

## Vital Signs Perceptions Survey 09/08/2011

### Environment

#### Water

- A Improved water quality from Duteau Creek and other sources.
- A Separate drinking water from irrigation water
- A Too many water advisory issues.
- A Parallel water systems for agricultural use
- A Water quality....way too many advisories!  
General clean up especiall of the stream running through the city. Expansion of the recycling program.
- A Weekly pick up of garden waste rather than every other week.
- A water management is poor, water and air quality are poor
- A Cease water restrictions in years like 2011 where we had major snow accumulations and rainfall
- A wee need to take a more serious look at the sewer waste that we are dumping into the lake and start
- A water advisories are a concern
- A water has always been an issue-will we ever get it right-what about the smelly sewer plant that was
- A concern that water resources will not be enough to meet the increase in development
- A Boat trafic on Kal lake (no super power boats)
- A local goverment has timed sprinklers watering the sidewalks still
- A more leadership from Vernon, Coldstream, NORD around water conservation
- A remedy deplorable conditions of Vernon and Coldstream creeks
- A less pollution of Vernon Creek  
Enforcement of unsightly premises bylaw- if there is one? Get the domestic water supply and quality
- A solved. It is called a system but appears to be just a mish-mash.
- A integrated water source plan for entire watersheds, ban home sales in town with non efficient fireplaces  
The outdated way of distributing water in ths part of the world is alarming! To my way of thinking we are
- A a Walkerton waiting to hapen. The infrastructure is overtaxed with consumers expecting to get water at
- A next to no cost. The province needs to take over responsibility for the maintenance and supply of water
- A with full responsibility for its regulations. Developments should not be allowed to expand without huge
- A protect areas where the community gets its water
- A reducing impacts of climate change, health of local waterways  
More enforcement on people who don't attend their lawns (weeds/garbage, etc.) and those who do not
- A water respectfully (even when we've had a high snow pack).
- A less waste of water on school grounds and parks
- A Air and Water Quality changes
- A review why Vernon water HAS TO smell like chlorine
- A Too many big box stores and traffic

#### Education

- B educate other people from other provinces when they vacation here
- B more community involvement
- B Public Education
- B More education for the public, less politicing
- B Help public understand that it is worth it --
- B More public awareness, rather than public opinion
- B More eduction  
I'd like to see more penalites for noise pollution...racing engines, loud music from cars, backyards or
- B homes that infringes on others and detracts from the environment should start to be addressed
- B learn to keep our city clean and not litter
- B We seem to have a fairly good degree of awareness.

- B more education and awareness for residents
- B more communication about environment
- B enforce the speed limit so we can walk and not get killed
- B More awareness programs
- B More info on composting
- B promote the use of car pooling and mass transit, walking and biking
- B More community involvement events for improving environment
- B More incentives so that people become aware and reduce.
- B bike lanes enforced
- B financially support the creation of environmentally responsible programs for community members.

### **Garbage / Hazardous Materials**

- I have dogs and I would like to see more doggy bag receptacles put up around the city. We have no bag receptacles near the lakes. In Europe you will see small dog sand boxes where you can let your dog go
- C close down solid waste facility ogogrow...
- C hazmat collection station - oil, chemical containers, etc
- C pilot projects and innovation - ban plastic water bottles and pesticides

### **Recycling / Composting**

- D more recycling containers available along side the garbage cans
- D more garbage containers for recyclables
- D curbside chipping in Coldstream
- D Focus on specifics, how to recycle, reduce reuse
- D curbside composting
- D blue box recycling
- D More recycle pick ups for all residential areas and business`s
- D free styrofoam pickup with recycling
- D the recycling of styrofoam
- D Increase recycling and green waste programs. See Vancouver/Port Moody as examples.  
The recycling programs are a joke and could benefit from a study and overhaul. It took me a year of living here to realize that glass was not part of the blue bag recycling program! You would think that
- D I would like to see more of an initiative for recycling at work
- D need more recycle bins along the streets. not just in mall/stores
- D Needs a free styrofoam drop off depot
- D More recycling available in the community, be the first community that is 100% environmentally friendly
- D More education on details of what can be recycled (used but rinsed plastics?)
- D Vernon needs to make it easier to recycle
- D Compost Pick up for Residential and Businesses
- D on street pick up of kitchen waste
- D better styrphome return sytem
- D Better recycling info.  
Recycling is working but large items are still being dumped on unused land and in alleys. Need to have an one day free junk pick up or something..... if it is already in place, who knows?
- D Public areas should have recycling containers, and should be emptied on a regular basis.
- D Recycling should be mandatory for Vernon Jubilee Hospital and any other govt funded facility in Vernon. We need to insist that business owners and the city provide recycling receptacles for all cans, bottles and paper/ cardboard. There are alot of cardboard coffee cups/ paper wrapars, boxes etc just thrown away, why? I would like to see the city more active in picking up recycling at businesses. We need to have compost pickup like a lot of communities for a community garden that can make people
- D need curbside glass recycling, chipping programs, schools should be able to get city recycling pick up
- D car batteries, computer ink cartridges, polystyrene etc

