

# Community Halls - Members

**Note – All comments are verbatim, with the exception of any personal / identifying information, or inappropriate content.**

## 1. Which community hall or senior centre association(s) are you a current member of?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
A.J. Ottewell Centre (Red Barn)		0.0%	0
Antler Lake Uncas Hall		0.0%	0
Ardrossan 55-Plus Centre		28.8%	21
Ardrossan Memorial Hall		0.0%	0
Brookville Hall		4.1%	3
Colchester Hall		8.2%	6
Deville/North Cooking Lake Hall		0.0%	0
Good Hope Hall		5.5%	4
Hastings Lake Hall		0.0%	0
Josephburg Hall		5.5%	4
Josephburg Senior Citizens Centre		8.2%	6
Partridge Hill Hall		0.0%	0
Sherwood Park 55-Plus Centre		24.7%	18
Sherwood Park Community Hall (Log Cabin)		0.0%	0
South Cooking Lake Hall		2.7%	2
South Cooking Lake Seniors Centre		0.0%	0
Whitcroft Hall		23.3%	17
Wye Hall		0.0%	0
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>73</b>

## 2. How long have you been a member of your community hall or senior centre association?

	More than 20 years	10 - 20 years	5 - 9 years	1 - 4 years	Less than 1 year	Total Responses
A.J. Ottewell Centre (Red Barn)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (20.0%)	2 (40.0%)	2 (40.0%)	5
Antler Lake Uncas Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0
Ardrossan 55-Plus Centre	3 (17.6%)	3 (17.6%)	3 (17.6%)	6 (35.3%)	2 (11.8%)	17
Ardrossan Memorial Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1
Brookville Hall	0 (0.0%)	1 (33.3%)	2 (66.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3
Colchester Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (33.3%)	3 (50.0%)	1 (16.7%)	6
Deville/North Cooking Lake Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0
Good Hope Hall	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4
Hastings Lake Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0
Josephburg Hall	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4
Josephburg Senior Citizens Centre	2 (33.3%)	1 (16.7%)	2 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (16.7%)	6
Partridge Hill Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0
Sherwood Park 55-Plus Centre	0 (0.0%)	2 (18.2%)	4 (36.4%)	4 (36.4%)	1 (9.1%)	11
Sherwood Park Community Hall (Log Cabin)	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1
South Cooking Lake Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (100.0%)	1
South Cooking Lake Seniors Centre	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0
Whitcroft Hall	3 (17.6%)	4 (23.5%)	2 (11.8%)	7 (41.2%)	1 (5.9%)	17

Wye Hall	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0
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### 3. Do you volunteer for a community hall or senior centre association?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes, more than 10 hours per month		16.9%	12
Yes, between 5-9 hours per month		16.9%	12
Yes, between 1-4 hours per month		32.4%	23
No		33.8%	24
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>71</b>

### 4. Are you currently on the board of directors for a community hall or senior centre association?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		20.8%	15
No		79.2%	57
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>72</b>



### 5. What do you feel are the biggest benefits of being a member of a community hall / senior centre association?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Supporting the work of the community hall or senior centre association		57.7%	41
Getting a discount on hall or centre rental		14.1%	10
Connection to volunteer opportunities		26.8%	19
Access to direct communication from the association for events and opportunities		43.7%	31
It connects me to other members of my community		87.3%	62
Other (please explain)		11.3%	8
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>71</b>

### Other (please explain)

#	Response
1.	Social & Emotional support especially for singel seniors.
2.	Close by and enjoy it very much.
3.	Enjoy playing bridge and laughing.
4.	Socializing with seniors, playing cards, laughing
5.	Making this club the sucess it is.
6.	Gives me a ploace to play bridge.
7.	the excercise is beneficial
8.	to keep fit both physically and mentally

### 6. Would you recommend joining your community hall / senior centre association to others?






Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		91.4%	64
No		8.6%	6
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>70</b>

### Why?
















#	Response
1.	Good friendships
2.	It is a great oppportunity to engage others and stimulate interests.
3.	Good place to be.
4.	Friendly
5.	Very bright , clean, friendly, great for socializing.
6.	Good to know your neighbours and help out when you can

### 7. On average, how often do you visit community halls / senior centres in a given year?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
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Several times a week		35.2%	25
Weekly		25.4%	18
Monthly		23.9%	17
A few times a year		12.7%	9
Never		2.8%	2
<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>71</b>

