

Like

a good place to raise kids

Kids can roam around and explore the village safely on their own

It's important for kids to have this freedom.

Raising my kids here

Being out of the city and small town community feeling

access to cycling

bike ability

Access to cycling to go mountain, road and gravel....world class

Cycling

Both Mountain and Road Biking in Naramata are great.

Three Blind Mice

Brings in people who then visit local businesses. It protects an area from development.

Road biking on North Naramata Road to Indian Rock / Paradise Ranch Area

Great elevation range and cardio workout with remarkable vistas.

affordable housing

Single family dwellings of all levels.

We used to have families from all income levels in our Naramata. This is not the case anymore. We need housing that young families or first time buyers can afford

age/cultural mix of residents

Mix of young & old

A mix of young and old residents

Diverse ages and economic demographics

It's important to me to have diversity in the community. Whether it be age, economic status, owners and renters, visitors and long-term stayers as well as folks from all cultures and religions and sexual orientation's. It's important that people be welcome and feel welcome.

mix of young and old

represents life

Mix of young and old

The openness and diverse range of residents from 4 generation Naramatites to new residents - all committed to a viable community.	
The mix of old timers and unique newcomers, but in a small community basis and not a real estate development basis	
Mix of residents	Social
the mix of young and old residents	
Mix of young and old	I love seeing young families moving into the community. Brings new life and breath of fresh air
mix of all ages	
Young and old mixture of people.	More interesting than one demographic.
the mix of young and old residents	
Diversity	You don't need to be rich to be here, but if you are that's OK as it provides a great base for public support. The school and quiet safe life attracts young families. Great place to retire.
the mix of old and young residents + the presence of an elementary school	young families and children bring life to a community when older people can contribute through their availability, skills or experiences
the mix of young and old residents	As above, without the children and the school, there is no young and old.
Mix of young and old	Love the feel of young families and older adults. We can keep an eye on each other. Keeps the older adults young and gives the young families support of grandparents they might not have in the are.
The mix of young and old residents	I suppose Naramata is rather unique in that it draws young families and older retirees; the retirees come for the beauty and good Canadian weather, and the young families for the prospect of being able to raise and educate their children in the midst of such natural beauty and outdoor wonder.
Diverse population.	Artists. Musicians. Teachers. Mechanics. Young families. Retired folk.
Mix of young and old	Diversity is key for a rounded community
mix of young and old	
Young and old	Diversification
Inclusion	I enjoy how the seniors and young families help and look out for one another.
Diverse age range of residents	Intergenerational knowledge and relationships are helpful for all involved by providing context (to situations), meaning (operationalizing hard-earned experiential knowledge), and mentorship opportunities. This includes having the school in town, as well as spaces for older residents to hang out.
mix or young and old residents	creates a true and balanced community with a focus on family and full time or mostly full time residents

agricultural land

Small-scale agriculture

Naramata seems to be growing in terms of the number of small-scale agricultural enterprises. This includes vegetable produce as well as fruit and herbs. Food security is very important to me and while vineyards and wineries are fun diversions, I think it's also important that communities like Naramata find food security (now more than ever!). It's encouraging to see land owners work with aspiring farmers to lease land through Young Agrarians and through other creative, cooperative arrangements.

Agricultural

Interesting, natural

Farming in this community I have grown and raised my family in.

The Agricultural (ALR) Protection areas

Allows for inspiring Landscapes and Local productive farming

Agriculture

I'm an agriculturalist

Orchards and agriculture in general

Ability to buy local produce

The agricultural dominant land usage

Agriculture lands

Enjoy the vineyards, farmland and orchards in the area. You can get seasonal vegetables from road side stands, eggs all year round, understanding of where food comes from

It is primarily an agricultural area

I love that we live among orchards and vineyards, that farmers drive tractors down side roads and pile crates of harvested apples beside the road during harvest season.

Agricultural nature of much of the community

Agri-Tourism
Top class wineries
Ties into the history of the community
Provides jobs
Change from urbanization

Agricultural/food focus

Being in an agricultural community inspires individuals to garden and share their produce. So wonderful

Rural/Agricultural character

Makes for peaceful small town living

Agriculture

Diversity of wineries, orchards, vineyards and food products

Agricultural focus

Agriculture

Supports my family

Opportunity to eat, grow and support local farmers

It's important to me to be able to grow my own food and support farmers who do the same. I truly believe that we have something very special here and it would be important for me to have as many farms in Orchards as wineries on the Naramata bench. It's a staple for longevity. It's also a privilege.

Ability to grow my own food

I love that many people in the community are able to grow their own food.

The connection with agriculture	I grew up in the area and fondly remember the orchards that filled the benches, many replaced by vineyards. My experience is that farmers are farmers no matter what the crop and are the backbone of our community.
Agriculture	
Agricultural presence	While the nature of agriculture is changing here (i.e., from fruit trees to grape vines), it still lends our community a unique character, and encourages a slower (and more desirable) pace to life.
active agricultural area	we grow food, and wine, its not just a passive luxury community (yet). If we don't cherish this, the area will lose its story, soul and beauty to endless development
Agricultural activities	Scenic qualities, active farming, wineries
The agriculture and viticulture in the area.	
Prime agricultural area	Farmers and entrepreneurs are building a brand for Naramata with the vineyards, wineries and fruit trees. Tourism is important and we must continue to make Naramata the top choice in the Okanagan.
Agricultural component - Food and wine innovation	
Agricultural properties.	The importance of retaining our agricultural land is important, not only for aesthetics but as a food source. With global warming this will become even more important so its vital we are doing what we can to protect this land and support the farming community.
I like that there is a great deal of farmland in and around the community.	It is not just space that gives a place its rural feel but mores the fact that there are working farms and vineyards in the vicinity.
animal lovers	
So many dogs!	Animal lovers everywhere!
Dog friendly	
arts community	
Artistic community	
Local artisans and craftspeople.	It gives the community an artsy vibe. I wish there was more though.
A song by Hugh Fraser jazz called Naramata Sunset. Top was commissioned by summer school of arts Penticton and I can't find a copy of the score. Maybe Selwyn Redivo	It's a jazz song
the artistic community	

Nest bed of artistic activity

Many artists capturing our natural beauty and selling these wonderful pictures, local wine making enthusiasts and many other local craft artisans selling their creations.

availability of seniors/handicap housing

Availability of seniors/handicap housing

Every community need that but more will be needed in future

awareness of ecology/conservation

A general awareness of ecology, conservation, and food security (buying local)

It's of critical importance!

Rallying to save what's important

As shown during the recent fundraising initiative to save the Church Beach you saw how imperative and important to the community it is that we keep Naramata and what makes it special (beaches/public areas) for the residents. The community really comes together when needed.

Protection of native grassland ecosystems on both private and public lands

Native grasslands are now rare in the Okanagan valley, with some exceptional examples on local benchlands above and below the highway. Private landowners should be encouraged to conserve these rare ecosystems through subsidies

bear smart

Bear smart community

I like being a part of a community that works together to protect vulnerable wildlife

beauty

Beautiful settings

The lake and winery settings

Beauty

Lake, mountains, agricultural views

Beautiful scenery

Physical beauty

The physical beauty, lake, forest, countryside, etc.

Physical beauty of the area

physical beauty of the area

I enjoy looking at the lake, trees, hills, orchards, and vineyards. The clean fresh air.

Beautiful

physical beauty

Physical Beauty

Physical beauty of the area

Physical beauty	
The physical beauty is world-class.	
Physical beauty, view's, Forrest's natural landscapes, grasses, sage and pine trees. Wildlife and birds	Enjoy natural environment with nature un disturbed ; serene beauty , un obstructed views,,
The beauty	
Beauty of area	nice
Physical Beauty and recreation options	You either get it or you don't. So many options for outside recreation, including Apex!
The sunsets	self-explanatory
physical beauty of the area; vineyards, orchards, lake, forest, walking trails	
Natural beauty and the agricultural aspects	Growing things in a beautiful setting
The jaw dropping beauty	A walk on the KVR always takes my breath away
beauty of the surroundings	
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	
physical beauty	
Beautiful landscape	
Beauty of the area	Uninterrupted view from Penticton to Peachland of lake, mountains, bluffs
beauty, small size, deep community, access to recreation: biking, hiking, watersports,	
physical beauty	Lifestyle
Physical beauty	From the lake, to the rolling hills of vineyards, the landscape, beautiful homes.
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	I can walk across the street and be in the lake. I can go up about 10mins and be in the mountains. Its perfect here.
Physical beauty	
Physical beauty of the area	Access to the lake, beaches (usually not too crowded)
Physical beauty of the area	
physical beauty of the area	
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	
Physical beauty	
physical beauty of the area	Very unique. Lake Como is world renowned but doesn't compare. Let's keep our secret to ourselves.

physical beauty of the place	Absent of high or low rise properties retaining the beauty o the land
physical beauty	
beautiful setting	village atmosphere with little commercial development (other than wineries)
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc)	unique beauty and peace - getting harder to find in this world
Physical beauty	Lake, water recreation, hiking and biking
physical beauty of the area	
Physical beauty of our area	It's what attracted us to living herexto raise a family.
Physical beauty, forest, lake etc	We moved here 4 months ago from Sask for the views, the vineyards, the lake, outdoor recreation.
Physical beauty of the area	Unique beauty in the world
Beauty of the landscape	
The natural physical beauty of our area.	The mountains. the lakes, the forest interspersed with vineyards and orchards
Physical beauty of the area	Access to nature,trails, lake ect
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	Enjoy the beautiful views of the lake and mountains. Makes me very happy and content.
physical beauty of the area	The beauty of Naramata is for its farms and landscaped lots. not as much for the grassy bench lands, expanding farming will further beautify Naramata.
physical beauty of the area	beautiful lake, numerous parks, many areas dedicated to agriculture (since we live in a rural area) and beautiful landscape that changes with each season
Natural Beauty	This is obvious...
beauty of the land, lake, farms	very peaceful
Beautiful	
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	one of the most beautiful places in Canada (and I have lived in 5 different towns/provinces); and the weather is also magical with four distinct seasons
Beauty of area	The lake, forest, trails, wildlife are all accessible and enjoyable due to the slow pace and small - town nature of the village.
Natural beauty	Never get tired of the scenery
Physical beauty	
Beautiful area.	It's a beautiful location with the lake, the landscape and being West facing .
Physical beauty	

Physical beauty	We have an amazing view of OKanagan lake
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	There is more than enough city spaces, people come out here to get away from the hustle of the city
Beautiful, quiet and peaceful.	I love that there is no traffic, it's a slow pace, and rarely is there a busy feel to the village.
The Beauty	
Physical beauty of the area	The mix of mountains, lakes, landscape and wineries is very rare. Even Napa does not have a lake
Physical beauty	To be close to the incredible nature that surrounds us, is a joy. The distinct four seasons, and the transitions between them provide never-ending interest. Love the dark night skies for star gazing; likewise the always-changing look of the lake, especially for watching the advance of storms. There's nothing like walking in the pine forests when the wildflowers are blooming.
Physical beauty	Like to look out the window at the changing views.
Natural Beauty	
the physical beauty	we need to ensure that we don't love Naramata to death with over development.
physical beauty	
Rural beauty	
Beautiful Setting	Lake views, walking paths, vineyards.
Physical beauty of scenery	The rolling agricultural landscape with low densification is what makes Naramata unique in Canada
The natural beauty of the area.	Self explanatory
Physical beauty	The natural beauty and the opportunity to feel a part of natural naramata
Physical beauty	Naramata is perfect as it's small town wholesome yes sophisticated, polished and so scenic
Physical beauty of the area	Natural landscape + vegetation, lots of wildlife, nothing impeding our view, no within-sight messy neighbours,
Beauty of the area	
Physical beauty	
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	
Physical beauty of area	Everyday we are grateful for view of the lake and surrounding area .
Nestled in natural beauty/landscape	It's important to me to be surrounded by nature for mental health. We need outdoor places to exercise and explore.
Areas of outstanding beauty, beaches, lake, forest, mountains, wineries, cool architecture	

physical beauty	No big buildings, lots of trees
Beautiful views of the lakes and mountain ranges.	
Beautiful scenery	the rural feeling of orchards and vineyards overlooking the lake
Natural beauty/remoteness	
physical beauty of the area	
The beautiful view of the water and mountains.	Gives one a sense of peacefulness and something for the eye to go to. Natural beauty at it's best. A great sense of openness.
Physical beauty and the people	This is one of the most physically beautiful places in the world and the community of people makes it even more special
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	
beauty of area	views
Natural beauty of the area	The views, the scenery, the orchards, the lake. Provides a connection nature
Physical beauty	Very unique
Natural beauty	Vistas of the lake, rolling hills.
Physical beauty and outdoor activities and the relaxed feeling	Retired finally and can now enjoy the area. Take walks, photos, enjoy the peace and quiet(although Naramata road has gotten really busy and noisy) The laid back vibe that Naramata has. Community
Physical beauty of the area	It's breath taking
The beauty of the area	
physical beauty	enhances my life
physical beauty	the Naramata bench is lovely and the views of the lake and mountains are magnificent
Beauty of the area	
Physical beauty and appropriate weather to enjoy it.	We often say to each other "we are so lucky to live here."
Physical beauty of the area	Living, working and learning in a beautiful environment such as Naramata is an incredible privilege that I'll be glad to pass on to my children. I think growing up and learning in such a place gives children a head-start in life.
Natural beauty	Beautiful area when you are out and about in the community. Gorgeous drive to work if you work in Penticton
Physical beauty	
Physical beauty	
physical beauty of area	
Physical beauty of the area	It means fewer houses & commercial activity. A smaller community where wildlife can thrive.

