

Sechelt Residents 50+ Survey 2009

SECHELT MID-LIFE ADULTS AGE 50-64

About a quarter of Sechelt residents are currently in their fifties and early sixties. Not yet seniors, they are often still employed or self-employed but planning for retirement. The interests, activities, preferences and needs of this age group are important to planners and agencies looking to the future. What will Sechelt be like in 2021—who will live here, and what will residents need?

Help fill in the picture for governments, organizations, housing providers and others by completing this questionnaire. Please mark the appropriate answer to each question. **Your answers are anonymous and confidential, and your privacy protected.**

First, tell us a bit about yourself:

1. How **old** are you? 50 – 54 _____ 55 – 59 _____ 60 – 64 _____
2. Are you **female** _____ or **male** _____?
3. Where do you **presently live** in Sechelt? (Mark one only)
 - _____ Downtown Village
 - _____ Wilson Creek
 - _____ Selma Park/Davis Bay
 - _____ West Sechelt
 - _____ West Porpoise Bay
 - _____ East Porpoise Bay
 - _____ Sandy Hook/Tuwanek
 - _____ Sechelt Indian Government District
4. What **kind of dwelling** do you presently live in? (Mark one only)
 - _____ Single detached house
 - _____ Duplex
 - _____ Mobile home
 - _____ Apartment
 - _____ Townhouse or rowhouse
 - _____ Suite in private residence
 - _____ Other (specify) _____
5. Do you **own** _____ or **rent** _____?
Or do you have some other arrangement? (Please specify)

6. Does **anyone else live** in your dwelling? (Mark one only)

- my spouse/partner
 other family members
 I share with friend/housemate
 I live on my own
 other (specify) _____

7. Do you have any **pets**? Yes _____ No _____

8. **How long** have you lived in your current dwelling?

- 1 year _____ 2-5 years _____ 6-10 years _____ 11-15 years _____ longer _____

9. Where did you **move here from**?

- Elsewhere on the Sunshine Coast
 The Vancouver area
 Elsewhere in B.C.
 The prairie provinces
 Elsewhere in Canada
 The U.S.
 Elsewhere in the world
 Have lived here all my life

10. Do you have **parents or older relatives** for whom you feel some responsibility?

- Yes _____ No _____

11. Is it important to you that they be able to **live near you** in Sechelt?

- N/A _____ Yes _____ No _____

12. Do you have **children or younger relatives** for whom you feel some responsibility?

- Yes _____ No _____

13. Is it important to you that they be able to **live near you** in Sechelt?

- N/A _____ Yes _____ No _____

14. Do you **expect to live in Sechelt** for the rest of your life? Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

15. Do you ever think about **moving from your present home**? Yes _____ No _____

16. If yes, approximately **when in the future** might you move?

- 1 year _____ 2-4 years _____ 5 years or longer _____

17. Supposing you were to move, **what would you be looking for**? (Mark one only)

- I plan to live in my current home indefinitely
 A larger detached house, perhaps with a suite
 A smaller detached house
 A mobile home

- A townhouse or rowhouse
- A bed-sitting room or bachelor suite
- A one or two bedroom apartment
- A garden suite, granny flat or coach-house
- Any accessible housing all on one floor or with an elevator
- Supportive seniors housing like Greencourt in Sechelt
- Assisted living or care in a facility like Christenson Village in Gibsons
- A full-service seniors residence like Amica in West Vancouver
- Other (specify) _____

18. Do you currently **get help**, either paid or from friends and family, for any of the following tasks? (Mark all that apply)

- yard work
- other outdoor maintenance (gutters, windows, decks, driveways etc.)
- routine housecleaning
- shopping for and preparing meals
- laundry, changing bed-linens
- dressing, bathing, other personal grooming
- taking medications
- handling the mail and paying bills

19. Do you currently **provide help** to others (perhaps older relatives or neighbours) for any of the tasks listed above? Yes _____ No _____

20. If yes, **which tasks** do you help with? (Please specify) _____

21. How do you **get around** in Sechelt? (Mark all that apply)

- I drive myself
- A friend or family member drives me
- I walk or bike to nearly every destination that matters to me
- I take the bus that runs in and around Sechelt
- I take a taxi
- I call HandyDART
- I use a motorized scooter
- Other _____

