

MARSH LAKE RESIDENT SURVEY 2008

OPEN- ENDED COMMENTS



4b. Are there any other communication methods they should be using? _____

Results

Q4bOtherMethods

they are doing a pretty good job

There should be an electronic bulletin board where individuals can advertise items for sale and personal needs, like rides into town, etc.

the News Letter no longer seems to make it my way

Telephone

smoke signals

skywriting

radio and newspaper

Radio

posters put up for all events

please no phone calls

phone calls

Phone

not everyone has email

moccasin telegraph

Marshlakeyukon.net website of course!

mailbox flyers

I think you cover all methods quite well.

I don't think so

emails

doing well already

doing well already

do not know

contests, etc

community billboard

by radio or television

all available

6. Are you currently a member of the Jackalope? (membership is required by the Liquor Act of the Yukon)

No --→ Why not?

Results

Q6WhyNotMember

working full-time hard to get there

We, (my husband and I) just haven't had the time off to attend much of anything lately, and when we have the time off, I forget to come and pay. We were members last year, and we will get in to pay for this year soon.

we don't drink often, and we have a lot of kids

Was before but didn't seem to go there much as there was nothing to do but sit and drink and it is very expensive and the same people go all the time.

Too far, rarely attend "bars" for socializing,

thinking about it

taken no time to check out yet

Only go there for events. Never asked for a membership.

occupied with other matters

NOT THERE ENOUGH

Not sure really. I have not YET joined because of other commitments elsewhere for now.

not part of our lifestyle

not looking for that kind of involvement

not into the bar scene

Not interested in becoming a member of any "social" club at this time.

not interested at this time

Not interested at the moment

not interested

not drink

not close to area

Not around enough.

not a member of anything

no reason

No desire to spend time there

No desire to spend time there

no appeal, not social drinkers

never heard back

my husband is a member

membership cost & would rather drink at home

Just have not paid my membership yet.....

just don't

just a cabin person and also never think of it

I've been there twice since it opened

it's a ways to go

I think that membership should be free for community members

I just haven't been in much lately, due to a change in work schedule.

I have only been there for an event

I have never been to the Jackalope

I don't know

I don't go there; it's too far from the north end.

I don't go there that often and if I go my friends are a member, but I actually intend to buy a membership

I don't find the idea of sitting around a community centre drinking a fun activity.

I don't drink & don't think I should have to pay to socialize with friends and neighbours at the community centre

I am not using it on a regular basis
 Husband away from home, will not go by self.
 Hours restrictive. not the hours we would choose to go
 Haven't made a point of going, may at some point.
 haven't applied
 have not filled application yet
 Don't spend enough time at Lake
 DON'T KNOW
 Don't go often enough to purchase one.
 do not like bars
 Do not drink alcohol
 did not know membership req'd
 been away and have not had a chance to renew yet
 Because we are not here in the winter

8b. What do you think is a more appropriate cost? (For the Jackalope)

Results

Q8bMoreAppropriateCost

free to people in the area
 discount applied to bonified volunteer hours in community AND charge more for deadbeats
 50.00
 50.00
 50.00
 50
 5.00
 5.00
 5
 35
 100.00
 10.00
 10.00
 10
 10
 1.00
 0

10. What types for events or activities would encourage you to visit the Jackalope more often, or become a member? (✓ all those you are interested in)

Different food options -> please specify

Results

Q10FoodOptionOther

Wing night.. Pizza night.. I don't really know what's offered
 vegetarian by someone who knows how to cook vegetarian fare
 vegetarian
 snacks/appetizers
 smaller portions
 simpler, more kid friendly - less fancy
 short orders
 sandwich menu

salads, lasagna, German style specials

no specific food just different food

more dinners

less healthy

less expensive, smaller snacks/meals

larger menu

Kids Meal

it is going the way I like it

ethnic foods, Mexican food

English fish and chips, sushi, chili

doesn't matter as long as food is always offered

dk

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - \$7.00

Being able to just grab a hot dog or hamburger when I was hungry. Not having to adhere to one item or so on a Fri night

BBQ

anything

I didn't know the Jack had food.? Plus, I am vegetarian, so I don't go for steak nights.

