

**Bowen Visioning Questionnaire
Responses to Closed Ended Questions**

Survey August 11 - August 31, 2009
Results Compiled by CitySpaces: September 2009

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Q	Number	%age
1	Please indicate which of the following responses best describes your current situation.	
	I am a full-time resident of Bowen Island	272 84%
	I am a part-time resident of Bowen Island	43 13%
	I own a business on Bowen Island but do not reside on Bowen Island	2 1%
	I work as an employee on Bowen Island but do not reside on Bowen Island	0 0%
	I own property on Bowen Island but do not reside, work or own a business on Bowen Island	6 2%
	Total	323

2	Please identify three characteristics about Bowen Island that you feel are most important to you.	
	Number of responses	304
	community, sense of community	162
	nature, natural, natural beauty, natural environment, beaches	102
	rural, rural character	95
	safe, safety	62
	people, caring, diversity, supportive, diverse	57
	parks, trails, green space, crown, green	50
	vancouver, city, accessible, proximity, connected	49
	peace, peaceful, quiet	47
	beauty, beautiful	32
	arts, culture, creative, artistic	28
	tress, forest, forests	25

Note: Read all 304 responses to Q2 in the accompanying 84 page report.

3	Do you consider the following TOPICS to be important matters of discussion during the Update of the OCP? Please identify the level of importance of each of these topics.	Not at all important	Only somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important	No opinion
	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions	11%	14%	30%	40%	5%
	Adapting to climate change/reducing risk from climate change	10%	16%	30%	40%	4%
	Creating and supporting on-island, year-round employment for residents	5%	16%	31%	43%	5%
	Working toward energy self-sufficiency	12%	19%	31%	43%	3%
	Ensuring housing affordable to young adults and families	4%	14%	25%	53%	5%
	Ensuring housing and support services for seniors to "age in place"	3%	10%	23%	59%	6%
	Defining the appropriate form, height and character of development in Snug Cove	4%	9%	27%	54%	6%
	Managing the rate of future growth	4%	12%	17%	62%	5%
	Maintaining a vibrant arts community	6%	22%	30%	38%	4%
	Identifying places where additional housing density could be considered	9%	12%	27%	46%	6%

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Developing options to increase transit, carpooling, walking and cycling	4%	12%	26%	55%	4%
Putting in place an interconnected network of forever-protected natural lands	9%	10%	22%	54%	5%
Determining the appropriate layout of new residential development outside Snug Cove (e.g., clustering, spread-out, other)	4%	9%	24%	57%	6%
Increasing local food production	8%	17%	33%	38%	3%
Developing the tourism economy	16%	24%	36%	21%	3%
Developing another commercial area outside Snug Cove	35%	24%	19%	19%	3%
Preserving local heritage and community character	2%	5%	20%	65%	7%
Maintaining a healthy, non-toxic environment	4%	5%	20%	65%	7%
Ensuring places for active outdoor play for children and young people	6%	15%	29%	44%	7%
Maintaining natural ecosystems and biodiversity	3%	6%	21%	63%	7%

4 Are there any other TOPICS that you feel are important to be discussed during the Update of the OCP?

Development, growth, population, cap, population cap, density	27
Snug cove, cove, snug	12
Water, waters, waterfront, marine	19
Ferry, marshalling, terminal, bc ferries	10
Housing, affordable, affordable housing	9
Business, tourism, commercial, local business, economy	8
Infrastructure, services, roads	8
Community centre, pool, sports, community gardens, composting, community gathering	7
Other topics and comments	98

Note: Read all 181 responses to Q2 in the accompanying 84 page report.

5 The current Bowen Island OCP contains 13 "BROAD OBJECTIVES" that provide a framework for all other statements in the Plan. Please indicate your level of agreement with each objective

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No Opinion
To preserve and protect Bowen Island and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of Bowen Islanders and residents of the Province generally.	61%	22%	9%	3%	3%	2%
To provide environmental stewardship strategies for Bowen Island, to be followed by residents and visitors alike, that recognize both the human responsibilities toward the environment and the rights of private landowners.	57%	26%	8%	2%	4%	3%
To preserve a marine-oriented community and island atmosphere.	53%	29%	10%	3%	3%	2%