22. Do you have **difficulty getting around**? Yes _____ No _____

23. If yes, **what makes getting around difficult** for you?

24. How would you **rate Sechelt's infrastructure**?

Local roads:	adequate_____	safe _____	poor_____
Sidewalks:	adequate_____	safe_____	poor_____
Intersections and crosswalks:	adequate_____	safe_____	poor_____
Walking trails:	adequate_____	safe_____	poor_____
Sechelt Library:	accessible_____	hard to access _____	
District of Sechelt offices:	accessible _____	hard to access _____	
Aquatic Centre:	accessible_____	hard to access _____	
Visitor Information Centre:	accessible_____	hard to access _____	

Any other comments?_____

25. How many **cars** are there in your household?

None_____ 1 _____ 2_____ more_____

26. How many **drivers** are there in your household?

None_____ 1_____ 2_____ more_____

27. How often do **you drive a car**? (Mark the nearest frequency.)

Most days_____ 1-3 times/week_____ 1-3 times/month _____ rarely/never_____

28. How often do **you ride a bike**?

Most days _____ 1-3 times/week_____ 1-3 times/month_____ rarely/never_____

29. How often do **you hike or walk** on Sechelt's walking paths and trails (e.g. Davis Bay or Trail Bay waterfront, Kinnikinnik Park, Hidden Grove)?

Most days_____ 1-3 times/week_____ 1-3 times/month_____ rarely/never _____

30. How often do you **travel outside** the Sunshine Coast? (Mark the nearest frequency)

1-3 times/week_____ 1-3 times/month_____ 1-3 times/year_____ rarely/never_____

31. Where do you **travel to**? (Mark all that apply, and specify frequency and/or duration)

_____ Vancouver _____

_____ Elsewhere in the lower mainland _____

_____ Elsewhere in B.C. _____

_____ Elsewhere in Canada _____

_____ The U.S. _____

_____ Mexico _____

_____ Abroad _____

_____ Somewhere warm and sunny during the winter rainy season _____

32. Do you use a **computer**?

_____ No

_____ Yes, I use it to (mark all that apply):

_____ email friends and family

- _____ research topics of interest (health, travel, science, family history, other)
- _____ play games
- _____ see videos, read blogs
- _____ do internet banking
- _____ keep up with the news
- _____ use social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, MSN Messenger)
- _____ order goods and services online
- _____ other (please specify) _____

33. What was your approximate **household income** last year (before taxes)?

- _____ Below \$20,000
- _____ \$20,000 - \$29,999
- _____ \$30,000 - \$39,999
- _____ \$40,000 - \$59,999
- _____ \$60,000 - \$79,999
- _____ \$80,000 - \$99,999
- _____ Above \$100,000

34. Are you currently **employed or self-employed**?

No _____ Yes, full-time _____ Yes, part-time _____

35. If you have any **concerns about your future** in Sechelt, what would they be?

- _____ No concerns
- _____ Not having enough money to cover my/our needs
- _____ Getting proper medical care
- _____ Finding suitable and affordable housing
- _____ Being unable to get around if I couldn't drive
- _____ Being on my own if my spouse/partner died or needed care
- _____ Other (please specify) _____

36. What do you **like best** about living in Sechelt?

37. Looking ahead, what's **missing or needs attention**, in your view, in order to ensure a good quality of life for **Sechelt seniors**?

38. Any other **comments or concerns**? (Continue below if needed)

Thank you!

Please return your completed questionnaire by ***December 10*** to one of the following locations:

- District of Sechelt front desk, 5797 Cowrie St., 2nd floor
- Sechelt Library, 5797 Cowrie St., main floor
- Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre, 5604 Trail Avenue
- Capilano University, 5627 Inlet Avenue
- VCH Home Support and Seniors Information, 5630 Inlet Avenue
- Visitor Information Centre, Seaside Centre, Ocean and Teredo

Or mail to: **Planning Dept., District of Sechelt, 5797 Cowrie St., Sechelt V0N 3A0.**

For further information about this survey, go to www.secheltseniors.ca. Or contact the survey project leader, Sue Jackel, at 604-885-2348, email suejackel@dccnet.com.

If you need assistance filling out this survey, or help in returning it to one of the drop-off locations, please ask a friend or neighbour to help. Or, contact the project team through the telephone number or email above. Your participation in this survey is important.

Please feel free to pass along an extra copy of this survey to a friend or relative who lives in Sechelt. Be sure to select the right survey by age bracket. We appreciate your interest and support.