Scenic beauty of the area, especially the lake and mountain views.

physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)

It's stunningly beautiful

Physical beauty

beautiful

mix of small gardens, big vineyards

physical beauty of the area

Spectacular scenery, hikes, vineyards, world class wineries,

Physical beauty

Its obvious

bed and breakfasts

B&B's Accomodations

Attracting tourists to support local businesses

I like that there are Bed and Breakfasts all around

This allows visitors to experience the area with some intimacy, and keeps the larger motels etc away. Vacation rentals need to be easier to put in place, along with policy to keep the integrity of the small town / rural experience.

That much of the tourist accommodation in Naramata is through B&B's etc rather than hotels.

Contributes to the relaxed semi rural feel of Naramata that is so appealing to both visitors and residents.

biking

proximity to 3 blind mice

makes it easy to go for a ride after work

Local biking, hills are challenging, not too much traffic on side roads and the North Naramata bench road to the pavement ends

Can usually find a route that is safe but not the main Penticton Naramata road

Biking

Good exercise

Biking

It's a nice quaint community with little tragic except during the summer.

breweries

Breweries

bus service/transit

Public transit

Regular bus service that will drop off close to home.

Assists in getting around.

TRANSIT!!! We need improved and less car culture

It's obvious we can't continue driving separate cars for everything.

One village I lived on had a Costco / IKEA service ... happy to pay for their service and save me the fuel

Public transport

cleanliness/pride

Amazing property we now own :-)

climate

Climate

Summer dryness and heat

The warm summers

evening sunshine

Varied climate

Every season has its beauty. Something to do most of the year. Quiet in off-season but enjoy the bustle of the tourist season as well.

Climate

great climate

4 seasons, pretty good weather

Agricultural climate

seasons

Climate

Hot summers but now smoke and fire fears

Climate

The climate

The weather

weather

Climate

The climate

spring, summer and fall are terrific. Summer can be nice if it's not too hot or smokey

Climate

I love the four seasons and being able to grow our own food and getting amazing farmer produce as well

climate

Warmth and weather.

We enjoy long hot summer days and long sunsets.

Weather and climate

The climate

Allows me to be outside more, to be more active.

climate

weather

community events

Community festivities	May Day, august fairs, Christmas fairs, they all contribute to an intimate feeling of neighbourhood and community spirit
Community Events	IE: the Christmas market
Great community events.	Christmas market, farmers market, spring festival, May Day festival. Remember dance day ceremony. All these events are well attended considering the size of the year round residents.
Meadowlark Festival activities	Great local excursions to local natural history hotspots run through the annual Meadowlark festival
Community events	Like knowing my neighbors
Christmas Market	The Naramata Christmas market this year was so fun, and it was great to see so many people and offerings.
Community events	
community events	halloween, christmas events, outdoor rink
Small community fairs	Provide some activity and provide a place where people can sell the product they make
The activities that bring together the community throughout the year (ie. egg drop, pumpkin hunt, Xmas light up)	We all look forward to gathering and spending time with ALL families together in a common interest...the children growing with values of family
All Of the community festivals	Well things have been a little bit different because of Covid... I love all of the different opportunities together as a community whether it's May day or the Christmas light competition for July 1 dinner and the long table dinner... Any of the fundraisers at the church or the yacht club or for the school. It's a joy to give people an opportunity to be together and hold space for each other and I look forward to doing that again soon and for years to come.
Continuation of community event, such as May Day, Remembrance day	Continuity of traditions

community garden

Community garden

community groups/volunteers

Provides group functions to allow people to socialize.	The community takes a lot of interest and pride in doing simple social events like OAP functions.
the opportunities to engage in community service	
Many residents participate in various volunteer work .	Because of the community feeling most people take on some sort of volunteer work to support the residents.
Many volunteer/not-for-profit clubs and organizations	They enhance community spirit and a sense of caring

I like the availability of local trades and service people as well as the local volunteer fire department	These people are reliable, competent and available in the event of emergencies.
Community involvement	Input to rdos, recreation board, seniors centre, library, centre programs
Volunteers, post office, museum, church, thrift, library, store	A community focal point. If there was ever more development, I suggest reiterating similar village model up from lake
Community groups	They create events and projects that help our community come together and grow.
Naramata choir	Wonderful legacy brings joy to participants and audiences
Naramata Community Fund Society	
Naramata Citizens Association	
Volunteerism	People come together to help with events and causes. Museum, Thrift shop, Clothing Library, Naramata Yard Sale, to name just a few, depend on volunteers.
Community groups	Naramata Slow, what a great group! Thank you for the events and programs you have started.
Lots of ways to get involved in the community	There are many passionate people and service groups - there are so many ways to contribute and give back and volunteer your time if that's what you're into.
neighbourhood watch	As a part time resident (almost full time during Covid) we are always grateful for the neighbourhood spirit that watches out for each others properties and helps out with maintenance/tool borrowing/ labour to keep the properties in the best shape possible.
Facebook community	Keeps us in the loop, real-time
Community Groups	We have amazing community groups who are dedicated to the community and bringing opportunities for residents.

community spirit

Community spirit	
Community	Naramata has a 'fairly' close knit community for those who look for it, and decent community events.
Community	Supporting local businesses and helping out each other
community feel	
community spirit	
community spirit	A sense of belonging and getting along with neighbours
True sense of community	
Since of community	
Community spirit	
Community spirit	

Caring Community	
Small community feel	Self explanatory
Great community	Naramata area is a great melting pot of diverse individuals, locals, people from other regions of Canada as well as other people from the US and Europe. And they all have one thing in common, they love living here... for the climate, the lifestyle.
the residents	Everyone I meet, they decided to live here. it was their choice to live in Naramata and as such have a great attitude about living here. They are not saying they prefer to live somewhere else, they have arrived at paradise.
Community spirit/support	
community spirit	
Community	Naramata has a lot of nice people.
community spirit	Very one pitches in to help the community
Community spirit	Amazing how when people get together what can be accomplished. Naramata has shown that over and over again
Local residents	
community spirit	
Community spirit	lots of positive engagement with many organizations and opportunities
The place and the people	Small village mentality. Friendly neighbours, beautiful surroundings.
Community spirit	Farmers market,
Most of my neighbours are tradespeople and they are 'Can Do' folks. Real solid citizens with families.	Not Urban isolationists.
Sense of community	
community spirit	Friendly neighbours always willing to help and make us feel part of the community even though we don't live there full time
Community spirit	
Ability to live and work in the community	
Sense of community	Locals always willing to help out whenever help is needed
Community spirit	I love the summer market in Naramata and the community events that My Naramata Slow has put on. I also admire how the small community works together to bring things to fruition like the purchase of the land on the waterfront to become park land rather than a condo
Friendly community and small town ambience	
Community spirit	There is a great community in Naramata. Very supportive. Very well connected.

Community spirit	
Sense of community	Love the community events: market, May Day, Remembrance Day, Easter Egg hunt etc
community spirit	Our family very much enjoy the farmers market, the church the events, for instance the Christmas Light up.
Community spirit	
community spirit	The less of us, the more we look to each other for support and groups!
Community participation	
neighbours	
Community Spirit	
Community spirit	Sense of community
community spirit	was proud and moved by the many things our community has done: save the United Church Centre/ Save the Beach/ Contribute as a community to blocking the ghastly development above Red Rooster on Naramata Road/preserve festivals and town traditions/upgrade Wharf Park/grow and preserve the Naramata Market
The retired RCMP person who reminded Montreal cyclists to ride single file on that winding road (they were here during COVID ?!) we appreciate his care for our community	See above
Knowing your neighbors	I love that it's such a small area, you know most of the people that live here.
Great sense of community	like farmer's market
community spirit	There is a sense of community in Naramata. People take care of their neighbours.
Community	Given its small size, Naramata is a tight community where it is easier to form bonds with residents and neighbours. I have noticed that the residents of Naramata seem to take more of an active role in their community.
community	the little village that could
community	
sense of community	we feel connected to our neighbours and enjoy being part of a small village. For example, during flood food distribution disruption, Naramatians only took what they needed from the general store - no one stripped the shelves.
I would like a more welcoming approach to people - yes it's friendly but cliquey — the market is fun and also the various farm stands are good way to meet neighbors	Mixed review — we have long been dismissed because we live up the slope

Small town community feel	The community pulls together to support neighbours in need. Most Naramations work together to keep a small town feel, charming and beautiful
The sense of community	Knowing and having relationship to neighbours is fun, friendly, and provides resiliency in tough times. More of this please!
community spirit	we love the small-town vibe and the connection to neighbours. We don't live in our home yet (we will retire there) but we visit the area at least twice a month to help our tenant (we live in Penticton); we love supporting the Farmer's Market and the small businesses in the Village; we look forward to the RDOS supporting more community events
sense of community	people helping people
Sense of community	Things like cittaslow bring a family like atmosphere to naramata
community	the community is small, everyone waves and you get to know who lives in the area. lots of support through neighbours
community	spirit
If someone is in need we have a system to support them.	-Xmas hampers -Local fund to access -used clothing access
Knowing the people in the community	It feels like a very safe place to live. We know who should be in the cousins watch out for each other.
Community	Small town feel, friendly neighbourhood
sharing of neighbours	
I love the sense of community in Naramata and the support we share with one another.	A place to live is only that without a strong community. The people of Naramata; the ones that live, work and play here year-round, are what make Naramata so special. I love the old-timers and the new young families – they all make up the spirit of Naramata.
Community events	Sharing and making new friends.
Quirky	Has character and doesn't look big city. It is changing unfortunately.
The sense of community	The "village and rural atmosphere" of Naramata instills feelings of community, calm, friendliness and welcome to all who live or visit.
Community events	Farmers and Christmas markets, harvest supper - foster sense of community
Small town community feel	Great neighbors.
Community spirit	
Community events	
community spirit	Simply that there is one and Active people who care.
Community Feel	Being a small town generally you get to know more people and that leads to caring and helping each other. Sharing extra vegetables you may have grown, plowing a neighbors driveway, looking out for your neighbor's place or their pet when they are away, helping a friend move....or just hanging out is a great thing.