## 8. Which specific activities do you typically use the community hall / senior centre for?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Fitness classes		18.3%	13
Learning opportunities / other classes		14.1%	10
Social group meeting space		33.8%	24
Pre-school		4.2%	3
Club meeting space		35.2%	25
Casual socialization space		35.2%	25
Food & drink related activities (for example, pot luck suppers)		56.3%	40
Performances		12.7%	9
Resources (for example, internet)		2.8%	2
Farmer's or craft markets		19.7%	14
Links to local businesses		5.6%	4
Special event opportunities		39.4%	28
Special event rentals (for example, rental for a wedding)		29.6%	21
I don't use my community hall or senior centre		1.4%	1
Other activities (please explain)		18.3%	13
<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>71</b>

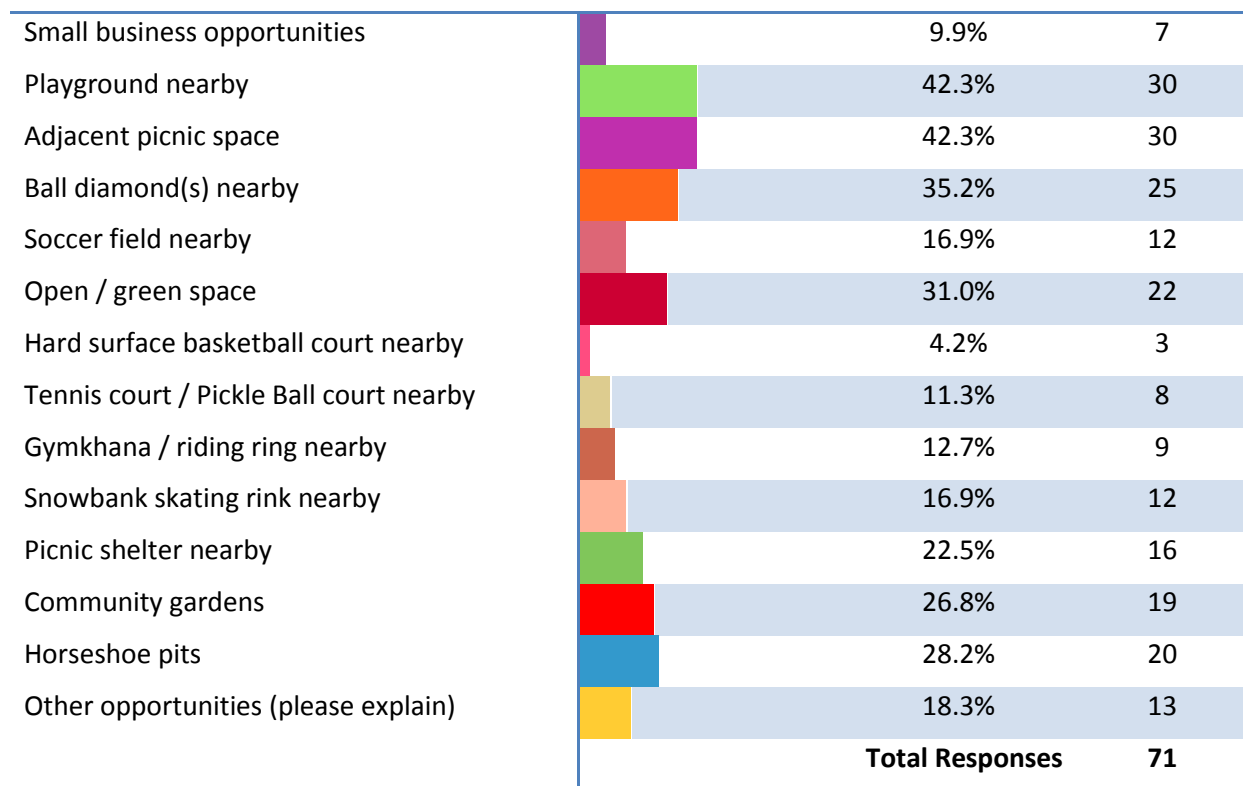
### Other activities (please explain)

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1. canasta, golf
2. Bridge, duplicate bridge.
3. Cards
4. Cards
5. Playing cards.
6. bridge/duplicate bridge.
7. Playground, sports field
8. Joined the raised garden activity
9. playground
10. sporting activities/cards, floor curling, bocci , carpet bowling
11. floor curling
12. Floor curling, scrabble
13. Cards, floor curling

**9. Thinking of the future, what types of opportunities do you believe community halls / senior centres may be able to play a role in providing for the community?**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Fitness opportunities		73.2%	52
Learning opportunities /other classes		56.3%	40
Social group meeting space		64.8%	46
Pre-school		16.9%	12
Child care		8.5%	6
Resources (for example, Internet)		18.3%	13
Club meeting space		59.2%	42
Casual socialization space		59.2%	42
Farmer's or craft markets		53.5%	38
Food and drink related activities (for example, pot luck suppers)		66.2%	47
Special event rentals (for example, space for a wedding)		53.5%	38