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Different beverage options → please specify

Results

Q10BeverageOptionOther

tea/coffee/real ginger ale/fruit drinks

micro brewery, organic red wines, cider selection

martini night

good wine

draft beer

don't know

coffee machine, tea

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Other -> please specify

Results

Q10SpecifyOther

yoga instructor (consistent), more workshops

trail

Sports TV etc / Travel logs & slide shows

small pool table (moveable)

Should have a poker night and a bridge night

seniors exercise groups

sat TV

pool, archery

Pool Table

Piano and Dances

people coming out to speak on issues like environment

No children in the Jackalope after 6 pm

Music lessons, jam sessions, coffee house, organized competitive sporting activates (team sports)

local entertainment amateur night

Live local music

Later on a Saturday night and special events perhaps for non members KEEP THE CLUB quiet and not allow any disruptive behaviour and running about KEEP THAT IN THE GYM

Information meetings, such as about flood remediation and YG responses, YG community tours, really good informational speakers, green "how to" topics.

Hockey and or football nights on the TV

fundraisers

exercise equipment

dinner and dance for adults

dancing, live music

cable with sports

BOOK DONATIONS & EXCHANGE, CRAFT TRAINING

be social with the people we know

11b. Are there any other items you would add to the list?

Results

Q11bAnyOtherItems

work on gazebo

to many choices they keep canceling out my choices

The facilities are already extremely good.

Street Lighting in Club & Firehall area.

Skateboard park

set the gazebo up by Bob lake for bbqs, etc.

science lectures

Recycling drop off, outside soccer field and tennis court in the arena, zamboee and house

pool table or shuffleboard

pool table in the Jackalope

Playground

Piano

Perhaps, some commercial equipment for the kitchen and bar.

peeler pole

new stereo/boombox for the gym

more safety equipment

more computers networked for kids computer games

make the lounge more comfortable

I am cross that the existing toboggan hill (parking lot down to Bob Lake) was taken over totally by the cross country skiers --- who don't use it on weekdays when my kids want it anyway

gym tunes

golf course by ski trail

FIFTH: Library shelving. SIXTH Highway Signage

expand library and include DVDs

Disc Golf Course

Biathlon and archery equipment.

a room for yoga or workshops that is not a meeting room and a partial roof over the rink or regular snow removal

Exercise stations on the trails

15. As you may know, the Community Society pays for a lease on land at McClintock Place, between the boat ramp and the highway. To maintain that lease, a land development plan needs to be created. Please ✓ which of the following ideas, or add in your own ideas you would support for that piece of land (if any).

working1

Q15Idea1Text

YTG should be lobbied for funding to clean up all the old metal, etc. laying around the boat launch and old camp area why can it not just stay the way it is== as a boat ramp/parking area with outhouse + maybe add a picnic table for passersby

Water park with community market/garden

user friendly parkland to sit relax picnic

Tennis Court

tennis court

Tennis court

summer concession stand to generate revenue and create employment

Set aside for future rec use as little central locations available

senior home with nursing station

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put the community center there

playground, and community garden

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Natural trails

mULTI

log cook house / like north end of lake

Keep for future use as will need for future community uses

I don't understand the issue - what are the consequences if the land is turned back to YG?

hold farmersmarket/yardsales at the existing community center

green space

frisbee golf course

Disc Golf

Day use picnic area with a small park for the kids

community museum/meeting house for events or concerts

Call it a community picnic area, put in a couple of tables (already has the outhouses). This would be a minimal cost and allow the community to retain the land for future community use. If turned back to YTG they will sell it.

birt bike bmx track snowboard halfpipe

A public beach with picnic site etc.

