

World's Largest Hockey Stick (WLHS) - Future Direction

The World's Largest Hockey Stick (WLHS) and puck, located at the Cowichan Community Centre (CCC), is approaching the end of its serviceable life. First constructed for Expo 1986 in Vancouver, BC, the structure has resided as a prominent feature of the CCC and has been considered a community landmark for the past 35 years. In 2008, the Guinness Book of World Records officially recognized the stick and puck as the largest in the world at a total length of 205 feet (62.48 meters) and weighing 61,000 pounds (28,118 kg).

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) are now asking local members of the public to please complete the following survey to help determine the future direction with the WLHS.

Q1. Which jurisdiction to you live in?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Municipality of North Cowichan
- ☐ City of Duncan
- ☐ Town of Ladysmith
- ☐ Town of Lake Cowichan
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area A - Mill Bay / Malahat
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area B - Shawnigan Lake
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area C - Cobble Hill
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area D - Cowichan Bay
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area E - Cowichan Station / Sahtlam / Glenora
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area F - Cowichan Lake South / Skutz Fall
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area G - Saltair / Gulf Islands
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area H - North Oyster / Diamond
- ☐ CVRD Electoral Area I - Youbou / Meade Creek
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Q2. What is your age?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ 0 - 20
- ☐ 21 - 40
- ☐ 41 - 60
- ☐ 61 - 80
- ☐ 81+

Q3. Do you own property within the Cowichan Region?

This includes within the boundaries of a CVRD Electoral Area or a member municipality (e.g. the Municipality of North Cowichan, City of Duncan, Town of Ladysmith or Town of Lake Cowichan)

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q4. In your opinion, how important is the WLHS to the Cowichan Region?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Very Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Not Important
- ☐ Neutral

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Q5. In your opinion, how important is it for the Cowichan Community Centre to maintain the World Record for the largest hockey stick and puck?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Very Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Not Important
- ☐ Neutral

Q6. Do you support replacing the WLHS at the Cowichan Community Centre with a new version, since the wood construction on the current stick and puck is naturally deteriorating and will need to be removed or replaced over time?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q7. ONLY ANSWER THIS IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTION 6

In your opinion, is it important to replace the WLHS prior to it reaching a point of decay where it must be taken down; recognizing there are many other competing facility repair and replacement priorities with limited funding?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q8. ONLY ANSWER THIS IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTION 7

Please select your top choice for replacing the WLHS regarding design and construction material (noting that the first 3 options will likely be the most expensive):

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Replace the WLHS with the same design, size and materials as the current WLHS
- ☐ Replace the WLHS with the same design and materials, but larger in size than the current WLHS
- ☐ Replace the WLHS with an alternate design and materials, but larger in size than the current WLHS
- ☐ Replace the WLHS with an alternate design and materials, but smaller in size than the current WLHS
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Q9. ONLY ANSWER THIS IF YOU ANSWERED QUESTION 8

In your opinion, if the WLHS were to be replaced, then how important is it for the community to provide feedback on a draft design?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Very Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Not Important
- ☐ Neutral

Q10. ONLY ANSWER THIS IF YOU ANSWERED QUESTION 9

Please select your top choice for funding replacement of the WLHS (note: it will likely cost several million dollars to replace).

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Funded 100% through grants and/or donations (note that the WLHS may need to be removed due to deterioration and not replaced for months or years until enough funds are raised)
- ☐ Funded partially through grants and/or donations with the remainder covered by taxation (same potential timeline as above)
- ☐ Funded 100% through taxation (likely the quickest option)