Community spirit	
Village and Community life	Communicating with all young and old in the village. Easy walk to local businesses to get a coffee, to the inn for dinner, pizza, or breakfast.
Steady and slow growth of the community	I recognize that many people don't like fast growth either do I. I know by experience that fast growth creates issues among its people as well as causes environment/nature and aesthetic problems when things are not thoroughly thought out. Hence, a well constructive plan over a steady growing timeline works best.
Community spirit	Friendly residents, wonderful neighbours and a great comfort knowing that we look out for one another. Eager to help if needed.
Community spirit	People actually care about their village
Community spirit	Friendly community
Used to like the people I've met, but now the super rich and their weird ideas about what's important are changing the tone of the neighbourhood	Originally people were friendly and very inclusive, now it feels cliquey
Strong Community Spirit	People in Naramata know each other and many of us work together to improve the community. It is a classic small town setting where folks show concern about their neighbours.
Community spirit	Important to feel a connection to your community
Good neighbourhoods	Lots of nice little neighborhoods where people help each other out and look after one another
It is rewarding to see people wave to each other when walking or driving, reinforcing the sense of community.	
Community Spirit	There are a lot of hard-working organizations in Naramata that are run by volunteers including the Naramata Community Fund Society, Naramata Parks and Rec, Naramata Yacht Club, Naramata Seniors Housing Society, the Garden Club, Citta Slow, and others. Our community raised over \$1,000,000 in a few weeks this year to save Centre Beach. I value living in a vibrant, caring community.
community spirit	friendship
the ability to live and work in the community	This ability to live and work in a community is the idealists ideal. And must be provided for against the backdrop of raising taxes, land prices, transportation costs.....subsidized housing in the Village proper might be possible on some of the apparently available options of land.
community spirit	
Community feeling of the village area	Because my whole life I've lived here and always felt safe and welcome no matter where I go.
Sense of community	Our community really does do their best to look out for and care for one another.
Special community	The village has its own unique energy

Community spirit	There is a real sense of place here, exemplified by this summer's community purchase of the Naramata Centre's lakefront lot
community spirit	
Community Spirit	Annual events celebrated such as May Day, Halloween, Christmas Fair, Choral Concerts, Remembrance Day, Village Yard Sale, etc.
Community spirit	I grew up in small towns, and the spirit signs with my values
Community Spirit	I am always awed by the ideas, activities, support in this small community. I always believe it is a unique community. The Christmas market was amazing! I loved the idea of buying the beach and the fact that everyone contributed!
Friendly community	Welcoming people and community activities
Community spirit	This is why we decided to retire to this area of the Okanagan
Community spirit! I enjoy living in a community where you have neighbours who know each other.	See above
Community spirit such as the Naramata Slow group	Brings community together
Village identity	The village has a relaxed charm, that is unique.
Community	
can be a sense of community	Nice to see the community take part in events in town
Sense of community	People are willing to help others. When a call goes out, many people will respond.
Citizens aware of the value of a small vibrant community	Community members talk with pride of the "gem" that is Naramata
We are a village	Everyone knows everyone else - very friendly
community spirit; friendly people	
Community spirit	We look after each other and celebrate our unique community
Caring community members	In a small community you are more accountable to each other and work harder to improve the living conditions for everyone.
Strong community feeling.	Easy to belong to various diverse groups which notwithstanding have communal interests, shared values, sincere involvement.
community spirit	The Naramata Slow movement has done such a great job with helping to build the Naramata Community. The market, the winter market, the community garden etc.
community spirit	
community spirit	Everyone knows everyone - and looks out for one another.
Community spirit	
Community spirit	Has that small town feel

Community spirit	There is a strong sense of community in Naramata that can't be found in many other towns or cities. To be part of that brings a sense of belonging and a feeling of pride for your community.
community spirit	
community spirit	bringing people closer together rather than strangers
small community	Having lived in large cities I was immediately struck upon moving to naramata 17 years ago , with the small village community feel.
Community spirit.	All residents are here because they want to be, not because they have to be. This is reflected in community spirit.
Community spirit	Get to know your neighbours and meet people
Close, friendly community	
The community.	I like a smaller more friendly community where neighbors are always willing to help one another.
The community spirit	I feel naramata is still small enough that people know each other for the most part and care about the community.
sense of community	
neighborhood camaraderie	We live in a very supportive community. We look out for each other, meet up at parties (pre covid, anyway), and recreate together.
community spirit	
Being a small community with a strong community spirit	I like the many occasions to meet people from the village during different festive occasions throughout the year.
Close knit residents	People reach out to help others
Community spirit	As it is said, 'it takes a village to raise a child', and so it is in Naramata. I like how residents of Naramata feel they have a personal stake in the community and so there's a high level of participation in community initiatives
Mix of community members	
Community spirit	Social
Community spirit	
Community support groups during Emergencies.	
The locals	We are family
community spirit	
tradition	celebrate special occasions as a community

Community spirit	Our community rallied to buy Centre Beach Park, to preserve it for all, residents and tourists alike. That was a true grass-roots initiative, and sprang from the heart. There are special things (May Day celebrations and Cardboard boat race in particular) that can only happen in a place that is: small enough for everyone to enjoy, but large enough to make it fun. Most residents care for the village, for their neighbours, and for the quality of life we enjoy. We have a real diversity of friends here, in part because so many of us have consciously chosen to live here. Love the character and quiet lifestyle of our village.
Community	
Strong Sense of Community	Naramata's sense of community and community spirit is a big part of why we love living here and operating our business here.
Community sprit	
Trouble or not people will help each other in time of need.	That the effect of leaving in a small community and wish to kept it that way
The close knit community	
The people!	A wide variety of types of people who all seem to care about their community and each other.
Community Spirit	The community engagement and support is magical. Very rare:)
community spirit	
Community support	Buying the Centre Beach brought out a diverse group of supporters
Community	
Community	I like small rural places. I admire the community spirit
Everyone know each other	That the effect of any small community it made easier to found other with similar interest. More difficult to do in big city
Community comraderie and mutual support.	
Community Spirt	There's an abundance of cooperation, friendliness and good will among Naramata residents. They come together for many issues such as Centre Beach purchase, beautification of the Village through banners, flower baskets, NaramataSlow events and sponsorships, clean beaches, amenities etc.. The Community Church is a gathering place as well as a service provider.
community spirit	
community spirit	proactive residents--volunteering, pride in the community, friendly, supportive of your neighbors, great farmer's market, Naramata Slow, proud of promoting the Naramata Bench as a world caliber wine producing area
Community spirit and pride	
Community spirit	This is re-developing after time without real community. Markets, fairs and traditional celebrations continue

creeks

creeks

watching salmon in the little creek in season

People who care of their community

Naramata creek

Improvements to the creek for spawning salmon is great - this needs to keep up

cultural diversity of people

Mix of young and old residents

Keeps the spirit of past Naramata alive

The mix of people.

Sorry for the bluntness, but there is an enjoyable balance of rednecks and yuppies in the area, which is great for moderate change at a moderate pace.

the mix of young and old residents

Mix of young and old

the mix of young and old residents

A vibrant community needs both young and old residents. The new OCP will be the key for keeping and promoting young families to move in.

mixed incomes

people of varying incomes can live and thrive in Naramata and we need this balanced community to stay real and to preserve the gem that our town is

people from all type of backgrounds

Varied demographics

Mix of young and old residents

Allows for cross generations to be together and share history and stories

the mix of young and old residents

The mix of young and old residents.

the mix of young and old residents

Mix of old and young residents

Makes a well rounded community and different interests are valued.

The mix of young and old residents

This makes for a far more interesting population.

darkness/lack of lights

Dark skies

I like that our skies are pretty dark with minimal light pollution. I have been noticing, however, that as more and more people move into the area they are lighting up their homes and driveways. It would be great if there was a way to control this.

minimal street lights

to enjoy the night sky

No street lights

Ability to see the night sky

Limited light pollution	Few street lights. Houses do not have a lot of outdoor lighting. Many lights point downwards to limit light pollution.
Dark skies	
No street lighting	
No street lights	No lights shining in your windows at night - We can see the stars!!!
No light/noise pollution	Seeing the stars in the quiet night
Lack of street lighting	I appreciate the darkness and lack of street lighting.
Dark sky corridor	Lack of street lights. Ability to see night sky
lack of light pollution.	
Low ambient light	To see the glorious night sky is becoming rare in the increasingly crowded world. It's great that there are so few street lights in the village, and I also appreciate people who have limited lighting outside of their homes. I love to see the stars.
Darkness at night	
No noise and no street lights	
I like the darkness in my neighborhood at night.	
Dark Skies at night	is a better, more natural habitat for all creatures, doesn't waste electricity, is safer than being lit up all night.
Reduced night lighting	Compared to larger communities with a more urban style, Naramata remains quite dark at night making for good opportunity to see the night sky and listen to owls hooting.
Dark nights	When we first moved here I found the lack of street lighting odd...but now we find it adds to the tranquility.
Darkness/Low light pollution	

daycare

daycare	my child can attend daycare in the local community and meet local children, parents can meet local parents
Local Daycare	It's critical for us to have our boys go to a local daycare / school where they meet friends who they can play with and grow up with outside of school as well.
That a daycare is managing to stay alive	If there is no daycare then all of the many young families here and moving here cannot live and work here and will leave - mine included

eclectic architecture

Eclectic architecture and no need to conform.	Allows for place and form over some weird idea of conformity. ie Bavaria and Summerland style
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educated entrepreneurs

Educated entrepreneurs abounding

external designations (e.g., Cittaslow)

The Citta Slow group

This group brings events to the village such as the Wednesday Market, the Christmas Market and more. All these things add community spirit and pride to Naramations.

cittaslow and community events

Cittaslow designation

This village/area is one of only four communities in Canada that has chosen to retain and celebrate community versus unimpeded development. This is the charm to which visitors/tourists are drawn and supports our agricultural base. It is the Naramata story, a precious point of difference from the rest of the Okanagan Valley and (with the exception of Cowachin on Vancouver Island) the rest of the province.

Citta slow

family oriented

Family oriented

Great for families

Family life

We're a young family and love the opportunity to live in a smaller community not worrying as much about traffic etc.

Family values heightened

Families are naturally encouraged to relax and explore. Families seem to flourish on the beaches, the lake, walking around the village, and exploring the KVR in a quiet atmosphere.

Family oriented

We moved here in 2013 so my husband could work for the family business, and all of the family lives in Naramata too. Naramata to me feels like family.

Something for all ages

activities for kids, pickleball, winter ice skating, summer market, Christmas light-up, Manitou Market etc. OAP events/services for seniors.

farmers market

Christmas light up, markets etc

It is so wonderful to see and connect with this small community on events like this . Brings families and neighbours closer

The neighborhood market

The neighborhood market is a great place to meet friends, pick up some local goods and support our local businesses

I enjoy the special events like the farmers' markets, the May Day celebrations, the cardboard boat races, Canada Day street dinner and the new Christmas market.

These events bring out the locals people and visitors to celebrate as well as enjoy each other's company.

Farmers market	Local produce and products.
Naramata Farmers' Market	this event which was reorganized last year showed the vibrant heart of the community and also attracted visitors from other parts of the valley
Farmers Market	Great to gather and buy local.
I like the Naramata Farmer's Market	This brings local artisans and farmers together with those living and visiting in a fun way. I would like more vegetables to be there.
Weekly market	
farmers market	
The Naramata Farmers Market	brings people in the community together, supports small scale agriculture and other small businesses
Wednesday market	
Naramata SLO market	I get to meet locals and contribute to my community.
local fruits and vegetable markets	Eating within 50 kilometres is awesome. Great for the environment, less fuel and transportation costs. With what has just happened in BC we need to expand on this so we are not without as we have just experienced.
Markets!	Naramata Slow doing a great job with organizing and public outreach
Farmers markets	I love the Wednesday farmers market and that it allows quality local vendors to provide the community and surrounding area with good local fresh items.
Markets in the summer and the winter market	Great social, opportunity to meet and support local farmers and crafters
Farmers market	It's nothing fancy and that's why we like it. Our grassroots connection to community and local products to support
Opportunities for community to come together like Light Up, Naramata Fair, farmers market, May Day, community hall meetings	Our homes are spread out and it's important to have these opportunities to connect with one another; builds a shared sense of community
Summer and winter markets	Community builder and good for local businesses
The Manitou Market.	It enhances the wonderful community feeling in the area. Showcases local wines, food, vegies, and art. It is a great gathering place
Naramata farmers market	I love that it's something just for us.
Love the farmers market	

few suburbs/little development

Lack of development	I like a rural setting.
Housing development kept at a low level so far	It preserves the rural character and the community spirit.
No big suburban development	Keeps the feel or a rural/ agricultural/wine vibe

Lack of large condo developments eg as in Peachland

Too many people would ruin the village as they would likely bring noise, garbage and more cars and noisy motorcycles

fewer rules/freedom

freedom

less bureaucrazies trying to tell everybody what they can and can't do. Our country was founded on people being trusted and left alone to make reasonable and often better decisions than the government.

Limited bureaucracy

fire service

I love our volunteer fire department and crew

Makes me feel so much safer knowing they are just up the road and can respond to a number of different types of emergencies.

That we have a firehall that includes water rescue capacity.

Emergency Services - Naramata Fire Department

The Naramata Fire Department is a wonderful asset in the community. As a volunteer department we have very dedicated members who live in the community and work hard to ensure residents are safe. It is important to maintain it as a local community department.

Fire department

They are often the first responders in many varied situations from road to fire and perhaps an elder who is not answering their daily check-in

Our fire department

Having our own, well equipped and trained fire department is a critical asset. Its first responder capabilities in medical emergencies is especially important, particularly since ambulance service is often more than 20 minutes away.

Having a fire department that cares about the community

They were there for me when I need them .

Vol Fire Dept

Here to protect

Naramata Fire Department

volunteers do an amazing job - know people who volunteer and have been on the receiving end in an emergency

The fire dept.

Firehall and Volunteers

forest/trees

The tree covered hillside

Surrounded by nature is better for the environment, wildlife and physical and mental health of residents.

Access to the woods

I have always loved the woods, me, my friends and my dad always go out dirt-biking, we get our Christmas tree, we get our firewood and we have amazing lunches at the chute lake lodge

Lots of greenery - trees, orchards, gardens.

I think it is good for mental health, improves my quality of life, makes the area more beautiful.

free wifi at the wharf park

free wifi at the wharf park

fresh air

Fresh Air

When you have travelled elsewhere and experienced a serious reduction of air quality, ie: China and India to name a few countries, the amazing blue skies here are exceptional.

friendly/warm

Friendliness / openness to newcomers

friendly people

*friendly nature of the residents

The residents enjoy visiting in the streets when out walking and at the store.

