



How would you rate your quality of life in the Cowichan Valley? What is it about this place that makes you call it home? If you could change one thing about it, would what that be?

These are some of the questions we will be asking people in the Valley over the summer months as we work in collaboration with our community to develop a series of Community Snapshots. We will cover topics ranging from Arts and Culture, to Climate Change and Food Security, to Poverty and Vulnerability, highlighting our successes and areas needing improvement.

In order to make these Snapshots truly reflective of the Cowichan community, we're aiming to gather as much feedback as possible from community members, like yourself! We have three different ways you can get involved:

1. Community Happiness Survey - How happy are we in this beautiful valley of ours? We can find out by taking part in this simple survey and once all the surveys are in, we can compare our results to other places in the world! [Please click here to complete.](#) Sign up or log into an account, and join "CowichanValley2016" to continue.
2. Cowichan Valley Story Survey - This one is for those live and work in the Cowichan Valley to find out what matters most to you and what concerns you the most. [Please click here to complete.](#)
3. Photo Contest - Take it one step further and include a photo that captures what matters most to you and/or what concerns you the most along with a short caption that explains why. Your photo will have a chance of being included in our Snapshots and you'll be entered in a contest to win a one-night stay on a beautiful float home in Cowichan Bay, plus dinner for two! Photos & captions can be sent to spcowichan@gmail.com or posted on our [Facebook page.](#)

Please complete the surveys by July 31st, 2016. Watch for results on our website and in local media coming out in the Fall of 2016.

Having a series of Snapshots will not only highlight the current status of our community, but can also act as a lens for measuring our progress in different areas as we move forward together. By having a framework in place, we'll be better able to guide and shape our community to be the best it can be. That's why, in designing these Snapshots to accurately reflect what's happening around us, it's important for us to hear from the community.

Social Planning Cowichan is a local, registered charitable society whose goal is to provide leadership that brings the community together to create a sustainable quality of life for everyone in the Cowichan Region. We are happy to have OUR Cowichan as partners.

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