

2016 – Community Open House – What we heard...

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Attendees:	18 people
CPR members:	Shannon, Sharmane, Kari, Sandra
Council members:	Evelyn, Bruce and Thomas

What's working

- Tomlin Hill is a huge asset; as soon as the snow flies the kids/families are there and playing.
- The elders/seniors program is a wonderful/innovative and inclusive. The use of the Atrium for carpet bowling/curling/etc is a great use of space.
- RPAY programming is a huge asset in this community and we're so lucky to have such great local instructors to provide fitness classes.
- The sports tournaments in the shoulder seasons/winter are a great asset and are helping to support local businesses.
- It is really exciting to see the return of the Bluegrass festival and the introduction of new festivals like the Mountain Festival, Waking up our Land, and Augusto.
- Hockey registration is up this year
- We have a solid core of volunteers who really "get amazing things done!"
- Curling at the area is a positive addition and interest is growing in the sport
- The sound system at the St. Elias Convention Centre is amazing – thank you to JAM/Village for applying to the funds to make it so!
- The new ski trails that the ski club is grooming are excellent. It is great to see such interest in this sport.
- In general, there is a lot of amazing programming happening in our community (from both CAFN and the VofHJ). It is a really exciting time to live in HJ!

Suggestions for new infrastructure

- Covered skate park (for a longer season)

Things to Consider

- More programming at the pool in the summer to better engage all members of the community (seniors/adult and youth).
- More neighbourhood parks (Willow Acres/Bear Berry, etc) that encourage play (of low organization)... (like green gyms)
- There is the potential for a use-of-space conflict between curling and hockey & soccer/baseball/frisbee in the summer at the school field. As these programs grow, we'll need solid inter-agency management to avoid use-of-space conflicts.
- A signed/mapped trail network that connects and interconnects with all of our HJ neighbourhoods
- We need a centralized calendar for the community with good distribution networks

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- The “ArtsNet” email (list server) in Whitehorse is an effective way of learning about Whitehorse/Yukon arts events and maybe something like that would be an effective form of communication here.
- There is a need for more structured sports/arts/culture programming for pre-school aged children
- Is it possible to distribute the Echo online? How can we increase its presence/profile in the community? Is it possible to have summer issues because there is so much happening in the summer months too!
- More communication from the Village/CPR Committee as to how community members can assist in the growth of our community.
- Could the Village provide opportunities for “volunteer contracts” for community members? These could be short projects that community members could work on to help build the community.