The community

people are friendly and helpful. Everyone enjoys Naramata

Small community friendly feeling

Knowing people in the community

How nice everyone is

Because it makes me happy

The warmth of the community

People always willing to lend a helping hand

Friendly Community

Kindness and warmth of community

Friendly neighbours

Welcoming community

The 'old timers' are very quick to accept us newcomers who have arrived in the last several years. In many smaller communities there is a sense of 'us' and 'them'. Not here

friendly

we know most of our neighbors

Friendly streets

Everyone always says hello or waves even if you don't know them. It's very refreshing

Warm and friendly people

Friendly attitudes

Feels like home.

Interaction with long time resident

the friendliness of residents

Friendly

Friendly people

Our community is small enough to feel safe and comfortable. People say hello, chat when out in fog walks etc

Friendly community

As a part time resident we are not fully engaged in the community but have already made some wonderful friends

Kid-friendliness

People look out for kids here

The people in Naramata are very welcoming and friendly.

Friendly people

Lots of great people to say hi to and chat with when you are out for a walk.

Friendly people

Friendly people

friendly Neighbors

We have been blessed with great neighbors. friendly, caring, and willing to lend a helping hand

Neighbourliness of local community residents

Community cohesion

Friendship

Connection to so many people privately but also business wise

governance

Good Governance

Karla Kozakevich is part of the community, she joins in at many events. In her role as Director she is knowledgeable, responsive and reasonable; she is able to problem-solve even in difficult situations. She has and continues to do much for the community.

regional rep is approachable and responsive

Our representative, Karla

I love that the RDOS is taking the time to hear us out.

Thank you for making this survey. I love the old charm of Naramata, and I understand that some change needs to happen - please do so very thoughtfully, if we don't take care, we won't ever be able to re-establish that special magic that lives in Naramata with us.

governance

RDOS has our backs

The form of governance.

The RDOS does a good job of governing Naramata with out an abundance of politics.

That the community takes the time and effort to conduct surveys like these to take inventory and make improvements.

history/old buildings/continuity/authenticity

That the village is still basically "human scale" with many heritage style buildings.

Our history

Naramata has a pretty unique history and a lot of the older long time locals are a wealth of knowledge.

History

Naramata has a long history which is distinct from Penticton's. This history provides some community cohesion for the members of the community, which would not be there if we proceed along the path towards bedroom community, wine tourism, and absentee owners.

History

It's history and authenticity.

Because it feels real and special.

history

like to know about the railroad, hotel, paddlewheelers, etc.

old buildings

charming and has character. people are fixing up their properties instead of tearing down and building new

Whimsical, historically-rich character

While I understand densification is important, I enjoy the fact that the Village and surrounding rural areas include a variety of single-family dwellings, a few motels, some apartments, and larger properties. I so enjoy walking around Naramata to admire the houses and properties, particularly those that have stood the test of time. I especially like that there are not massive multi-plexes: these often create a "homogenized" look to a neighbourhood with no character to them. Naramata as it is now, feels like one big neighbourhood, with unique properties at every turn. The look and feel of the area bring to mind words like "community," "close-knit," "whimsical," and "historically rich." There is a sense of history to the place, through the existing structures and properties.

The historic character free of big city ideas and expectations

It keeps those of us who live here full time connected and maintains pride in the community

The historic nature of the town

Every effort should be made to continue to keep the historic feel of Downtown Naramata

Tradition and history

The village as character from being around for a century that is worth being Carey about.

Heritage — old Okanagan Naramata — our family has been in south Okanagan a long time over a century and we value old Okanagan and the nice little museum

Because knowing how the land was subdivided then KVR and so forth is important for future direction

The history of the area.

Again, it provides character to the area and it is always good to understand the history and why things are there.

nothing ever changes

I love that because no matter where I go, I can always come home to a place I've known since my childhood and its as I remember it

History

The village used to be a vibrant collection of shops, hotels, even the jail!

The history of Naramata z

History

Having grown up in Naramata, and being a 4th generation Naramata resident, our family has some history with the community. My grandfather came out with JM Robinson by 1910 and farmed, and was water bailiff among other jobs. Our extended family has farmed, my mom taught for over 30 years at Naramata school, and my father started a trucking and busing company in Naramata. I personally worked on my uncles Naramata orchard in Naramata growing up and it was a great experience in learning hard work, learning the importance of the land and the value of the those non residents who came in to assist with the harvesting of crops. In addition the friendships that I developed growing up in Naramata and life long. I can remember walking to kindergarten when just 5 years old, picking up my friend who lived just under a kilometer away, and we would walk to the old church behind where the Naramata store is now...there are not that many communities that you would send your 5 year old out by himself to walk with his 5 year old friend a couple of kilometers to and from Kindergarten and not have to worry about it. I think lots of people care deeply about Naramata but I also believe that those that have been in the community for a long time have an ever stronger connection and caring with what takes place within the community.

individuality of the neighborhoods

The individuality of the neighborhoods. I love that Naramata does not have (yet) large neighborhoods of identical looking houses, like West Kelowna or Vancouver suburbs.

interest in native culture and reconciliation

Interest in native culture and reconciliation

It is time to learn and understand the history and why native communities are as they are today

We respect & must protect these unceded 1st nations lands .

RDOS legislation requires public input. A minimum of 75-100% of the population. The present .001-1% is unacceptable
Naramata's Parks need more apparent , basic exercise apparatus. Nothing expensive/fancy. Chin-up bars , parallel bars , maybe a gymnastics beam &/or 'slack line' in the lake to buffer falls & a rope swing into the lake from the existing (unused) telephone pole at Warf Park.
The lake-shore (underwater) contains an excessive quantity of inappropriate objects (unsightly pollution) . The swimming platform for Manitou Beach (since being replaced) also still has leftover cement pilings w/hazardous steel rebar pointing up at any divers head/eyes who is unfortunate enough to be injured by entering into that water when visibility is reduced due to murky conditions created by the adjacent marina pollution. Which employee will assume liability from their personal assets & not try to divert their irresponsible conduct towards the public purse to pay for related injury ?

KVR and other trails

closeness to the hiking trails

The trails

Usable all year long and they are just beautiful

Proximity to the KVR which we can use to hike and bike and enjoy the incredible environment

KVR

The kvr is active and healthy outlet for area residents and non residents alike

KVR

Our property backs on the KVR and we treasure being able to head out the front door and be on the trail immediately for walking, biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

KVR, walking and bike trails

KVR

KVR and biking

KEttle Valley Rail Trail

I bicycle this trail daily, year round for commuting to Penticton.

I love that we have the ability to get out into the woods within a few minutes for a hike or walk along the KVR

Proximity to hiking trails

Accessibility to trails.

I like that Naramata has so many trails to access close by such as the KVR and the 3 blind mice.

All of the above

These things reflect the values that make our village unique...honoring it's history, respecting and preserving the rare plant and animal species and environment. Naramata is a tight knit community where many families' children and grandchildren are fifth and sixth generation residents.

KVR trail

Walking our dog and cycling

Many parks and trails

KVR

Cycling hiking walking excersizing at our front door in a natural setting

KVR Access

Hidden recreational gem, world class, runs right through Naramata back door

KVR Trail

KVR trail to Little Tunnel

a huge asset for the area

Access to the KVR trail.

KVR

access to trail networks

Access to the KVR

It's such a great place to go for a walk with the dogs.

Kvr

Access to trails for hiking and biking

Access to the KVR close by

I like to ride my bike, walk, or bring family and friend for a tour of the beauty that the KVR provide

Walking trails

enjoy the peacefullness

The proximity of the KVR.	I use the KVR for exercise about 3 days a week. It is very conveniently close to my home. It is very well maintained and I feel safe to go there alone.
Hiking trails	
An abundance of walking trails	
That the KVR is reserved for non-motorized traffic.	
Close proximity to KVR	Great for physical activity.
No motorized vehicles on KVR! Yay finally	It's obvious — and i would prefer as well that people scoop their pet poop and not throw it over on to side of trail on to other people property - disgusting.
the kvr trail	
KVR	The KVR is a great outdoor experience with fabulous views of the valley.
The Mice or Rusty Muffler trails and KVR.	
Kvr	
Hiking trails	
KVR and other trails	Accessibility to trails with wonderful views and great natural beauty.No disturbance from motorized vehicles.
Unmotorized KVR trail	Recreation Extraordinary views Preservation of local history
Recreational activities (KVR trail, wine tasting, farmers market, boating, SUP, kayak, etc)	
access to the KVR	great for recreation and exercise, and just nature-appreciation.
walking trails and hikes	
Closeness to great trail system	

lack of commercial activity

Naramata Slow	The atmosphere that is here is why we are here. If we wanted busy city living we would still be there
That it is a slow community	Preservation of the atmosphere without chains, neon etc
No big hotels	It's brings all sorts of people when the space is available. Opening up the chances to have naramata abused by non locals
Naramata slow initiative	Many people have come to Naramata because of it's quiet charming way of living. The atmosphere around the village is magical in it's relaxation properties. This is why my family has lived there since the 1957 and why we chose to purchase property there and continue to share with future generations.

Not to many stores

Don't want the community looking like Peachland.

lack of industrial use

Lack of big industry and development

There is no large industrial area. Wineries are small and locally owned

No industrial area /A clean environment

Industrial areas often have large unsightly buildings and attract big transport trucks, parking lots and general ugliness. Industrial areas create visual, air and noise pollution.

lack of large marina

I like that there is no big marina in Naramata

A big marina especially with a fuel dock would bring a lot of traffic to the village, and would be disruptive to the quiet beach / waterfront setting that exists now.

lake/beaches/water

The accessibility to the lake.

Preservation and acquisition of parks and lakefront property prevents over development and privatization of access for residents

Lake park access

I would prefer stricter dog and camping rules in parks — I have been attacked by dogs and I don't care what someone says about how friendly in quote marks their canine is

Chite Lake

Year round recreational attraction for visitors and locals. A place to get away in close proximity. Provides a rest stop for riders on the KVR between Kelowna and Penticton

Beaches

I like to go swimming and kayaking after work. The beaches are safe and easily accessible.

The Lake

Close proximity to the Lake for swimming, kayaking and boating. Manitou Beach is a great asset for its beach and swimming area.

Waterfront

Access in multiple places

Beaches and parks

I love all of the tiny public beaches (not always obvious to tourists) and our grassy parks for various sports and play.

community access to the lake

Many park space around and easily access to many par of the lake witch, not to many city in the Okanagan have

It is a good place to relaxes, exercise, or just site in the sun and enjoy the view.

Close to Lake and trails

Having beach access along Mill Road.

The abundant number of parks and beach accesses throughout the village.

Great to walk into the village from Old Main Rd to Manitou Park then over the the Centre Beach, look at the spawning fish then over to Wharf Park or to Mill Road and a stop for a coffee with a treat at Just Baked.

The beach

beach

so many to choose from

Okanagan Lake access allows for water travel over 125 km as a transport route for fun and sport

Lake only 5 minutes from home

The lake is nearby and can be easily accessed.

Lake

Nice

Location near lakes and mountains

Huge recreational opportunities within 10 minute drive

Access to the lake and forest

School and community facilities

Centre Beach

More private beach

The beaches.

access to the lake

We especially like the new kayak storage by Manitou. It allows us to drive down to the lake and go kayaking without hauling all the equipment

Access to lake

we are avid kayakers, so enjoy all the put in points in the area, and swimmers, so enjoy Manitou park

the Lake

The beautiful views of the mountains and lake

When my wife and I decided to retire the view mountains and lake were which first attracted us to Naramata.

The lake

I grew up on a lake and I love them. I also like that there is a dog beach.

Easy access to the lake, visually and swimming

Beachs

Places for me and my dog to swim

That there's a lake "just down the street" as nice and inviting as anywhere in the world.

Beach access

There are multiple locations where you can get water access to the beach

Swimming, boating and beaches

Four generations have spent every summer at the lake house

That the community invested in saving Centre Beach.

The lake

Multiple swimming locations, it's awesome

physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)

Number of beaches

It is great that a place as small as Naramata has several public beaches. I also appreciate that the public road accesses to the beach are now marked and signed.

Access to KVR and Chute Lake and surrounding areas

In minutes we have access to excellent walking, hiking, biking and cross country skiing terrain in the "wilderness".