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To establish a community service and land use pattern with high priority given to environmental and social factors.	50%	23%	13%	7%	4%	2%
To encourage maintenance of a population with varying income levels, lifestyles and age groups.	60%	21%	8%	3%	6%	1%
To ensure that Bowen Island is a healthy community with residents working together to improve the quality of life.	64%	18%	7%	2%	5%	3%
To provide for the basic needs of full time residents, seasonal residents and visitors.	55%	27%	9%	2%	4%	2%
To ensure that growth management shall be conditioned by the natural environment.	55%	21%	10%	6%	5%	3%
To ensure that a balance is maintained between community well-being and the rights of individual property owners.	48%	28%	11%	5%	6%	2%
To foster the creation and maintenance of local employment on the island in island based sustainable activities.	47%	29%	11%	5%	6%	2%
To promote a Snug Cove village form that caters to the pedestrian and that is appropriate to a small community.	56%	21%	14%	3%	4%	2%
To recognize Snug Cove Village as the commercial and community heart of Bowen Island, and to provide for the necessary expansion of commercial, residential and community/cultural uses that will contribute towards a pleasant village centre.	50%	24%	8%	6%	8%	3%
To seek the cooperation of and coordination with other agencies in the implementation of objectives where the objective recognizes the jurisdiction of that agency, and to seek greater mechanisms for local control and influence of such objectives.	25%	23%	27%	3%	5%	16%

6 Are there any additional "BROAD OBJECTIVES" that you feel should be taken into account in the Update of the Bowen Island OCP?

Note: Read all 156 responses to Q6 in the accompanying 84 page report.

7 Imagine the year 2050. What does Bowen Island look like in a successful and sustainable future?

Note: Read all responses to Q7 in the accompanying 84 page report.

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8 Bowen Island lies within the Islands Trust Area. The Islands Trust Policy Statement provides guidance for land use planning to preserve and protect the Trust Area. Which of the following statements best describes your thoughts about the Islands Trust Policy Statement?

	Number	%age
The Islands Trust Policy Statement is a very important document and must be the foundation of the Update of the OCP.	70	30%
The Island Trust Policy Statement is an important document that should be taken into account in the Update of the OCP.	96	41%
I am not familiar with the Islands Trust Policy Statement and have no opinion at this time.	68	29%
Total	234	

9 The current OCP does not have a Vision Statement. In 2008, the municipality's Sustainability Framework Working Group developed the following Vision Statement: ... Do you think that this Vision Statement is appropriate for inclusion in the OCP Update?

	Number	%age
Yes, without modification.	92	31%
Yes, with some modification.	143	49%
No.	25	9%
Not sure.	19	6%
No opinion.	15	5%
Total	294	

10 Do you have any other comments regarding a "Vision Statement" for Bowen Island?

Note: Read all 140 responses to Q10 in the accompanying 84 page report.

11 If you consider yourself to be a full-time resident of Bowen Island, how likely are you to move away from your current place of residence within the next three years?

	Number	%age
Not likely.	184	71%
Somewhat likely.	55	21%
Very likely.	20	8%
Total	259	

12 If you answered "somewhat likely" or "very likely" #11, where do you anticipate this move to be?

Another location on Bowen Island.	22	29%
Another location, not on Bowen Island, in Metro Vancouver.	17	23%
Another location, not on Bowen Island, outside Metro Vancouver.	21	28%
Not sure at this time.	15	20%
Total	75	

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13 If you answered "somewhat likely" or "very likely" to #11, what are the factors that influence your decision to move? (Check as many as apply.)

To attend post-secondary education full-time.	5
To be closer to health/medical services.	10
To be closer to relatives or friends.	11
To be closer to the schools that my child(ren) attend, or will attend.	3
To follow job opportunities.	18
To get the equity from my home to use for other purposes.	5
To have more privacy.	16
To have more space.	14
To move to a housing complex that provides meals, social activities and light housekeeping.	3
To reduce housing costs.	16
To spend less time/money on home and garden maintenance.	13
Other	41

14 Which of the following describes your current work situation? (Check as many as apply.)

Doing volunteer work.	55
Fully retired.	42
Managing home/being a homemaker.	39
Semi-retired.	38
Student.	6
Unemployed and looking for work	4
Working for pay or profit, full-time	156
Other, please specify:	56

15 What is your age group?

	Number	%age
Less than 20 years.	3	1%
Between 20 and 24 years.	4	1%
Between 25 and 44 years.	54	18%
Between 45 and 64 years.	183	62%
Between 65 and 79 years.	45	15%
More than 80 years.	6	2%
Total	295	

16 The OCP Steering Committee sincerely welcomes further comments you would like to make regarding the content of the OCP Update.

Note: Read all 51 responses to Q10 in the accompanying 84 page report.