A museum based on the Marsh Lake water use through history, incorporating fish and glacial information.

a grocery store

organic garden that could produce vegetables to sell to community

marsh lake mini-museum

hard surface the rink, use for tennis/badminton/volleyball/ basketball summer usage

firehall with ambulance and police

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farmers market- cook shack

Build central fire hall, possible well location

16.b Are there any other activities you are interested in that might be offered by the Community Society?

Results

Q16bOtherActivitiesText

weekly organized 'adult' hockey=Jackalope open on these nights

Value Village - Clothes all hung up. Many other items

training programs

There should be more "courses" offered through the center.

Ski Waxing clinic

singing

sewing classes

Quilting!

pool tournaments

Organized team competitive sports - badminton, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey

musical instrument instruction

Meditation

Martial Arts, music lessons

Make hill down to Bob Lake available to toboggans, as it used to be before MLCC was built

local geology rock/mineral identification, astronomy, edible/medicinal plant identification

LIKE IT EXACTLY THE WAY IT IS

learning how to e.g. make willow baskets, willow chairs, that kind of stuff for adults

Jazz Dance, Singing

ice fishing

fishing or boating

fishing group

Exercise programs and equipment

Educational sessions, i.e. a course on climate change!!

dog mushing

disk golf course

Disc Golf

dirt biking snowmobiling

dinners that have local food and cooking classes

Crafts & Homemade Baking Sales

Craft lessons, cooking program with seniors.

courses, history/stories

can't think of any offhand

Boating

boating

archery and biathlon - shooting sports

acupuncture

a Texas hold em competition would generate lots of revenue

A class for beginner cross country skiers? Then someone could teach me how to wax my skis. (If I ever retrieve them from Atlin)

Results

Q23CommentBoxText

Solicit volunteer support directly with all community individuals. Find out their specific interest and let them know specific needs. Create an on call data base to fill the needs of the community. I have offered many times with no response.

I was opposed to the Community Centre because of its impact on the environment. I'm not convinced that it is a good thing yet, but it is here to stay, no doubt and it is what the majority of people wanted. I do participate in some events and am happy to volunteer on occasion but in a small town/community we tend to volunteer for many things and can get burnt out. I don't find the centre to be very warm in its design and would benefit by some feng shui if you will. A room for workshops would be well received as the one room is more of a meeting room and the big table is difficult to move. I don't care for the interior design, but I really enjoy the people who work at the centre and believe they put in a strong effort to make people feel welcome.

Often hear of events after the fact via the newsletter ...last week first time have heard Fri nite dinners served and that was by accident. Have often heard Rec Centre is for Judas Creek people only, or only time north end is invited to participate is when south end wants something - i.e. food for skiers.

I would love to volunteer, and/or participate in some of the Community activities. At the present time however, my work schedule does not include weekends off, which is when most of your events take place.

As soon as this changes, I anticipate much more involvement.

The information is great.

I life at Michie Place I can't find it on the list below.

Thanks

I think you are doing a fabulous job. The centre is already becoming an integral part of the community. If people want/seek to be involved, they will be.

I look forward to a nicer parking lot and use of outdoor space (when the bugs aren't bad!)

We need an extra room for kids and toys. How about the Office room? I suggest to put the Office desk and probably some book shelves in the Gathering room and the old office could be the kids room.

we are maturing favourble!

Thanks

Keep up the good work

It appears that you are doing a great job, from our vantage point as being only weekend people.

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Overall I think the community setting and spirit has grown tremendously with the community center, the staff and board have done a fabulous job getting the foundation and infrastructure in place to where it is today. The programs offered today are great but I really think we are ready, willing and able to go to the next step. The next step is bringing in some team sports and specialized arts and music programs. a variety - for all ages. This will bring in citizens that will not normally come to the bar. I think if we start off with the basics indoor basketball, soccer, and hockey - Music or dance lessons that would be great. You could try two man/woman volleyball, badminton, or even curling on the rink.

