 3 houses. This is an unacceptably low level of public consultation for a project that will have huge impacts on the neighbourhood for years to come. Hopefully further consideration is being taken on this piece of vacant land before the city approves another project in this area. If and when housing is decided to be built there, I see absolutely no reason why rec services/facilities couldn't be the primary tenant for the prospective build with low income housing helping build the foundations of such a project and fund the rec services being built on site. Allow housing to occupy some of the same foot print but perhaps the BC Government and BC Housing would assist with costs and include their vision for the property along with the sports and rec vision to be a unified and non-segregated build.
1298.	There has been a huge focus on affordable housing which we need, but we have also had a lot of affordable houses projects go in or in the works. Our community also has a huge need for more recreational facilities and programs. What we currently have is not meeting the demand of our community. It would make sense to use the land adjacent to the existing facility to expand.
1299.	Hard to put the curling rink on the 3rd or 4th floor?!
1300.	This is prime space for recreation purposes. Possible to find sites for affordable housing in other areas? There is already one affordable housing unit beside the rec centre.
1301.	I think a mix would be the best option as this benefits all members of the community - those who require affordable housing, and those who own a home but wish for more recreation facilities.
1302.	Nelson has too much low income housing attracting people to it
1303.	Multiple use facilities will garner far more public support than a single user project
1304.	a one stop area where residents can access health services - counselling, check ups, eye exams, pharmacy, wound care, indigenous health practitioners
1305.	Don't think it is an appropriate spot for housing
1306.	the majority of people will use the rec centre facilities whether they are rich or not! We have enough affordable housing for the poor
1307.	People that need affordable housing usually don't have cars. Don't allow cars in this area(just bikes & E-Bikes. Maybe also a daycare

1308.	This is a prime area already for recreation. It would be great to see this continue to be used as such and improved on. This is convenient for families to be able to use multiple parts of the facility all from a localized area. On the other hand, there are lots of other locations within the City of Nelson or RDCK that could be used for affordable housing. Please keep this a core recreation area and also create affordable housing in other areas.
1309.	My understanding is that the housing portion of this will be mostly funded by provincial sources. I'm OK with a mix of housing and recreation as long as it does not impact having 2 hockey rinks and sustainable indoor soccer.
1310.	Shared land, shared use.
1311.	Both seem important.
1312.	We need more affordable housing in nelson. Smaller, affordable apartments
1313.	I think both are equally important
1314.	It would be nice to incorporate housing and have a banquet all type setting attached. A good example is the Creston facility setup.
1315.	Sports and community synergies can best be supportive of each other in one location. Also more environmentally friendly. Nelson Cares can find its own locations and grants without involving RDCK tax dollars for bad and expensive management debacle.
1316.	Not a fan of Nelson cares and their policies. So I do not support them in another housing project.
1317.	It only makes sense for the climbing gym (if one is to be built) to be located near the NDCC. (Keeping rec together?) Our town does not need more housing or people. We are running out of geography, resources, parking, services, and space.
1318.	Between affordable housing and recreation there simply isn't a choice. Affordable housing is what Nelson needs. People need to have a safe, clean space to call home that isn't going to completely break them financially.
1319.	It is not an ideal location for housing, but we need more.
1320.	I think having a building that has recreation space (larger studio that could also be used as an indoor gym?) as well as housing is the best of both worlds.
1321.	see previous note
1322.	Please stop creating more projects for affordable housing. Nelson is becoming a regional Center for the unhoused and addicted. Tourism is suffering and the town is radically changing for the worse. Please consider the folks that aren't unhoused as well. I'm not an uncaring citizen but I feel that there is enough already and at this point it feels like we are attracting troubled people instead of tech, tourism, or new industry.
1323.	The term "recreation" is not specific enough to allow for a decision on the use of the allocated 5000 square feet. What exactly would that area include and be used for?
1324.	Hlgh fences and access from Nelson RDCK to allow a parent to safely play with young children. For instance...This one in Kelowna is accessible to all levels of safe playing. https://www.westkelownacity.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/julia-s-junction-inclusive-play-space.aspx
1325.	Both affordable housing and recreation is lacking in Nelson, therefore would be beneficial for two reasons
1326.	Location is very accessible for downtown and transport etc. so seems good location for affordable housing.
1327.	Current indoor pickleball facilities are inadequate.
1328.	Affordable Housing if Nelson/RDCK find an appropriate spot to build a new facility. If that is not considered, than both with the majority going to recreation.
1329.	not just subsided house but housing for middle class seniors