Locals beach at Mill Bay

Very nice to have a place that is a little bit secret from the tourists so locals have a space

The lake

The Okanagan Lake views

Priceless

The vistas of the lake		
Lakefront beaches and docks.	I can go swimming and hang out at the beach without having to trespass on private property.	
respect to our backyard, i.e. KVR and other trails, lakes and natural gems in the area		
Very easy access to multiple trails and the lake	Availability and access to the trails and the ability to walk dogs off leash on KVR	
The beaches		
beaches		
Access to Okanagan Lake	I love to swim, paddle, sail and boat on the Lake.	
Beaches and lake access	Beaches and lake access provide opportunities for recreational activities and promote physical and mental wellness.	
Okanagan lake	Swim boat play view enjoy	
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)		
All types of activities-land and water		
water sports		
all the beaches		
The lake	That there are still beaches to be used and not been developed	
Close to the lake		
Multiple public access points to the lake that create mini beaches.		
The lake and vineyards		
the proximity of the lake	It's fabulous to have such a majestic lake right on our doorstep. It's visible from so many angles and it's a warm swimming lake.	
swimming	good beaches	
Several public beaches		
Lake access/outdoor recreation	Like to go on the boat.	
Physical Beauty - views of the lake, mountains and vineyards	I love the drive along the Naramata Road and the views as we drive it.	
views of lake		
Nice parks and beaches		
Lots of public beach accesses	These are fun, social areas in the summer, where it is common to bump into people and spend some time catching up.	
Access to the lake	Both for its exceptional physical beauty and opportunities for recreation, it's important that the community have continued public access to the lake.	

Lake	Going for a swim or spending time on a local beach
Park/Beach amenities	I feel Naramata has a decent amount of public parks/beaches for its size.
Proximity to the lake	
The twin lake parks. Manitou in the lead, but the small park by the Wine vault is also very nice.	
The beach.	It's a short trip to bring guests in the summer.
Park and beach access.	
The beaches	The beaches are usually not crowded even during peak season.
public accesses and beaches for everyone	
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	The lake, vegetation, and uniqueness of this area is one of a kind.
Small Village amenities such as, Regional library, manitou park, Naramata Centre Beach.	Our family has 2 small children that love books bicycle rides and the beach. All within a short walk which cannot be replaced anywhere else in Canada.
Friendly people at the beaches and parks	
family beaches	it is nice to see local families enjoying them
Views over the lake	
the lake	The lake is another area of recreation and beauty. Having a clean lake to paddle board, kayak, go boating is a definite draw to the area
Access to beaches that aren't crowded by parties, where I can take my dog	I try to follow the rules so the large parks are not open for dogs to swim. There are other sandy beaches that are available to take your dog to swim
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	An astonishing bit of Planet Earth to be treasured for all its diversities.
The beaches.	Manitou is nice so is the public access at the end of ritchie, warf park beach is not the greatest it gets pretty slimy.
Community beach	
The unofficial dog beach by manitou	It would be nice if it was an official dog beach but at least there is something.
The beaches	
Beaches	I love that there are beaches everywhere, and ones that the tourists don't know about.
physical beauty of the area (lake, forest, etc.)	Overall, just great views
Having access to public beaches - especially the little ones	I feel so grateful for the beaches that we did save as a community. It feels important, especially in our small town that attracts so many tourists, to have some small spaces for the locals to find peace.

proximity to kvr, access to even more remote chute lake.

getting out in nature is really mentally rejuvenating

Lake and mountain access

large properties

our ideal lot size, over .6 of an acre

We love the size of our yard where we can have a garden, a bee hive, storage sheds, and a pool. Like too there are not many fences separating neighbours. Also like having some privacy from other neighbours, close but not within an arms distance like the big city where houses appear to be stacked on top of each other.

Large lots

size of property

Enjoy walking around our 4 acres

Private property and not too populated

Properly managed in the past

Small homes with large lots

because it keeps the feel of a small quaint village

The sprawling countryside and space between properties

Even in the village the houses are not on top of each other. There is very little cookie cutter development.

library

Naramata Library

A great centre for children and provides easy access to a wide range of books through the ORL

The Library

A valuable resource for a small community

Our library

It is uncommon for a community our size to have its own library branch. It is our most important cultural and educational asset and needs to be celebrated and protected.

I find the library very useful, one advantage of Covid is I have learned to use the library more affectively.

Able to get an almost endless variety of books on line.

The library

Wonderful to have a local branch to use. Love it

Public library

Library

Library

Allows us to be self sufficient as a village

The Library

I love that we have access to most of the libraries in the okanagan

I like having the library and what it brings to the community. A place to meet, a place to learn and a friendly librarian who can help answer your questions about resources available.

Library

Really appreciate having a library in Naramata. It is only open three days a week for half a day each, but that is adequate.

library service

Library

Library

Again, it is good to have local access to some amenities.
School benefits as well.

lifestyle

The laid back community aspect

We are seasonal owners. We live in the city. This is an escape for us.

lifestyle

Farm Community

Live style, working and living in Naramata

Being away from city life

laid back lifestyle

little tunnel

Little tunnel

The canyon wrens - northern most nests (Cannings et al)

Too bad people use it as a toilet.

local stores/restaurants

Small restaurants

Local restaurants

The option to eat out in unique and quaint local restaurants is great rather than having to drive into Penticton

Services

I feel that for its size, naramata is well serviced with the store, transport, restaurants etc.

New vibrant commercial activity

The Inn, the Grape leaf, Neverland and new owners for the Nar store
All provide a renaissance to Naramata

The businesses in Naramata Village are so great!

Although it would be wonderful to have a few more businesses, the ones we have are good quality and special making our village unique.

Businesses support locals

Store features naramata residents' wine, etc

chabendo gelato

Emerging food culture / restaurants /
patios at wineries

The small local businesses in the area.

It gives the community character and allows creativity. We like to support the local community.

I like small local restaurants, and also the Naramata Inn restaurant

These businesses are run by local people, and use local food/fare when possible.

Restaurants

Good food

Having a small coffee shop in town.

Having a small cafe in town.	
The Inn , tea house, coffee shop and SUP store	Need these establishments to provide some vibrancy to the community
Thrift Store	
Top notch dining options, ie Naramata Inn, Real things pizza.	
Restaurants and coffee shops	
Small businesses	I like how they hire local and it's so nice not to drive the distance to work every day, community support
commercial	RESTAURANTS, SHOPS, SERVICES - its all on or doorstep
I love the businesses in Naramata	– The General Store – having the Post office and BC liquor store at one place, recreational businesses, coffee/tea shops, restaurants/pub, artisans, winemakers etc. I love that there are no big box stores. I would love to have my own business in the village and be able to stay in Naramata all the time!
Businesses in the village	
The amazing food for such a small community	
Grape Leaf Cafe	great food and hospitality
Support for at least 1 good local coffee shop	Really nice to have at least one reliable local gathering spot for coffee, like Just Baked - serves as a community meet-up spot
The shops and eating facilities	Variety and yet right size for the community
The amenities are good	General store, library, restaurants, church, the Centre
quaint businesses	
local shops selling local goods	
growing presence of restaurants/services	I like the fact that you having to rely less on travel to/from Penticton to pick up essentials/ keeps spending locally in Namrata, creates job opportunities
Local businesses	
Local restaurants, markets, wineries and businesses	It makes the community more independent with less need to travel for personal requirements and it supports growth of local business.
The wineries and restaurants	Love supporting the locally and family run wineries and restaurants. They are very good and very friendly.
the unique opportunities for tourists: specialty businesses in the village, restaurants and food services	Catering to tourism enables a small community like ours to sustain these unique business like Sun Sup, Naramata Inn, restaurants, etc. which in turn also creates great services for locals that likely would not otherwise be available here.
Appropriate commercial services	A community store, Shades of Linen clothing shop, Lavender shop, Sun 'n Sup, places to have coffee, tea, informal as well as formal dining. Also, a number of B&Bs as well as the Naramata Inn for summer visitors.

Used clothing store	Supports the community to include all levels of income.
Food and shopping options	Real things and the general store do a great job making sure we can always get good food. Bummed the grape leaf has closed but I hear they may open again this year as plant based so all we can do is hope! Naramata street coffee has also been a great addition. The pub has its ups and downs but is an integral part of the village
Some commercial stores	More commercial space would be better.
Small business	I really like that Naramata has small business' and no chain stores, it's unique and support local.
Downtown coffee shops and cafes	Grape leaf, rocky's pizza.
The fact that there are some fantastic restaurants within 5 minutes drive	
Real things pizza	
options for eating out especially in summer	
Pizza	it tastes awesome
Amazing food and wine	
Small businesses	More meaningful to support local businesses and not large chains or franchises.
The local food scene	
location/geography/topography	
Location, Location, Location	Perfect year round weather. Close to amenities but remote enough to enjoy space and nature. Near one of the best lakes in Canada.
It's location.	
Mountains are our backyard	A place to educate my kids and enjoy the outdoors
The School / pre-school / early child care all at the same location	Although our child is now off to middle school, he did go through the pre-school and elementary school in Naramata. The move to have early child care and pre-school located at the Elementary School was such an important step in making Naramata an even better place to raise a family. That safe and convenient option for early child care and education is so important to young families. I also really think it's great to have the larger range of ages interacting with each other on a regular basis. The school is such an important anchor in Naramata.
The location in the valley	from most locations in Naramata we can enjoy gorgeous views. Plus there is no major highway intersecting. Like the meandering Naramata Road with every trip passing by vineyards, wineries, houses, farm land, and outstanding lake views
Geography	I like the local flora and fauna
Location	On the lake; close to wineries; close to recreation; close to farmers markets; still close to hospital, airport, major grocery stores etc.

Physical location	
The hills	
Mountains	Our family loves going up in the mountains and spending time with each other, going for hikes, playing in the snow, sun, rain whichever weather.
winding roads and hills	
The topography	I love the hillsides with great views, and the little twisty sideroads that make their way down (or up the hills)

low building heights

No big building to destroy the view and the charm of leaving in Naramata	It keep it charm and natural beauty
It's not Kelowna.	No high rises, traffic congestion, urban blight, limited crime (this year's murder spree notwithstanding), I could go on and on...
I like the low cityscape - no tall buildings and few apartments/condos.	This keeps the feel of the village small and quaint, and not like a larger municipality. Lower density so not a lot of people / vehicles in the village.

low crime/safety

low crime rate	
Safe for children	
Low crime rate	
Low crime	Obviously this has been a challenging year for crime in our community, but in general the levels of crime on a felony level are fairly low here compared to surrounding areas.
Safety	Naramata is generally a very safe location, we had some very unfortunate incidents this year which have affected the reputation Naramata has, but I still feel inherently safe and secure.
I love that Naramata (mostly) feels like a safe place to live	Again mostly due to our LOCAL community - I trust my neighbours to care for one another and I know a few are ex-RCMP and volunteer fire fighters.
Used to be low crime	Safety is critically important
I feel safe and supported as a single female person	Despite the recent chain of unfortunate violence in the village I still feel safe living alone and also walking day or night.
Seemingly less crime but ...	We have experienced B&E And clearly we pay for rural police but when does that happen
It is a safe environment where I can have fun with my friends and not have to worry	
That there is no apparent homeless problems	Lack of crime (except the odd murder). Low levels of property crime compared to Penticton

low density

low density, open spaces

provides rest and peaceful living

The low human population

More people mean more impacts and loss of natural communities as well as increases of other human related impacts (i.e. water consumption, erosion; pollution (water & air), invasive species, domestic animals (predators/polluters), traffic, disturbance (noise; animal displacement, etc.) etc.

Low population density

Low Density

Small community makes for a better, safer and enjoyable community. Large density brings all the issues with a larger community. Traffic, crime, noise, light pollution, etc.

low density

mostly single family housing

Low density housing, including large agricultural tracts of land

Low density housing contributes significantly to the look and feel of the Village and surrounding areas. It means there are less cars on the road, less busyness in general.

The generally low density of

Similar to the serenity offered by the scenic views from the bench, the separation of properties and residences contributes to a general tranquility on the bench.

Individuality of the houses, no large subdivision with high density housing

The residential areas have an individual feel to the housing with a consideration for neighbor's privacy, space and view. It is nice not to have high density sub divisions.

Lack of density

I like the low density of houses and the simplicity of streets.

There are few street lights, roads are basic with few curbs, overall this is a more rural lifestyle.

Large lots and space and not too many people/density

overdevelopment and crowding will destroy the very thing that people buying/coming to Naramata were looking for in the first place / also our public spaces/beaches/roads are not large enough to accommodate huge numbers of residents or tourists

Low density population

I like living in a small community.

Much less dense population.

Quieter, open space, not over congested with people like other areas of the Okanagan are becoming.

low speed limits

I like the low speed limits

First, it is more safe for schools and those walking in the neighborhood. Also, there is no need for vehicles to be driving quickly - it is a small community and people are out all the time.

low traffic

Low volumes of slow moving cars.

It is really nice to walk around the townsite with our family and dogs.