This sort of thing should be setup with a paid co-ordinator/rec-director to set up the infrastructure, rules, date calendars etc to get it going and apply for grant money. Once grant money is received you can pay the instructor or facilitator to carry on or let the teams self-administrate depending on the venue and age of participants.

There should be after school programs for kids such as a sport / dance, arts, and entertainment. This could be a

couple of days a week to start where we give them physical activity and leadership skills in a mentoring environment. Sport Yukon could help with infrastructure details on this and government/lotteries funding is available.

I believe we could excel in all venues if we have staff apply for money and then paid educators of sport and srt to coordinate and put on the programs. This develops economies and generally is required for longevity and success of projects - volunteers are generally the same people and will get burned out.

Have community based meeting to help give direction to the community rec staff - there is a pool of people in the community that could bring a wealth of ideas and networking strategies especially when it comes to accessing money.

Cheers and good luck!!!

I wonder why there is a question about how often or not often members of the Northern end of the lake are attending the community centre. It was just weird that's all. I live in the Northern end. The centre is a 15 minute drive away and on the weekends we don't leave our house. It would only be an additional 15 minutes to drive in to town to attend programs held out there. It's not a matter of not attending because I don't feel like I'm a part of the community. It's a matter of I don't feel like driving.

When I go out for a drink and dinner I do not expect to have children running around wildly screaming in people's faces. Children do not belong where vast amounts of alcohol is consumed. It is very disturbing to us and therefore we rarely attend outing at the club or Jackalope. The same people are always there and when I do go out to help I feel like I am invisible so again I have asked myself "Why bother". I do hope this is confidential and in no way will come back to bite me. It is well know that I have always been available for volunteering at any event but I rarely get called.

I would like to be receiving some kind of a schedule of regularly scheduled activities. Like a Word file or Excel file with the schedule, or a link to a website with the schedule...is there a website? I don't know.

All I get are random emails with random activities coming up in the near future. Often, with not enough time for me to plan for. And I don't know what the regular hours of the community centre are, or activities, or the Jack, or the dump for that matter.

It's hard when you don't live on Judas Creek or one of the sub divisions, and are not near a community board to get any information. How do I get the newsletter? I used to get it when Rob made it and mailed it to me. After he left, it stopped coming to me.

One time I went to an LAC meeting - interested, I asked to be added to the e-list for more info. I was never added.

These are just a few of the challenges the community faces, with such a widely spread geographical base.

For me, personally, I live 20 km from the Centre, so I am not likely to attend much because my environmental ethic guilts me into staying home.

Bear in mind that many people choose to like at Marsh Lake for the quiet, calm, and privacy. If we were all joiners, we would live in town.

It is extremely inconvenient to have the hours for the Dump so restricted.

I work in town full time; it adds 20 minutes more to my 35-40 minute commute to drive down the highway to the Rec Centre from the north end of the lake, so for the most part, I would rather enjoy my "down" time at home - there is plenty to keep me busy there. Maybe I will feel differently and want more activities when (if!) I retire.

Similarly, it's too far to drive for a community garden. And, don't most people who want to garden have their own out here? It's not a problem of having no room for one, as in the city. The big issue here is no soil, just sand and rocks, so you have to truck in all your soil to grow anything.

I compost, but a compost centre at the Dump would make good use of compostables for those who don't. I have used bags of leaves from the Dump for my compost bin when I see them.

I would like to see more Green learning sessions, such as how to set up and use solar panels for use especially in the summer to keep electricity costs down, or passive solar for your greenhouse for spring and fall to extend the growing season. How to recycle and use greywater for flushing the toilet or watering greenspace. We have so much wind at the north end, is windpower feasible there? If so, what would a person or group of home-owners do to harness it?

