

DISTRICT 2

MEET & GREET

WHAT WE HEARD



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the District 2 “What We Heard” Report

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the District 2 Meet & Greet! Your time, thoughts, and willingness to share your insights are what make our community stronger.

After the 2022 District Meetings, many community members asked for more opportunities to provide input on municipal information and to share their opinions during these meetings. We heard you—and we listened. This year, we’ve restructured our District Meetings to make sure everyone, of all ages, can engage and provide feedback on a wide variety of topics.

The following encapsulates “what we heard” from District 2. Similar reports will also be released for each District meeting. These reports summarize the input shared, so the community can see what was discussed. Once all District Meet & Greets are complete, the information from every district will be compiled into a full report that will show how we are taking steps to incorporate your feedback into municipal operations.

At the District 2 meeting, we asked for input in several areas, including:

- **Planning and Development**
- **Engineering and Public Works**
- **Community Programming**
- **Finance**
- **Leadership**
- **Communications**
- **And a special table for our youngest residents to share what matters most to them in their community.**

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The District 2 Meet and Greet was held at the Port Williams Fire Department on February 5 2025, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

The meeting was advertised on municipal social media channels, our website, on radio and in print media.

In total 6 people attended the meeting from the Port Williams area.

OVERALL THEMES

District 2 spoke, and here is what we heard most clearly. The following priorities reflect the shared aspirations, concerns, and ideas expressed by residents, and will guide future municipal planning and engagement efforts.

1. Grant support for community groups

- Residents expressed interest in learning more about available community grant programs and how to access them. There was a desire for clearer information and additional support to assist local groups in navigating the application process.

3. Advocacy for a centralized recreation Centre.

- Participants advocated for the development of a regional recreation facility. Residents highlighted the importance of improved access to recreations amenities, particularly swimming facilities.

4. Parks, trails and outdoor Improvements

- Residents voiced support for enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities with particular emphasis on winter accessibility. Suggestions included grooming trails for seasonal activities and the development of “destination” trails that showcase the natural wonders of the region.

5. Infrastructure improvements and advocacy

- The condition of roads was identified as a primary concern among Port Williams residents. Participants expressed a desire to see continued advocacy with road owners for road repairs, particularly in relation to the Highway 358 Connector.

TABLE 1 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

At this table, community members were invited to imagine what District 2 could look like 10 years from now. Through “Postcards for the Future,” participants shared their vision for housing, commercial spaces, and overall community development. We received 5 postcards filled with thoughtful ideas and hopes for the future. From these, five main themes emerged, which are highlighted below:

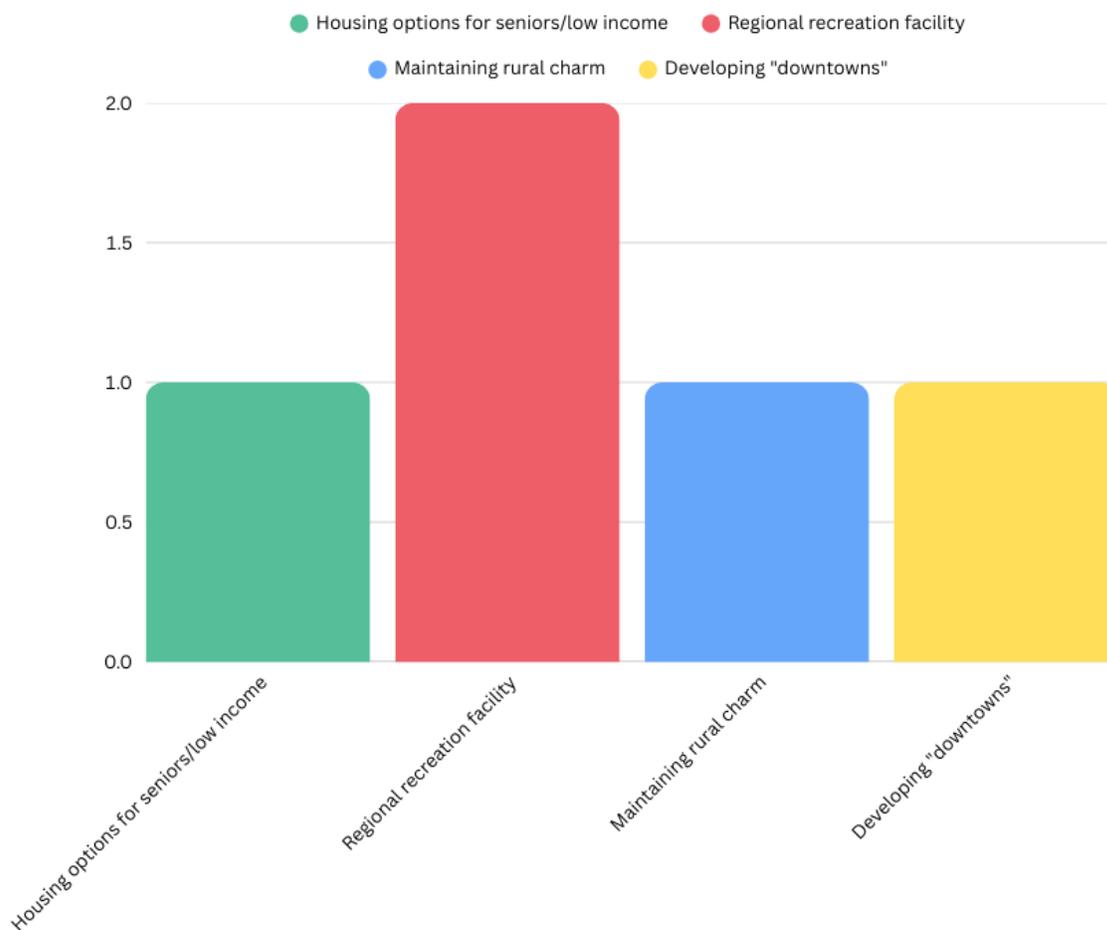


TABLE 2 FINANCE

At this table, community members were encouraged to step into the role of decision-makers and take part in the financial planning process. Many were surprised to learn that most of our budget is tied to mandatory contributions (policing, fire, and education among others.) This means we have limited flexibility and must make tough choices to ensure that the remaining funds support the needs of our community.

A total of 1 participants took part in this activity, each having the option to select 2 areas of importance.



TABLE 3 THE LISTENING TABLE

Four items were raised at the listening table. Participants shared feedback regarding the Municipality's Recreation and Area Rate Policy, including exploring opportunities to expand the methods of advertising required under this Policy. Discussion also focused on the Municipality's Growth Centre boundaries as currently defined in its Planning Documents. An additional concern related to an unsightly property inquiry, and a procedural question was raised regarding the naming of roads.

*Amended March 19th, 2026 to include additional public feedback received on February 5th, at the Listening Table.

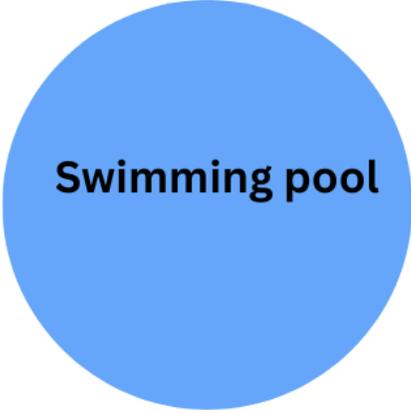
TABLE 4 COMMUNITY

At this table, community members were invited to share their hopes and ideas for the future of our municipality. Conversations touched on a wide range of topics – from festivals and youth opportunities to community safety, facilities, and more.

Below, you'll find a snapshot of ideas that emerged:



**Pickleball
courts**



Swimming pool



**More
bike lanes**

TABLE 5 ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

At this table, residents of District 2 were invited to share their thoughts on what's working well, what could be improved, and their big ideas for the future of Public Works in our community.

Below, you'll find the key themes and insights that emerged from these discussions:

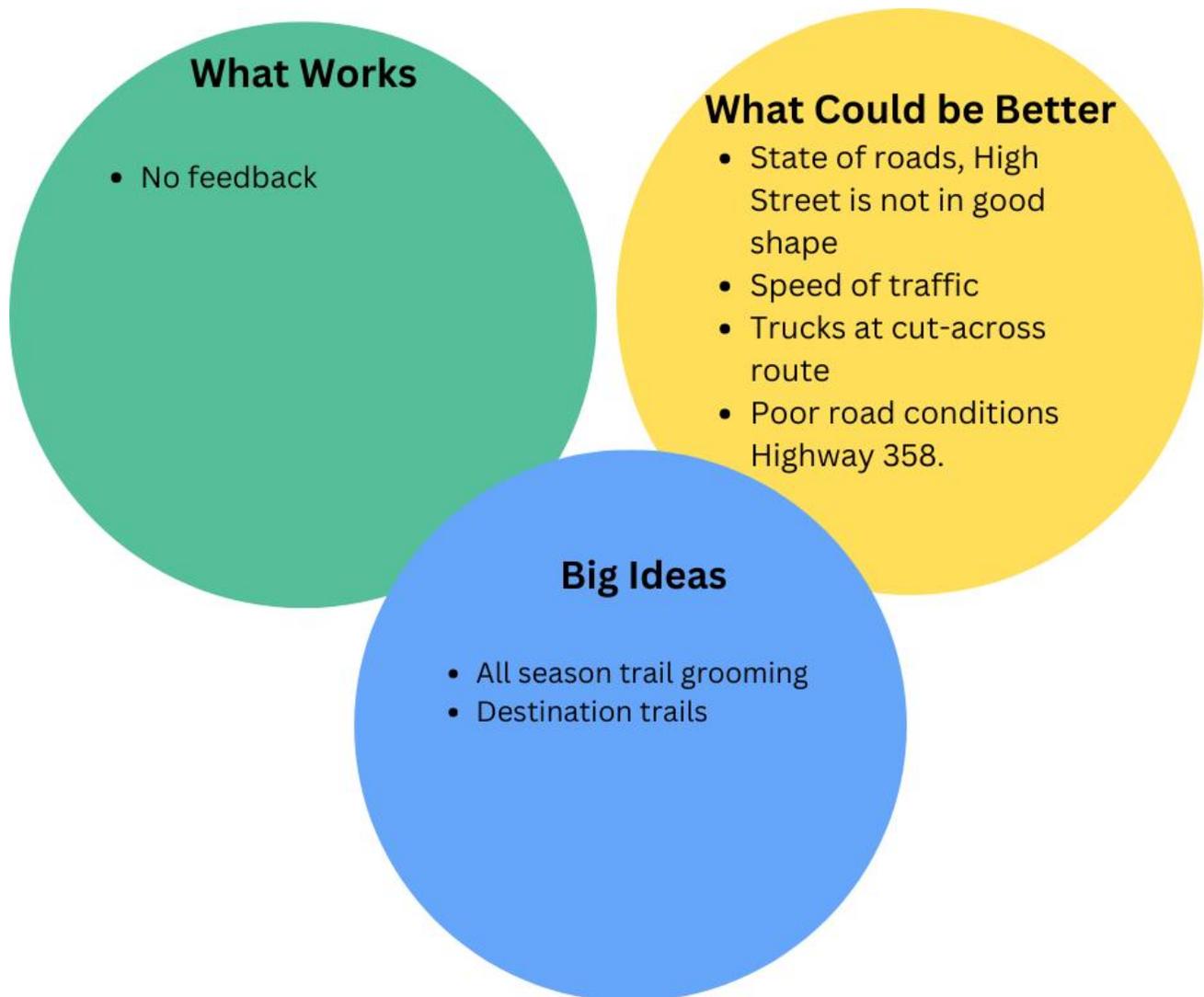
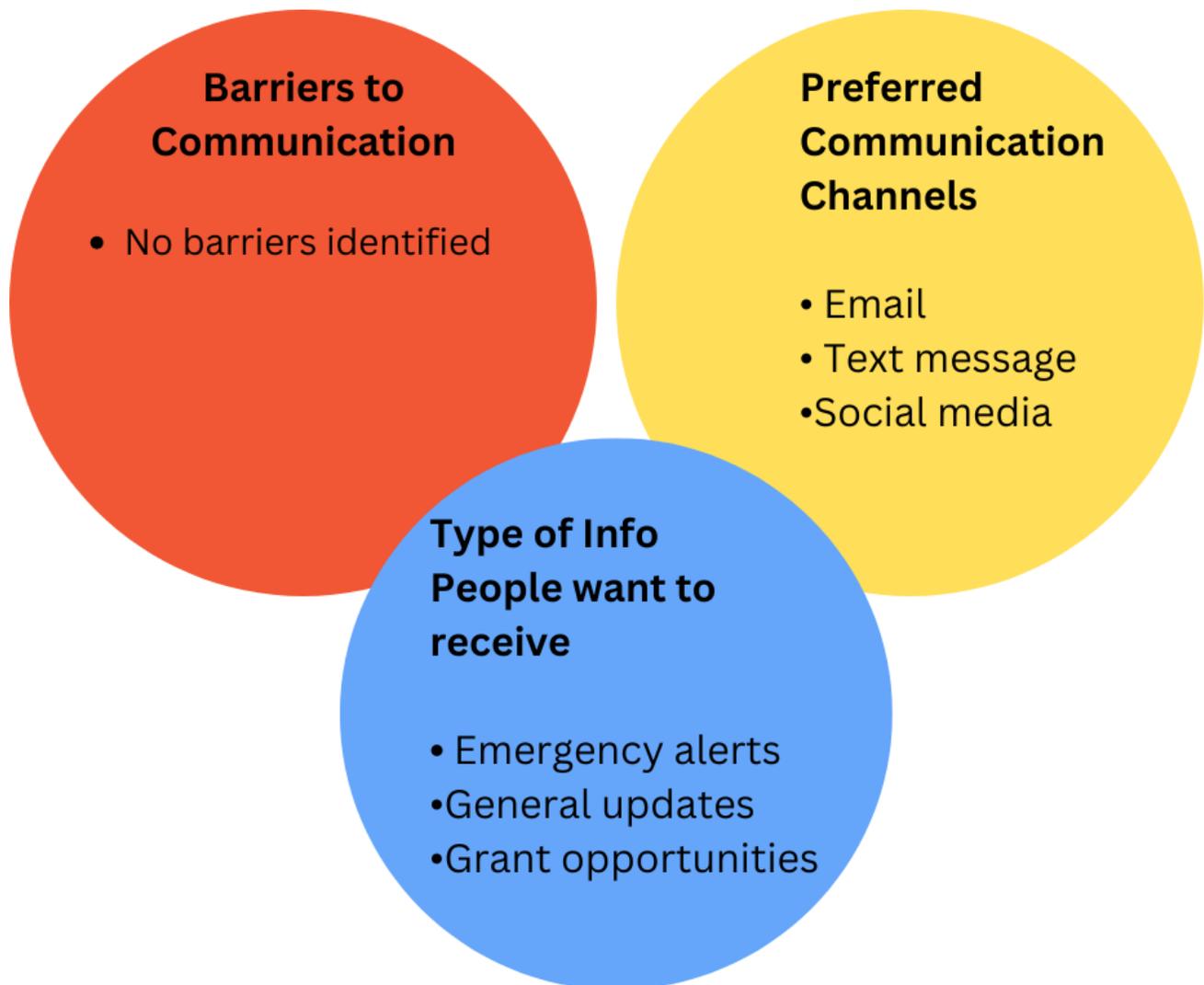