Lack of constant traffic noise	The fact that Naramata does not have a through road to Kelowna means that for the majority of the time it is only residential traffic using the roads. We don't not have the constant noise of trucks.
No traffic lights	When the power goes out there's no traffic chaos...haha.
Not a lot of road traffic	Gives kids the ability to run around and bike around town without worrying about lots of road traffic
Quiet back roads with low traffic	Low traffic on winding back roads makes for safe local road biking conditions
less traffic	noise
no traffic congestion	a key reason for leaving a metropolitan city
Very little traffic	Do not need to worry about traffic. No stop lights required. No sidewalks and they are not required. Can just walk or bike around the village and you don't need to worry about cars (except on Robinson which is expected) and you usually see more people than cars
There's no highway or through traffic. Fewer cars, greater calm and quality of life	
no traffic	cities suck
mix of town and country	
A small scale Village Core surrounded primarily by Agriculture and Okanagan Lake	Narrow and winding character roads lead down from North Naramata Road through the Agriculture and Natural Embankments to the lake , through parks and lanes , and Village Amenities . What is needed in future planning is a Village Square , a Gathering Place in the commercial Centre .
Secluded, yet services are within reach.	Rural & farm settings, and generally slow pace in and around Naramata, with all essential services available in Penticton.
The slow village-centred growth of commercial developments and community services that serve resident and visitor needs.	
Unique ambiance	Village setting Wineries Local businesses like Naramata Inn etc.
unique	mix of small town & rural
Basic amenities available - library, school, store, a few cafés	Covers the basics needed
The whole package	Naramata is an important place to raise children, grow older, educate and reside. A perfect functional community with everything and everyone you need to feel safe and happy

museum

MyNaramata.com

MyNaramata.com

Grateful for this news resource

MyNaramata.com

Great communication news for the village

Naramata Center

The Naramata Centre.

Its programs draw visitors that add to the quality and character of Naramata.

The slip and slide at Naramata Centre
(McLaren hall)

Naramata Centre

Naramata Centre has been an exemplary citizen of Naramata for many years. The Centre promotes wellness and operates programs that inspire and help people spiritually and physically. The Centre has generously allowed many functions to take place in their facilities over the past few decades. The Centre is unfortunately running at less the optimal capacity at present, but I appreciate how they have saved many green spaces and contributed to our community.

Naramata Center

Naramata Centre has a significant impact on the community of Naramata as it occupies about 25 acres. The village especially realized this when there was the strike at Naramata Centre. A lot of restaurants and stores were negatively impacted by the strike. The centre also offers facilities and programs that are very important to the Naramata community. It is important that the community and Naramata center work together in the future.

Naramata Centre

Naramata centre

While the Naramata centre is not as active and vibrant as it once was, it is a unique part of the village that I hope will once again become more prominent.

Naramata Centre

The Naramata Centre

Having the Centre provides facilities which bring in visitors but also provides space for local activities.

The Naramata Centre

This special place brings visitors to help support the local economy but more importantly it brings culture, learning, and the special energy to the village of all who attend events at the Centre.

The influence of Naramata Center on
the mood and ethics of our community

The Naramata Centre

It's a multi faceted place. The community garden where people work together. The gym which is available to use for pickle ball. The chapel for events like meditation, yoga and weddings or vow renewals. The camp kitchen for gatherings.

Naramata Center

The Center draws people that want to be here and enjoy their stay. This unique facility contributes to the ambiance of summer in Naramata for an experience that exists nowhere else but here. Also, importantly, population density of the community is greatly reduced in the off season and the rural character is enhanced for the local permanent residents.

Naramata Church

The Naramata Church.

We don't attend often, but do so appreciate the presence of the church.

The church

having a church

The Naramata Church is at the centre of the village

The building and its' purpose in the centre of the village provides a foundation and centre point for the village, adding history, and a sense of peace and permanence in a rapidly changing world.

The church

Church

Important to many in the community

Community Church

Naramata Church

Naramata Inn

Heritage Inn and restaurant

would love Naramata to become a culinary destination that remains affordable and authentic

The Naramata Inn

It's world class

The Naramata Inn

Naramata Inn

We need a really great restaurant - can't be a true tourist destination without it. And since it's the only attractive heritage commercial structure in the village, I'm so grateful for the restoration and care that the new owners have invested therein.

Naramata Inn

beautiful historic building - glad it is open

Naramata Inn for lunch or dinner

Naramata Inn

beautiful outdoor patio restaurant and great food

Heritage Inn

It is the continuity with the ladt

Naramata store

I like the Naramata General Store

This is an anchor business for the municipality. It is not too big, but provides an excellent mix of food and services. A place where locals and those visiting go. Doesn't feel like a big chain food store, but a local food store.

The Store

Get to see old friends

Convenience store with post office and liquor store	20 minutes to the nearest food shopping. while it can be pricy, so is gas to drive back and forth for just a handful of items.
Our country store	Has all the necessities. Bigger center is not far for more.
The stora	Candy and Chips
Naramata Store, just the way it is.	
Naramata Store	convenient and now even better with new owners
The general store is a treasure	Essential to have a store like this for a sense of community, pick up essentials and have a ice cream cone
The general store	It is the continuity with the past
Library and stores	Ease of access for necessities of life and recreation: Computer g. G metal store, restaurants, Linen shop, library reading materials.
Visiting the Naramata Store for ice cream or needed items	The Naramata Store seems to have everything you would ever need - local wines, beer, well stocked with food items, & post office.
The Naramata General Store	No explanation needed
small General store	
Naramata store has an amazing inventory	don't have to run to town
We have a general store that has what is needed, with friendly smiles.	
Naramata store	
The Naramata Store	It still has a rural feel and a feeling of bygone days. I hope that won't change with the new ownership. it's also handy and can save you a trip to town.
Post office in the General Store, plus the ice cream window- quaint but accessible.	Lovely to have some amenities locally.
The General Store	I love the one stop shop of the store/post office/liquor store/bottle depot/ice cream stop
There is a local grocery store in town.	I can quickly pick up needed items without having to do the 40 min round trip drive to Penticton, or burn gas. I wish it stocked more organic items like dairy, eggs and bread.
the corner store	has a bit of everything, with friendly staff
The Store	Super convenient for those items you forgot to get in town.
The Naramata store	
General store that recycles bottles	Why is it so hard to recycle glass in the okanagan??
I like the Naramata Store	I always love stopping by the Naramata store, they have all that you need in there, my friends and I always stop by the store to get something to eat when we are biking after a nice swim in the summer.
Having a small store in the community.	

Naramata General Store	Convenience, quality, and Post Office
The Naramata General Store	I love that the store is the one stop shop for so many things in Naramata. It feels like an anchor in the community - always open, always there, always a chance to see friends and neighbours to say hi.
General store	Saves a lot of driving, has deli, has newspaper, has liquor, has post office
The store	Only downside is the driving distance to town. Will feel better with an electric car. The store is a fabulous resource.
Th community store.	Great staff, always friendly! Easy when you need a few things without having to go into Penticton. Convenience!

Naramata uniqueness/magic

the magic of Naramata	I have been in Naramata since I am born, in and out because of separate family. Naramata has always been a special place for many people, many years. Small, beautiful people, amazing beach, so many fruits, relaxed and real.
Unique	Unlike most small villages or towns, in the Okanagan and/or on the lake, no through traffic
It's a destination. People are living here on purpose and people come to visit for the same reason.	To put another way, it's not a highway town like Peachland or Summerland
The regional connection	Naramatians and visitors alike are aware of the uniqueness of this community and the interconnectedness of it to the Okanagan as a whole, particularly The Naramata Bench and the south Okanagan sub-region.

natural landscape

Natural space and landscape	
Natural landscape	The landscape with the orchards, vineyards and water. The accessible and laid back beaches and access to water activities
The multiple parks and small beach access that are left to a natural state.	Again improving them with benches bathroom picnic table takes away from the once pristine views of the village.
Nature	
Nature	

nature/environment

Environmental concerns and support by community for wildlife	
special energy; rural quietude; access to nature; slower pace; friendly	
connect with and preserve nature	mental health

Feel close to nature and away from congestion	Quick access to cycles on the KVR and hikes in the 3 blind mice
access to nature	KVR, lake access
Ability to be close to nature	I like that fact that there are deer, bears, coyotes, swans, raccoons sharing our community with us. This also comes with a responsibility and I would like to see more done to try to live in harmony with the local wildlife. For example safeguarding migration corridors and enforcement of bear proof garbage containers.
The natural state	The blossoms - the history behind the apples and orchards - the peacock! (I hope we get another - was so sad to hear one was taken)
proximity to nature	
nature corridors	co-existing in harmony with birds and wildlife
Rural, laidback environment	
Trees	The Village and other areas have large trees, both coniferous and deciduous. Trees are the lungs of the Earth and homes for birds. Trees provide shade, cooling the area in the hot summer months. They are beautiful.
Easy access to nature	
nature, trails, forests	
Trees everywhere (except to the East now)	
Access to nature	
nature	
living with nature	seeing properties with agriculture and natural vegetation
proximity to nature	I like being close to hiking trails, the lake and the mountains.
close to mother nature	Embracing the local wildlife. Being so close to the forest. The sound of so many birds and we can put out a bird feeder.
Clean environment	Limited destruction of the environment
Natural Setting within a rare ecosystem	Flora / Fauna / Funga are special to this area (surrounding the residences inhabited spaces) such as Old Growth Ponderosa forest Giant Sage, and numerous reptiles, amphibians and mammals ... many Species at Risk
Nature and sports opportunities are close	I can walk to lake with my paddleboard or drive a few minutes to the KVR or hiking trails. Ski hill is under an hour away.
Nature	
The nature all around us.	Forests, lakes, hiking trails, our green space is amazing.
Flora And fauna — the change from-for example - top of Gawne all the way to Glen fir and beyond is remarkable - if one takes time to notice	As above plus outhouses ... I know humans don't always use them appropriately

Big Trees	good for; creature habitat, shade, aesthetics, privacy, adds to the character of the community, captures carbon
Nature	Out door activities on our doorstep...Walking, horse back riding, mountain biking, hiking etc.
Closeness to nature	
Extensive undisturbed and moderately disturbed extent of the total landscape...naturalness	Natural or moderately disturbed landscapes are essential for maintaining the amount, distribution, and quality of water resources throughout area E as well as being critical for self-sustaining communities of native plants and animals (many are migratory) some of which are rare, unique to the area or at risk of extirpation.
Environment.	Clean air & water; moderate weather; fertile soils with opportunity to grow own food and agricultural crops.
old age pensioners club/hall	
OAP	
Our oap hall	Can meet as a small group
The OAP Hall	Great place for older residents to get together. And for dogs to visit and get treats
old trees in the village	
Trees	The old, tall trees lining the downtown streets soften the neighbourhoods and provide an established old time vibe to the village
other	
all of the above	
Chief Tony Travao got fired, at last	
see above list	
All of the above mentioned	Naramata is a magical place that touches your soul. The community is warm, welcoming and diverse with people from all walks of life. A nice balance of young and old.
How do I stop these on going questions	
everything except the increased traffic from all of the new developments.	location, location, location

We do not consent to others & 'industry' Wi-Fi radiation entering into our bodies, homes & properties 24/7.

The RDOS has a responsibility to take effective measures to protect public health. Especially while Health Canada admits it's 'hands are tied' by powerful corporate agendas. The RDOS also must address global warming, old growth forest protection & watershed integrity, because industry/forestry has not adequately done so. Environmental damage from clear cut logging, destructive housing developments & other activities must be addressed in a sensitive & sustainable manner to better protect this area. We need to stop destroying trees. Replace and then tend to those trees. At the new 'Center Beach' due to excessive spring run-off (clear-cut logging in watershed) the creek has diverted south, towards the dock. Carrying sediment that has filled in the area surrounding that dock. Either reposition the dock to extend out into deeper water, restore (straighten) that creek's path (direction west) so it stops back-filling the dock area with sediment or back-fill and restructure the whole park area to reclaim land from the lake & increase that park's dimensions plus creating a higher surface area above the flood plain? Over years of destruction our creeks now carry excessive sediment down into the lake. In the spring melt they are overflowing with thick brown water, causing flooding due to the lack of moisture retention capacity that otherwise old growth forests possess. Plus, due to excessive snowfall accumulation in forest clear-cuts, we now experience sudden & excessive spring-melt run-off because there is insufficient forest tree canopy to mitigate the winter snowfalls (thru evaporation, absorption, etc.). These clear-cuts also open up more grazing areas for domestic and wild animals creating excessive feces bacteria (beaver fever etc.) in the creeks. Logging roads & clear cut forestry also causes droughts and dangerously higher temperatures during the summer because there is no forest canopy to retain moisture & keep the earth cooler. SERIOUSLY effecting all those subject to the consequences of such environmental devastation.

At apparently \$1000 each, the RDOS irresponsibly destroyed 75 trees in Manitou park. None of which were 'invasive' or spreading out of control. That tree canopy could have been preserved by reducing those trees height to 1/3. To date, only a few of those trees have been replaced. Please plant more trees in our parks now! The Wharf park area also has had trees destroyed and the 'Wharf Park extension' has had no new trees or necessary irrigation lines installed while a significant housing development is being constructed across the road that excessively overlooks/interferes with public enjoyment of that park. Provide a cheap tray of baby tree sapling plugs from the Silviculture greenhouse in Summerland and we will plant them ourselves without delay!