How about talks on how to use local plants and vines for groundcover in our dry conditions, or local flowering plants in our gardens? What will readily grow for us without chemical fertilizers and pesticides in our short but intense season? Are there local edible greens, morels etc., how do you identify and use them or domesticate them?

Another issue for people like me who work in town is the long commute. I don't mind the very pleasant drive, but with gas costs going up and awareness of carbon footprints, we should be thinking of ways to carpool. I know I should

organize this myself, but haven't. Two ideas: a centralized list of those interested organized through the centre, or, possibly someone with a largish van would like to offer the service to make little money even just 2 days a week (if even 4 or 5 riders were interested). I would guess that most people would want their own vehicle at least 1 or 2 days a week when they have evening events scheduled in town or for groceries, etc.
I enjoyed the barbeque held at the north end this summer.

Keep up the great work!!!

I strongly feel the library is not getting the attention it needs to function properly. It's most basic requirement (i.e. shelving) has still not been addressed.

A water park is a ridiculous idea! What a waste of money that would be
Great job.

I think that the Community Society is doing an excellent job.

I'm saying this for 3rd time, but I think the little hill from parking lot to Bob Lake should be available for tobogganing as it was before the MLCC was built

I thought the family/kid's canoe trip on 7 July 2008 was the very best event ever put on by the centre. My kids and I also really enjoyed the trip to the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, and the summer camp in July 2008.

I would like to be more involved and participate more but I find working full time and the drive back and forth makes for long days. I find myself just wanting to stay home once I get there. I'm trying to get more involved in the community centre but it's a 10 minutes drive and I find it hard to make the effort to participate.

The community centre is very clean and thriving. I think everyone is doing a really good job.

Overall great job!

It is a wonderful facility and the staff is very caring - thanks for doing a good job.

McClintock River Valley is not a subdivision

It would be nice if there was a trail system all along the highway from North McClintock down past Judas Creek area for ATVs and snowmobiles to access the side trails. We both work full time right now and have no time to volunteer much - maybe later when we're semi retired.

A great facility, the Board is doing a good job, keep up the good work, I appreciate it.

I believe that many events/activities should be primarily volunteer driven, and that paid staffing/contractors should be for core functions, such as physical plant maintenance, activity planning and co-ordination, project management for major projects, such as the development of the McClintock Place property, government lobbying, and administration.

Programs are great, need good ethnic food!! And exercise group for seniors.

thanks John for giving us a great start

This form is not user friendly as the answers are not always the ones we would give... and Caribou lake is not listed as part of the community and we don't live on the highway..

We need a "stronger" reminder to get our street addresses posted and remove the old lot numbers that may lead to confusion. When we were first notified of our street addresses, we were given a month (or something stupid like that) however since then... nothing, except a very gentle reminder for the purpose of the fire truck or ambulance in last month's newsletter. I suppose folks figure that if the place doesn't burn or I don't die, I don't need the number posted!

Unfortunately we do not attend enough events at the Community Centre, but from the posters and emails we know that a lot happens, and are thankful to those who do help to keep the Centre going and so busy with activities. I am not aware of the funding situation of the Centre and would appreciate knowing more about how it is funded so I can make a more qualified decision on questions such as "Should the Centre charge for activities". Something about this in the Marsh lake newsletter would be useful for all residents I think.

I would like more events for our people in the community to learn to improve our environment.

The Community Centre is a huge success, much to the tremendous efforts of the Community Society, staff, and the volunteers.....not to forget those who sponsor events such as art classes, Yoga, etc.

We really don't have a need for a community center at this stage in our lives

Would like to receive the community newsletter by e-mail.

I would like to be more involved in the community events, but at present my work hours usually are in conflict with most of the events and programs that are taking place. I hope that this will be changing soon.

I also thought that I had already completed this survey, but perhaps I goofed when submitting it. Could you check to see if I have sent it twice?

They are doing a good job!

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That marina had a great social atmosphere and I miss that.