TABLE 6 COMMUNICATIONS

At this table, residents were invited to complete a short survey to help us better understand how the Municipality can most effectively communicate with the public. Their feedback will guide how we share information, updates, and opportunities for engagement moving forward. Below, you'll find a summary of the top 3 answers to how people want to be communicated with, the types of information they want to receive, and barriers to finding information from the Municipality.



DISTRICT 2 PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

Across all tables, citizens shared detailed feedback reflective of deep care for the future of District 2. From the comments, clear patterns pertaining to **community grants, outdoor recreation, and road conditions**. Comments have been summarized as follows under these themes:

Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Safety.

Infrastructure emerged as a consistent priority.

Residents expressed concern about:

- The state of roads including High Street, Centennial, and the Highway 358 connection.
- Speed of traffic through Port Williams and concern for young families
- Trucks using residential roads as cut-through routes.

Recreation and Community Facilities

Recreation and quality of life were strongly represented across tables.

Key themes included:

- Requests for swimming pools and a centralized recreation facility
- Interest in pickleball courts, bike lanes, and outdoor sporting opportunities
- Support for destination trails and all-season groomed trail systems
- A desire for strong town centers with restaurant and shopping amenities.
- Still maintaining rural charm
- Investment in accessible, multi-generational recreations opportunities that strengthen active living and community connection

Communication and Building Trust

Residents shared feedback on how they receive information and where communication can improve

Key themes included:

- A preference for email, newsletters, and printed materials
- Positive feedback for engagement format

Across every table, the message was consistent:

District 2 residents want safe and reliable infrastructure, accessible recreation for all ages, and communication that is clear, consistent, and responsive.

OUR COMMITMENT

District 2 residents have shown that meaningful change starts with conversation and continues through action, and this “What We Heard” report is just the beginning. Once we have met with all districts, we will compile the feedback into a comprehensive report, which will be shared broadly and include actionable items of how your feedback will be incorporated. It is anticipated that the comprehensive report with actionable items will be available in late Spring. These reports will help guide the future of our community engagement initiatives and we thank you all for your participation and thoughtful contributions. Together, we’ll keep the dialogue going. Thank you for participating in our District 2 Meet and Greet.