The RDOS must establish a community project involvement work plan that provides volunteers reduced property tax incentives. To address the unacceptably low percentage of community internet input towards decisions made by the RDOS, public meetings could also be reinstated at a safe outdoor location. Also, due to the sudden & dangerous social isolation - an outdoor venue (covered bandstand) for public meetings and to encourage public events must be constructed now.

Yes

all of the above

being 11 miles from the hustle and bustle of city living but close enough to work in Penticton

Yes

Yes

This is ridiculous

Why can't I just continue

No more

Like

The RDOS needs to address dog barking attack/harrasments , dog feces , plastic dog poo bag litter, inconsiderate actions of dog owners.

If your a dog lover why unleash it in public places to disturb others ? There is plenty of unpopulated spaces around Naramata for dog lovers not to interfere with others due to loud barking noise, aggressive attacks , allergic reactions etc.

As Health Canada is virtually ignoring our health as a result of agricultural chemical spray drift , the RDOS must adopt regulations to totally protect adjacent residents to inorganic farms. This should not include forcing the public to fund that multi million dollar insect irradiation program (SIR) . It is not the duty of the general public to pay for farming dilemmas but it is the farmers responsibility to protect the public from their dangerous activities. This area may diversify from an overwhelming alcohol production into more sustainable, organic food production in order to improve food security. We can't eat bottled wine when food trucks cannot service this area. Vegetable, nut and a variety of organic, sustainable food production projects must be encouraged by the RDOS while alcohol production (vineyards) should not be receiving 'food production' agricultural incentives.

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

The export of organic matter (leaves, branches, sewage etc.) from this community to the Pentiction landfill is robbery,

The natural wealth of land is measured by the fertility of its soil. A location must be established above Naramata to recycle all organic matter for rebuilding and sustainably enriching these lands.

Observing the decimation of the quaint little beaches at the 2nd cove past Mill Bay from an ignorant Highways dept. destroying ALL the trees and vegetation along that beach in order to widen the (dead end) Mill Bay road to 40 ft - for more extravagant housing development ? Even-though it bottlenecks down to 10 ft wide slightly further south to exit Mill Bay. Again as a result of another new oversized house. PLUS 'Highways' careless & unnecessary destruction of a 175yr old pine tree on Old Main Road to create a ditch which carries residential run-off directly into the lake beside the swimming area along the east border of Manitou Park last year , once again to accommodate a housing development above Manitou Park . . .it is apparent that the RDOS needs to be considerably more vigilant to protect and preserve Naramata's natural assets from short sighted mega-developers.

Spraying the Okanagan watersheds with carcinogenic chemicals ; for example; Round-up to kill forest tree species and insecticides to kill all beneficial insects in the forest ...plus pine beetle, plus the carcinogenic agricultural chemicals and so on which all end up seeping into Okanagan lake

it is apparent that the RDOS must acquire an investigative and pro-active attitude towards the dangers of feeding Naramata water from the lake to drink. Adding poison (chlorine) which produces far more toxic chlorides in the water pipes is also a highly questionable activity that may need to be reviewed?

The tar on the old timbers at Wharf Park leaches out into the surrounding lake on hot days and smells horrific while children play in the water there and frequently are seen with blotches of that tar where their skin touched those timbers.

How did Karla manage to give \$20,000 or more from the non-consensual public to pay for repair to the PRIVATE yacht club who is then trying to steal property from Manitou Park for marina parking?

Not even considering those disturbing 'jet-ski's' that Marina is located far to close to Manitou beach. Those motor boats are extremely dangerous, loud and create disgusting air and water pollution all experienced by the people swimming at the adjacent Manitou Beach. That situation is almost as equally insane as not building a sidewalk along main street (Robinson road) and thus expecting pedestrians (children incl.) to share that road in unreasonably close proximity to massive chunks of steel moving at dangerously high velocities and often under the control of questionable conductors.

How can the public be expected to pay for busing school students to Penticton when the Naramata school is almost empty ? Are Penticton schools really considered to be that much more 'appropriately' groovy?

The tax deductions going to the Fire Dept. are increasing excessively over the past few years. Upon simple visual inspection it is obvious that fire department is over-equipped with too many of the most expensive of items. That is without yet inspecting the paperwork to analyze their costs/spending in relation to how many 'critical' fires they extinguish annually and for example , if it is cost effective that they appear with a half million dollar fire truck & company whenever a household pet gets hurt or things like that.

The dangers and the noise of arrogant/ignorant low flying helicopters regularly rattling every-bodies windows plus private or commercial jet engine noise needs to be addressed by the RDOS noise bylaw. Please include the aesthetic, environmental and health effects of high altitude unsightly billowing jet con-trails marking up an otherwise magically pristine blue sky and blotting out the suns warmth. At least remove the aviation beacon located on the tower in front of the Heritage Inn which aircraft are utilizing as a location marker by flying directly over it.

B&B accommodations in residential areas are also highly questionable for denser neighborhoods. Where investors are buying those residential homes as businesses in residential areas and then treating the neighbors as potential obstacles to their B&B incomes, while the RDOS says that's 'OK' now. This is deceiving nearby residents who for years chose to live in a residential zone but are suddenly subjects to a sort of motel operating as an adjacent commercial zoning in a residential area.

Hopefully the new washrooms in Manitou Park is not a typical example of RDOS protocol. Such as the destruction of the solid brick concession & showers there by the RDOS because a transient took shelter from the rain there one night. Or again due to a similar excuse, the destruction of the baseball diamond residents fund raised to build. That practical W/C structure was built on prime park land too close to the beach (septic incl.) then totally demolished and is still not available for use now (one year later) because apparently the pipes froze ? Please do encourage some artists to paint it's grey cement walls.

That bizarre white stone carving donated in Warf Park looks like it needs a cheap LED night light show or something to give it an aesthetic purpose.

The hardly ever used BMX track in Manitou Park could be converted to an aesthetic peace park/frog pond circulating water (solar power) from the nearby lake via the boat storage property. That groovy, new metal eagle statue in Manitou Park may benefit from a few colorful LED lights as well ? May as well include a wind powered water pump frog/peace pond in front of those new homes at Wharf Park as well . Permaculture food trees & irrigation included. Maybe with a fountain statue of a topless mermaid holding a prize Kokanee this time ?

The upper Creek Park hiking trail could extend along that creek all the way down to the new lake park.

The awesome & practical Naramata market was a great success located on Main street near the general store this autumn. Let's keep it there. Private enterprise in public parks conflicts negatively with the public's utilization of public parks. Is that even lawful?

B.C. (FORTIS incl.) utilized threats and extortion to force people to pay for a 'smart meter' program, against the will of homeowner customers. That is unlawful and needs to be addressed by the RDOS.

Yes

Like

Like

Like

Like

Like

Like

Like

outdoor activities

outdoor recreation

good for mental and physical health and for connecting you to what matters in life

Opportunities for outdoor recreation

opportunities for outside recreation

I can be in the hills on trails or on the lake on my SUP in 10 min

I can be at a ski hill in one hour.

Being outside is a high priority for me and the rural nature here is world class

Access to world-class outdoor lifestyle activities

opportunities for outdoor recreation

Beautiful and accessible to parks and outdoor activities

opportunity for recreation

recreation keeps us health

Close access to recreational activities

So nice to have the KVR, Mice Trails, Chute Lake nearby

recreation

catering for all age groups

outdoor space	
Recreation	Lakes, good mountain biking and hiking and room to hunt and quad
Opportunities for outdoor recreation	
Outdoor activities	We're an active family and love the lake, biking the KVR and running in Three Blind Mice
Outdoor recreation	
Outdoor activities	Moved to Naramata to be closer to the activities I like to do and the wide variety of activities offered.
outdoor recreation and activities	
Outdoor recreation	
opportunities for outdoor recreation	i love to bike and hike
Outdoor recreation areas	the KVR and creek walking areas are vital to being able to be outside, getting exercise and seeing the beauty of the area
Access to outdoor recreation.	I enjoy camping, off-roading, mountain biking, hiking, and am interested in starting to hunt.
opportunities for outdoor recreation	I live right next to the KVR
Outdoor activities	
Outdoor recreation	It's my passion
Opportunities for outdoor rec	
Outdoor lifestyle	Lots to do outdoors
Outdoor recreation	We like to be active, so it fits in with our lifestyle
Recreation	Many options
Opportunities for outdoor recreation	
Outdoor recreation	
opportunities for outdoor recreation	with the 3 blind mice mtb trail, the KVR, swimming in the lake and skiing at apex, naramata is at the heart of a great outdoor recreation area
opportunities for outdoor recreation	walking the KVR trail, hiking forest trails, enjoying the lake/beach are just a few of the reasons why we plan to retire to our home in Naramata
the opportunity for outdoor recreation in beautiful nature just at our door ...	
Outdoor activities	I like to swim, run, bike and walk in this beautiful setting
opportunities for outdoor recreation	
opportunities for outdoor recreation	
opportunities for outdoor recreation	Totally enjoy all of the parks, the KVR and trails and the Okanagan Provincial Park.

Half our property is in grapes and food and flower gardens. Lots to do. Lovely activities.	We are older and need to keep active. Small, frequent yard chores are perfect physically and mentally.
the outdoor recreation and access to trails and the proximity to teh lake	the lifestyle we lead is active and rugged living in naramata suits our interest more than living in a city does
Easy access to outdoor recreation.	From were I live the KVR is in walking distance and access as well as the hiking trails in the mice. No need to get in your vehicle and drive somewhere first.
Opportunity got outdoor recreation	
Recreation	
Recreation .	Undeveloped nature
Diversity of activities.	Hiking or biking on the KVR trail as well as many other trails in our area. The plethora of wineries, distilleries and craft brewers nearby. The Wednesday Naramata market and diversity of fruit and vegetable growers in the area.Our pristine beaches in the village
Outdoor recreation	Fresh air , exercise
Outdoor recreation	Lake access
KVR & other natural recreational areas	The KVR is easily accessible and offers opportunity to ride, walk, run. Still quiet enough and does not get crowded to the point that it is no longer enjoyable. Lots of back country area to hike and bike and walk.
activities	Like being able to bike, hike, walk in any direction. Having the KVR so readily available. A major plus since motorized vehicles were banned up to the little tunnel. Thank you for the upkeep and upgrading.
opportunities for outdoor recreation	
Recreation	Trails - hiking, biking; Water - kayak, canoe, swimming
Provides opportunities to enjoy sports.	Provides services like tennis and pickle ball courts, beach and parks. I really enjoy running on north Naramata Road as there is almost no traffic.
Access to amazing outdoor spaces	This includes parks and recreational areas as well as the vast amount of wilderness at our back door. It is truly one of the most enjoyable things about living in Naramata.
Outdoor Activities	Apart from the wineries, there is much to do in terms of outdoor activities (cycling, hiking, the KVR), visiting Chute Lake (camping/hiking, snowshoeing), spending a day at Manitou beach (paddle boarding, boating), visiting shops in town; attending the Farmer's market.
opportunities for outdoor recreation	
The pickle ball and tennis courts and the community groups that run leagues there	Pickle ball league is great. Ability to book courts at non league times is fantastic. Gives you certainty as to when you can play and allows you to organize your day
Outdoor recreation opportunities	
great recreational opportunities	easy lake access, Manitou Park, Marina, Pickelball and Tennis courts, proximity to KVR trail

Opportunities for Outdoor recreation	
Opportunities for outdoor recreation	In Naramata, there are so many opportunities to live a healthy life with nature on your doorstep. To name a few - walking, hiking, cycling, paddle boarding, kayaking and hopefully snowshoeing.
Outdoor activity options	KVR for walking and cycling. Lake for swimming, paddle boarding, etc.
Recreational Facilities - Pickleball and Tennis	
opportunities for outdoor activities	
Somehow the area speaks to my soul	I just feel good when I'm there
Opportunities for outdoor recreation	
The proximity to trails and back roads	Having the KVR in our backyard provides an absolutely perfect venue to bring out of town guests, whether to ride or walk
The ability to hike, kayak, golf, ski	We are outdoorsy
A variety of activities at our doorstep	Water sports, beaches, hiking trails, biking trails, wineries
Outdoor activities	Physical activity is enjoyable and an important part of life.
Outdoor recreation	
Outdoor recreation	Easy access to hiking and biking trails, and the awesome lake for kayaking. Love going out my door, and walking through orchards and vineyards at any time of year.
Recreation	Easy to walk and ride off main road. Great pickleball courts. Easy to swim
Outdoor Recreation	I love being able to walk out my front door and walk or swim or paddleboard or play pickle ball or snowshoe or just hang out with friends outside on a bench by the lake.
Recreational amenities	Having Pickleball , tennis, and basketball courts at our doorstep is awesome. The parks and playgrounds are awesome too.
Opportunities for outdoor recreation. I walk a lot and Naramata has lots of walks both in the village and the surrounding area.	
opportunities for outdoor activities	safe access to Manito park for picnics and swimming. Bike rides and walking on the KVR trail.
Outside rec	health
Outdoor opportunities	Access to world class KVR
Outdoor rec	Health
opportunities for outdoor recreation	

