

 **Location:** SANDMAN CASTLEGAR
 **Date:** OCTOBER 5TH, 2023
 **Time:** 5:30PM – 7:30PM

CASTLEGAR SUNRISE ROTARY

PROJECT IDEATION SESSION REPORT

SUMMARY:

We had a great turnout for this session with several members, guests, interact members and some members from the greater community.

Through using a process called 25/10 Crowdsourcing we conducted a quick and fun generation of several community project ideas. Each attendee wrote one project idea (some had multiple) on an index card. Then, everyone got up moved about and exchanged cards, each time giving the project idea a rating on a scale of 1-5 with the higher score being a more favored idea.

Once each card had been rated 5 times, everyone sat down with whichever card they had ended up with and tallied up the score.

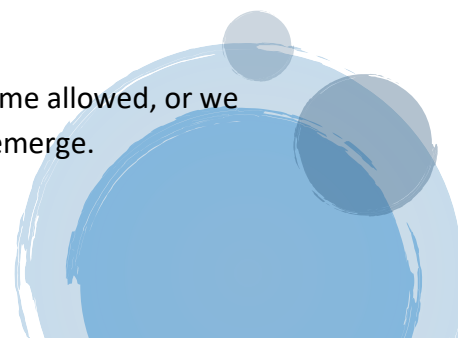
Then we had a nourishment break while the ideas were grouped and considered as there were many that were similar if not identical.

Four of the ideas with the highest scores were then “workshopped” a bit using the Purpose to Practice format with an emphasis on the group at the table getting a good purpose statement together for the idea. There were four tables and the summary of notes from each one is outlined below. Also listed out are all the other ideas from highest rating to those that we did not have time to go through.

NEXT STEPS:

I envision that the board will review this report and sort out which direction to go from here. Two of the ideas seemed to have a lot of traction and passion from the workshop group and were presented quite enthusiastically (read Mike and Gordon), so I could envision those ideas being taken a step further with a more robust Purpose to Practice session, possibly a full day.

The rest of the ideas could very well be looked at further and workshopped if time allowed, or we could have another session in the same style and see if some themes begin to emerge.



COMMUNITY CAMPGROUND:

Purpose: to provide an affordable, sustainable and convenient alternative to expensive hotel stays that will attract families and tourists.

Participants/Partnerships: Doukhobor Heritage Society, City, Evening Rotary Club, CBT, Youth Groups

Structure: Committee for a project Feasibility Study

Benefits: tourism, family visits, accessible sani-dump, income generation, visibility for Rotary, high demand, winter housing

AMPHITHEATRE:

Rotary Performing Art Centre. To encourage performing arts to a new level. A space with good sound, a draw for acts, attract families, all art types music, theatre, movies, for citizens of all ages.

Participants: Connect with city staff and council, local residents, discuss with other communities with similar facilities.

Structure: Find a champion and raise funds for a feasibility study

BASKETBALL COURT-OUTDOOR:

SWISH! Rotary teaming with our youth! Responding to our youth voice to build an outdoor facility **with** them that will foster good relationships and a healthy lifestyle.

Participants: We will elan on our Interact club for direction plus support. Will need to partner with the city and school district and the schools. Need to communicate with Nelson regarding their new basketball courts. Need to consult with community members interested.

BOOKS FOR KIDS AND BABIES:

Purpose: Encouraging parents to read to children promotes language and communication skills thereby giving them a head start for future learning. Reading together helps build a positive relationship between parent and child and models that reading is valuable. Books will be provided in different languages to support all families from different nationalities and backgrounds.

This will support new and at risk families through not only supplying books for young children, but also providing books on parenting for new parents.

IDEA	SCORE	DISCUSSION
Community Campground	21 (4 cards)	<p>Community campground with sani-dump, would likely need a feasibility study (land, cost, who to run it, longer term project)</p> <p>City or RDCK owned site that is spearheaded by Rotary-feasibility study</p> <p>RV sani-dump to bring people into town during the summer months</p>
Amphitheater	20 (3 cards)	<p>Amphitheater, performing arts centre</p> <p>Rotary Centre for the Arts, amphitheater-covered</p> <p>Covered stage for outside concerts/events, idea came from the city and had lots of interest</p>
Basketball Court Outdoor	20 (6 cards)	<p>Hoops for Hope, community & teens, supporting kids in need, fundraising at high school gym</p> <p>Refurbishment of Zinio Park as a youth/community park-basketball, art, walking track etc</p> <p>Basketball court at Zinio Park-upgrade current site to be a basketball court</p> <p>Outdoor basketball court, partner with interact club, hands-on work, maybe partner with sponsor in the area, construction company that could guide us</p> <p>Full basketball court, hopefully with a roof so kids can play regardless of weather, can double up at event hall</p> <p>Basketball court, currently no central usable courts, ideal for youth and adults</p>
Books for Kids and Babies	21 (2 cards)	<p>Rotary helping our kids get off to a good start, supplying books or a package for 3-4 yr. olds to help pre-reading skills</p> <p>Books for Babies, book for every newborn</p>

IDEA	SCORE	DISCUSSION
New Childrens Park at Grandview	22	Land around has been given by Marwest. Have to work with city. Could include water park.
Millenium Ponds	21	Help maintain the ponds and fix them up.
Batting Cage	20	New Castlegar batting cage (softball) Currently there is one, but it is faulty and old.
Rotary Recognizing our Heros	20	Something to embellish our cenotaph, for Remembrance Day
Transport for the Elderly	19	
End or Manage Homelessness	19	
Library	19	Cover for the Castlegar Library Outdoor Theatre-very hot to sit on the concrete benches
Non-Sport Youth Activities	18	Something for older youth (12-18) that is not sports relate such as supporting the library with 3D printer, robotics programs, pottery etc.
Pretty up Castlegar	18-15 (5 cards)	Various ideas: Beautify Columbia Avenue, replace gravel boulevards with lawn or other, plant perennials, incentives for private property Beautify old building, contribute to overall appearance of buildings in Castlegar Find local artists to paint murals on sides of buildings Doggy doo bags around town and at most community garbage bins
Art Walk in the Park	17	Summer art display at Millenium or Kinnaird Park
Natural Nature Park	17	For youth/children. Use forest space around current parks. Like the old structures that used to be on the paths up at Kinnaird Park.

IDEA	SCORE	DISCUSSION
Cycle Path	16	Joint with Nelson, pave the cycle path from Slocan up the valley (feasibility study)
Millennium	16	Organize exercise equipment along Millennium walkway. Covers for picnic or seating at Millennium to provide shade.
Water Park at Kinnaird Park	16	
Covered bus stops on more routes	16	
Transport in Town	16	Transport between downtown and uptown. Like a bus just picking people up at one end and dropping off at various points in town.
Winter Wear for Kids	15	Castlegar Sunrise Rotary winter wear fundraiser (for kids).
Business Skills Classes	15	Free business skills classes or programs for un or under-employed citizens/those in need such as Excel basics, computer basics, business writing, bookkeeping.
Annual BBQ	14	Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Castlewood BBQ (Annual)
Sidewalks at Castlevue	14	Extension of sidewalks at Castlevue Care Centre so residents have more room to roam or visitors can take residents for a "walk" in their wheelchair.
Kinsmen Park	13	Covers for picnic tables at Kinsmen Spray Park to provide shade.
Swim lessons for all grade 2 in Castlegar (important to being so close to the river)		
Observation tower at the confluence of the rivers		
Indoor sport house		
Walking bridge across the Columbia River		