

“Health Services must be accessible, affordable, and confidential”

Some examples of necessary Health Services Include:

- Mental Health Support
- Healthcare for LGBTQ+ Youth
- Physical Health
- Emotional Health Support
- A safe place to ask questions
- Drug Education
- Sexual Health Resources

What needs to be included in a Youth Space?

- Home work support
- Drop-in services
- Resources to better understand real world problems.
- Safe spaces
- Free Wifi!
- Community Champions

“We need a place to go afterschool where we are free to express ourselves, and where we will be able to participate in activities, ask questions, and learn about community resources.”

“Youth need more transportation options in Sooke and on the Westshore. We would like to see green transportation options, and not have to rely on our parents to drive us.”

Youth Bus Pass!

“Our community needs affordable rental and housing options for youth and families. Many of us are not sure if we will ever be able to afford a place to live.”

“We need safe spaces to bike”

Most Important Community Values:

- Trust
- Respect
- Inclusion
- Diversity
- Comfort
- Safety

“A safe community is interconnected and includes: streetlights, infrastructure, and feels as good as it looks”

A top priority for youth in Sooke and the West shore is: shelter and food services. Many youth feel that there would not be safe place to go if they could not stay at home for the night.

Youth would be keen to volunteer in these spaces.

Designated Dog Parks!

“We need more protected park space and green spaces!”

Do you Feel your community listens to youth?

YES!	9%
A LITTLE BIT / NOT AT ALL!	91%

Our youth want the chance to contribute to community conversations and to feel heard.

Some youth indicated that they feel fearful of the police.

Positive police support is needed!

ROAD MAP TO YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Created from surveys, workshops, and facilitated discussions with youth in Sooke and the Westshore about their communities, and what their ideal community would include.



Over 50% of youth interviewed would love to have a skatepark on the Westshore. For many youth, this was a top priority.

Westshore and Sooke youth would also love to have additional sports facilities to access.