

## Valemount Affordable Housing Demand Survey

**Introduction: The Housing Committee, a select committee of Council of the Village of Valemount, is conducting this survey to gain information about the current demands and interest for affordable housing. Many organizations define “affordable housing” as costing no more than 30% of a household income before taxes.**

### **PART 1: First we’d like to ask you questions about you current situation:**

1. Are you a resident of Valemount?
  - a. A full-time resident
  - b. A seasonal resident
  - c. I am not currently a resident of Valemount
  - d. Other (for example, a snowbird)
  
2. If you are a seasonal / part-time resident, do you want or plan to become a full-time resident?
  - a. Yes
  - b. Maybe, it depends
  - c. No
  
3. What are your current living arrangements?
  - a. Living with family or friends
  - b. No fixed arrangement
  - c. Renting a fully contained suite
  - d. Renting a room in a house
  - e. Renting a house or mobile home
  - f. Own a house, duplex or townhouse, or mobile home
  - g. Rent an apartment
  - h. Other (please provide your answer in the space below)
  
4. What is your satisfaction with your current living arrangement
  - a. Satisfied
  - b. Not sure or uncertain
  - c. Not satisfied
  
5. If you answered unsure or not satisfied in question 2, what are the possible reasons (you can answer more than one reason)?
  - a. Too crowded and not enough of my own space and privacy
  - b. Too expensive
  - c. Not sure how long my current situation will last – uncertainty
  - d. Not a nice place (e.g. noisy, unclean, not well maintained, cold)
  - e. Want my own space
  - f. Feel unsafe
  - g. My rental costs are not building up my equity – would rather go towards a mortgage
  - h. Not conveniently located
  - i. Accessibility issues
  - j. Other – please provide your comments in space below

6. What is your current income source?
  - a. Full-time employment
  - b. Own my own business
  - c. Part-time employment
  - d. Multiple part-time jobs
  - e. Retired
  - f. Government Assistance (Employment Insurance, BC Income Assistance)
  - g. Other
  
7. Please indicate your household type?
  - a. Couple, no dependents
  - b. Couple with dependents
  - c. Single, no dependents
  - d. Single parent with dependents
  - e. Other (for example room-mate)
  
8. What is your age?
  - a. 18-29
  - b. 30-39
  - c. 40-59
  - d. 60-70
  - e. Older than 70
  
9. What is your annual income level – you combine household income if you have a partner?
  - a. Less than \$20,000/yr.
  - b. \$20,000 - \$30,000/yr.
  - c. \$30,000 - \$50,000/yr.
  - d. \$50,000 - \$70,000/yr.
  - e. \$70,000 - \$90,000/yr.
  - f. \$90,000 - \$110,000/yr.
  - g. Greater than \$110,000/yr.

**PART 2: Now we would like ask you questions about what you may be looking for in housing:**

10. I would like to:
  - a. Rent
  - b. Own
  
11. Please check all the boxes below that fit your current interests and what you are looking for:
  - a. Year-round accommodation
  - b. Winter seasonal accommodation
  - c. Summer seasonal accommodation
  - d. Apartment or Condominium
  - e. Affordable single family detached house
  - f. Affordable single family duplex or townhouse
  - g. House / duplex / townhouse

- h. Seniors housing
- i. Seniors housing with assisted living
- j. Land (i.e. to build on)
- k. Other (please provide your comment below)

12. If you are looking for housing, how many bedrooms would you need?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

13. Please rank the following housing amenities in terms of order of importance to you:

- a. Affordability
- b. Location (near stores and services)
- c. Sense of community / nice neighbourhood
- d. Near parks / playgrounds / trails
- e. Energy efficiency
- f. The building form (appealing architecture and finishes)
- g. Mix of demographics in the neighbourhood (e.g. seniors, young families, singles)
- h. Housing with parking
- i. Housing with storage facility

14. What do you think you could afford to pay each month for rent or mortgage?

- a. Less than \$600/month
- b. \$600 - \$800/month
- c. \$800 - \$1,000/month
- d. \$1,000 - \$1,200/month
- e. \$1,200 - \$1,400/month
- f. Above \$1,400/month

15. Is there anything else you would like to tell us (please use space below)

**Thank you for taking this survey. All the responses will be collected and provided in a report for the Village of Valemount.**

**“Please note: The Valemount Seniors Housing Society is conducting a separate survey to determine and prioritize housing and care options for seniors.”**