### Other opportunities (please explain)

#	Response
1.	All or any, if leaders and organizers can be found. Initiative is the issue! Participation will follow.
2.	Indoor shuffle board
3.	Outdoor BBQ area
4.	Bocci
5.	Bridge
6.	Playing cards, socializing.
7.	Place to socialize and play cards and games.
8.	Large open space for playing the many card games. Room for tournaments.
9.	Lots of bridge/duplicate bridge tournaments.
10.	Women should look after their own children and not use day care centers. This may sound old fashioned but it's time to get back to being old fashioned especially where children are concerned.
11.	garage sales
12.	country living seminars, community garage sales, community dances/card and game nights, children and youth events (movie nights, talent shows, volunteer opportunities),

community outreach (i.e. welcoming committee, bereavement and illness support, collective kitchen etc.), babysitting club, resource sharing (i.e. tools, equipment or machinery sharing; personal experience and skills etc)

13. Sheltered gazebo/picnic area to be built in 2016 and 'house' performances

### 10. How would you rate the impact your community hall / senior centre has on your overall quality of life?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
High – they have a major impact		57.7%	41
Medium – they have some impact		33.8%	24
Low – they have little impact		5.6%	4
None – they have no impact		0.0%	0
Don't know		2.8%	2
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>71</b>

### 11. How would you rate the impact that community halls / senior centres IN GENERAL have on the overall quality of life for residents in Strathcona County?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
High – they have a major impact		51.5%	35
Medium – they have some impact		32.4%	22
Low – they have little impact		8.8%	6
None – they have no impact		0.0%	0
Don't know		7.4%	5
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>68</b>

### 13. Do you have any other comments about community halls or senior centres in Strathcona County?

#	Response
1.	They are needed and should continue to be supported.
2.	By having indoor shuffle boards we could use it all year round.



3.	participation from the "Volunteer Centre" in Sherwood Park to bring in new ideas, suggestions or basically just assistance during CCL events; without having to ask someone from there to come out to help.
4.	I believe an expansion / update of the Sherwood Park 55 Plus Centre is imperative, it is in fact overdue and as membership increases the demands on the space also increases. For example a true lounge area to engage, socialize, watch T.V. should be considered. The space shrinks as our members increase! Thank you!
5.	More room for different activities.
6.	Very good meeting place for seniors.
7.	We find our hall is small for all the activities we do.
8.	We should look at enlarging our space for baby boomers coming in.
9.	It is a very good place to communicate with other people.
10.	It's growing so much - additional space will be needed for growing membership.
11.	Very satisfied.
12.	Log cabin needs to be upgraded. Expansion of the Sherwood Park 55 Plus Club needed in the future. Storage needed.
13.	Lots of opportunity to meet new people.
14.	Rural community halls are vital to rural residents. It allows us to connect with our neighbors, to enjoy activities "Right in our own back Yard" and allows us to meet friends and neighbors and build lasting relationships. It minimizes seclusion in rural spaces.
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16.	Keeping a hall maintained is a lot of work and I don't think neighbours want to be invested to that degree any longer. Look at the age of the people who are volunteering. For the most part they are seniors. I pay my \$20 to be part of the community but seldom do I come to the functions. I do take care of my surrounding neighbourhood by picking up garbage and keeping my eyes peeled for theft, etc but I am not interested in eating with my neighbours for the most part.
17.	Continued support in educational activities - i.e special workshops that are held once a week, etc. (camera, computer education, etc.)
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19.	Community halls and associations need more support to run efficiently and fairly, to communicate and advertise directly with residents, to recruit more members and volunteers. For example...access to a survey mechanism such as this to evaluate needs and wants within a community. Meetings need to be streamlined to inspire attendance. Appreciated greatly when Community services supported developing a respect and anti bullying initiative, summer programs including ice cream social etc. These halls and the

community leagues developed within their confines have the potential to contribute a lot more to the quality of life in the county. We need more support without undermining the efforts of long term volunteers and local initiatives.

20. We need our halls and Senior Centres close to rentals, many uses, such as luncheons after funerals, handy for 4-H clubs for their meetings in the local area.

The playgrounds are a busy place in the summer, Bookmobile stops.

Internet access. Most of all we need volunteers so we can survive! Thank you for the opportunity of this survey.

21. An association of community leagues would benefit all through sharing of resources and expertise.

22. I like the friendly atmosphere.

23. The Plus 55 Senior Centre in Ardrossan, Alberta should be made larger, some more activities could be planned & used.