## Recreation / Exercise

- E Clean up Kin Beach.  
Kalamalka Lake is a beautiful asset to this community - even if it was stolen from the First People - this lake needs to be preserved and if we want to be enjoying it for the rest of our lives and keeping it pristine for future generations it must be protected. Making it a non-motorized zone would be a great start. Same Better protection of water --- make Kalamalka Lake a motorized boat-free zone, enforce greater watering restrictions, enact stronger septic system regulations in rural areas
- E clean up the waterfront so more residents can enjoy the lake
- E A bit more awareness we have great facilities  
More walking routes that connect neighbourhoods. Example from East Hill to BX Ranch Park without having to walk on narrow dangerous roads likd BX road.
- E Parks, picnic areas, boat lauches should be monitored more often and more diligently for offenders.
- E I would like to see more bike paths like there are in Kelowna
- E keep motor boat marina's off Kalamalka Lake, ok on Okanagan
- E some place to safely lock a bike up at beaches, parks and downtown
- E Need more green spaces
- E a network of trails and complete bike lanes (not bike lanes that suddenly end like on 27th and 32nd
- E more stores to offer recycled or eco friendly products
- E Improved bike paths for commuters
- E encourage parking launching areas for canoes, kayaks, boards on Kalamalka Lake
- E more walking and biking trails...EVERYWHERE

## Community Facilities

- F Community gardening
- F financial support for the Allan Brooks Nature Centre
- F Need more parks. The town is poorly laid out in this respect.

## Land Use

- G halt shocking depletion of ARL lands
- G Stop allowing expansion as there is not enough water resourses to go further.  
lots of good things being done that need continueing/enhancing - biggest thing is sprawl though, ruining landscape/habitat and creating dependancy on cars
- G move the highway for better air quality in town
- G Highway around the core. Too much traffic bogged in downtown
- G protection of agricultural lands, increase in local green spaces, parks
- G less construction, we don't need new subdivisions
- G There is still too much sprawling growth
- G Stop allowing the footprint of Greater Vernon to sprawl and encourage people to live, work, shop, play, limit sprawl, densify, ehance and extend greenspace, interconnected bike trails, better bus routes, trails by urban waterways, public access to all waterfront, ehance riparian , protect all remaining agri lands
- G development/growth should be governed by our ability to provide water, looking ahead

## Air Quality

- H Ban burning altogether
- H More buy-in from the residents. There are still too many big 4X4's and big SUV's used for everyday and
- H Encourage cycling, walking, transit more incentives to do so
- H Air Quality Coordinator is needed
- H air quality is poor but that is more than just a community issue  
removal of bike lanes so traffic can flow more readily especially the corner of alexis park drive and main street. Loss of right turn lanes forces cars to sit and idle and wait forever to make a right turn.
- H air quality - reduce spring burning
- H Put a ban on burning as we see here every spring. I understand that Kamloops has such a ban even on

- H Air quality should be taken more seriously with a ban on all backyard and wood fireplace burning !
- H air quality is often poor - needs to be monitored and addressed
- H decrease dust
- H Cleaner air - ban all wood/pellet stoves in RDNO - ban slash burning except on very windy days
- H more efficient agriculture burning
- H more restrictions on open air burning in rural areas.
- H Stricter rules and regulations to reduce pollution.
- H air quality improved
- H improve air quality
- H stop indoor wood burning fireplaces in town.
- H ogogrow air quality problems

### **Beautification of the Region**

- I more streets like 20 ignore the auto only focus
- I More public awareness- the arts community is well poised to be art of this.
- I organized water cleanups
- I Additional creek and lake bottom clean up (probably volunteers)
- I clean up on the many weed infested road ways

### **Government**

- J Disppointed that Duteau Creek Treatment Centre is not functioning properly
- J integration of planning  
RDNO Board and Vernon City Council need to work cooperatively and work together where RDNO
- J Board is keeping up with taxes to pay for neccessary services such as Transit, bike lanes
- J Provide a clear strategic direction that protects our enviornment
- J RDNO & City planners, development, transportation etc need more environmental policies

### **Alternative Energy**

- K in the paper, or (?) share different type of environmentally friendly resources that would work well for
- K More electric vehicle lane ways even golf carts
- K Provide information and incentives for renewable energy

### **Public Transit**

- L continue to develop public transportation