Outdoor Recreation	Within a ten minute time frame from walking out my front door of my residence I can be strolling along beautiful beaches, swimming in Okanagan Lake, walking to local coffee shop, walking the KVR trail, hiking to hidden water slides, mountain biking world class trails, dirt biking world class trails, snow shoeing our wonderful mountains or hunting meat for my family.
Recreation close by	KVR, hiking and biking trails , beaches
the climate; opportunities for outdoor recreation all year	
unlimited outdoor activities	Swimming, biking, golfing, skiing, hiking, etc
Recreation trails	Love the KVR and Three Blind Mice and Creek Park trails which are all quickly and easily accessed.
Outdoor recreation	
outdoor activities	healthy, easy access
outdoor recreation	mostly trails
Outdoor recreation	Boating, SUP, mountains/road biking.
Outdoor recreation opportunities	
proximity to regional park and crown land	leisure and less noise
opportunity for outdoor recreation	
Access to outdoor recreation	Many options for outdoor rec. Great beach options. Lake access. KVR
opportunities for outdoor activities	no need to drive to get to outdoor activities
Although the new white liner has improved matters and the fire dept, has done a better job with the ice this year, everyone agrees that the outdoor skating rink needs evergreen trees planted along it's south side to prolong that fun by protecting the ice from melting under the sun.	Also, the on/off buttons to control the lights at night need to be relocated beside the rink as walking all the way to Robinson road with your skates on (which take a long time to take off & lace up) in order to access those buttons is illogical. The surveillance camera the RDOS has installed on Main Street is a blatant intimidation & an invasion of personal privacy. To protect your property please do not be recording others activities in public places. The FORTIS power station on Debeck Road is always as ugly as ever. At the least please plant shrubs, bushes and or short trees around there to help conceal it.
outdoor recreation	
opportunities for outdoor recreation	
opportunities for outdoor recreation	
outdoor recreation	hiking, biking
recreational opportunity	KVR, Lake access downtown, biking and running on Naramata rd
The close proximity to outdoor activities and spectacular views.	Outdoor activities to help keep people healthy and a more positive mindset.

parks/playgrounds

Wharf Park quiet, picnic tables to enjoy take-out pizza

Beautiful parks and Greenery in the village

Access to Okanagan Mountain Park Good access to Okanagan Park backcountry from Chutw Lake Road and the water. Better road maintenance would improve access

Manitou Park Public beach access is one of the best on Okanagan Lake and a centerpoint for local community gatherings

BMX park the biking trails in the forest by manitou have been used by a few generations of kids

I like the bike park It has good sized jumps and every can get to easily

we have wonderful parkland

Manitou Park Fantastic large scale park with amenities

Parks Always a place to be by the lake and among the trees with working washrooms

Parks

Parks Well maintained and so clean and serene

Wharf park. Great location for walking with the kids, taking the dog for a walk or sitting to wave watch the lake during storms.

The new electric charger at Warf park Gives us another place to charge our electric vehicle.

KVR and Creek Park Like being close to these areas and the fact that these two areas are connected

Manitou park Clean, peaceful and always inviting. both summer and winter

Pickleball and tennis courts Really appreciate the new pickleball courts and the resurfacing of the tennis court. We are very lucky to have these facilities in such a small community

New path at Manitou beach Initially I admit I thought the path was a ridiculous idea, but I live right above it and I can honestly say it is used a lot by people of all ages for many different things and is a great addition to the park.

Wharf park. Train docks My family and I enjoy jumping off in the summer

free parking in town simplicity

The simplicity of the towns parks.

Beach and Manitou park It is such a lovely beach and the recent upgrades to the park are great

parks and public access to water leisure and health

Playgrounds Great to have areas to take young visitors.

Public waterfront parks

Parks Beautiful!

Parks and recreation	
Good sports facilities	
Manitou Park.	Great place for family fun, swimming, and just letting the kids climb and run around.
Manitou	Nice park
Easy access to Manitou	
New court's	Social
Naramata creek park and waterfall	The creek park and waterfall are well maintained and usability has improved a lot. It provides fresh air and a refreshing experience in hot dry summers.
Okanagan Mountain Park	Preserves natural habitat in a provincial park. Small beaches for people coming by boat or kayak. Natural landscape with vast hiking opportunity, though not overused.
Creek Park	
New park on water	Future!
I like the wharf	I like the wharf because whenever my friends and I always play there in the summer and get together, play wharf tag and go under the wharf.
Parks	
Manitou Park and beach	Swimming
The bike park	I grew up with the bike park beside manitou, i remember me being at the bike park when it was being made and i helped with the recent clean up with some other people that enjoy using the park.
Our local parks	Promote activity and community gatherings.
Amenities and parks	We always find that our kids enjoy the amenities such as bc parks, the lakes, the playgrounds etc.
That Naramata Creek park is still fairly "wild" and yet well maintained.	
New toilets	Environmental
Manitou Park	
Wharf Park	
Wharf Park	Nice spot

peacocks

Love having the peacocks	They are a big attraction for our family and visitors.
Peacocks	Colourful large birds, but i only see one every now and then
Resident peacocks	So awesome :)
peacocks and other birds	

The roaming Peacocks	We have enjoyed the show the peacock have put on in the village and consider them part of the Naramata identity
The peacocks	They've been around I think at least since I was a kid...decades anyways. I know there's controversy around them but they've brought so much joy to our family. every time we go walking we hope to catch a glimpse. They have really become a part of the Naramata experience and charm. I was very sad to hear Kevin died recently.
The peacocks	These birds are such a nuisance, but offer a wonderful personality and sense of the exotic yo Natamata.
Peacocks	Cool critters
The mascot(s)	I enjoy having the peacocks - however now we're are down to 1 due to a recent wildlife attack and the entire community is affected
Peacocks	Community mascot!
The peacock	I like the peacock as our mascot and as part of what our community is known for.
potential to be world class	
Big potencial / undervalued	Naramata can and should be a world class destination. People who visit realize why its so special. Naramata will need to find a balance between accommodating tourism/growth and keeping the feel of a small charming town.
proximity to farms	
Farms	
proximity to local produce on farm purchase opportunities	i like to support local production. i can do that without going out of my way. would be nice if there was a way to access all of it in the village regularly. Co-Op?
Permaculture farm garden	Is aligned with Naramata Slow and adds to the unique character of the village
Strong Farming Aspect to Naramata	Although over the last 20 or so years, the Naramata Bench has evolved to be farming mostly grapes, there are still some orchards and other things farmed here and more recently a few CSA farms, all which goes towards making us more sustainable and self-sufficient as a community. The ALR and the properties within in it in Naramata mean that land will stay as farm land, whatever it's growing at the time, for generations to come - love that a lot!!
Access to local farm products	
Local food and fare/markets/farm stands	
Farm land, orchards, vineyards etc	More space for scenery rather than dense population
Abundance of food	Best growing season in canada

Farm to Table - access to organic artisanal food & crafts produced in the immediate area and in adjacent farming communities

Access to great tasting sustainably produced, supporting neighbours, food security,

proximity to friends and family

Our friends that live there.

They are a huge reason we are moving there.

Family nearby

having my closest friends living near me

Having my children living here.

Friends are close by

Social gatherings are easy to plan.

All my friends are here

Being able to have an open fire in my back yard or up the hill to gather with friend and family.

This speaks to keeping our Naramata small and rural in nature.

proximity to outdoor activities via car

Access to crown land with motorized vehicles.

It's important to keep access to crown land trails for atv truck and cars. This allows for access by people who may have physical disabilities.

proximity to Penticton/shopping

Access to amenities in Penticton - and to locally produced excellence in Naramata.

I echo the comments against chains and box stores. The Inn, Shades of Linen, Real Things Pizza, wineries, Naramata Store and other local businesses offer excellent variety and quality.

Not living in Penticton, just far enough to be away from the city rush.

Proximity to Penticton

It's close, but not too close. Keep big shops and city crowds away from Naramata.

Proximity to a larger centre

If needed, Penticton is a quick 15 minute drive for all the other needs that are not available in Naramata

It is far enough (but not too far) from a larger urban center

the convenience and safety of having a larger centre (Penticton) within easy driving distance to use shopping, hospital, and other services while living in a small community

Remoteness, yet closeness to service centre.

It is close to the amenities of Penticton.	I can enjoy all the benefits of living in a village and close to nature, but still be close to grocery stores, home improvement stores, restaurants, and the hospital.
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close to Penticton which provides all services

close to City

Proximity to Penticton for shopping

close enough to Penticton	to access shopping and airport
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Close to airport and great hospital	Health care and flexibility for travel are important to me
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Proximity to major stores	Close yet far
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pub

The Pub!!! The plants that guy grows.	So far resisting change, hold strong old Naramata!
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Pub

Neighbourhood Pub	enjoy wing night
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quality of life

Naramata slow - pace/quality of life

quality of life	quiet slower pace clean air space between neighbours and just more space
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Lifestyle	Love the relaxed pace of life here, the climate and the fabulous scenery.
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Quality of life	Beautiful place, lovely vineyards, great recreational opportunities vis KVR & 3 Blind Mice, interesting wineries & restaurants, access to the lake via beaches & NYC, community involvement.
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quiet/peaceful/tranquil

It's slow paced

Placid environment	Without a thru-road to Kelowna, there is limited noise and activity as visitors come just to see Naramata. As a retired senior the quiet community is very satisfying.
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Dark and quiet at night

Quiet

Quietness and lack of excessive light pollution.	I enjoy most nights are quiet, and when the sky is clear their is great stargazing.
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Quiet place to live	Life is simple and quiet out here for the most part.
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Peace and quiet

Peaceful

quiet

slower pace	quality of life better for health
My home, it's privacy, quiet. Now all I hear is trucks and digging seven days a week	I don't anymore, it's not the same place, seriously considering relocation.
Slow pace	
Quiet surroundings	
Tranquility	
The peacefulness	We're done with the city and looking forward to the relaxation when our house is built.
Tranquility	
Quiet	
Quiet	It is very peaceful and easy to relax and unwind.
very quiet	
Tranquility	Live in Vancouver most of my life. This is heaven.
Quiet peaceful village	This is why we fell in love with our paradise and dont want to see it become more busy city like which is why we all come/move here
Peace and quiet	Although getting busier along naramata road, for the most part it is peaceful and quiet.
Peace and tranquility	We are 3rd generation in Naramata and cherish the quieter laid back atmosphere and way of living in the village. Busier city life is only 15 minutes away if desired.
It's quiet!	Even in the height of summer with the celebrations that come with it, the village is quiet. We are neighbors to the Naramata Inn and even when they had weddings, come 11pm it was quiet time.
The quiet	especially at night I like the lack of a local din.
Peacefulness	
It is quiet - no traffic lights, not much traffic.	
The Peace and quiet.	its generally quiet in the village.
The quaint quietness of the village.	It is quiet here which allows us to enjoy the natural beauty birds etc.
My neighborhood is very quiet and dark at night.	I can hear the owls and see the stars.
Quiet and uncrowded	
Peace and quiet	Part of rural charm and is helpful for relaxation.
Quiet	
The quiet and peaceful seasons and lively summers	Good balance for living!

The quiet. In the summer, the boat traffic and vehicle traffic get busier, but nowhere near the hordes in Kelowna. We love winter days when we will see only. 4-5 cars drive by.	I also love that you can see a beautiful night sky in Naramata.
Quiet	Left the big city because of noise, traffic and density.
Quiet living	Being at the end of a road has many advantages, including peace and quiet. Not having through traffic is a huge factor.
quiet and can see the stars	no car fume smell, less noise and light pollution.
quiet	
peaceful and quiet	
Quiet	Being able to hear the birds etc
Quiet community..not over populated	
Peace and quiet	The space between residences, a lot of homes are on acreages of large lots allowing privacy and quiet surroundings
quiet	space and distance between properties
quiet neighbourhoods	serenity/ relaxation and quality of day to day life
Quiet	No hustle or bustle in Naramata;
Peace and quiet	
peace and quiet	there is very little left of this in the world
Safe quiet community	Life is hectic so I'm thankful our community offers a peaceful sanctuary.
Peace and Quiet	The quiet of a rural setting offers deep satisfaction along with peace of mind.
Peaceful neighbourhoods. Houses are not built on top of each other	Room between houses....Not built on top of each other. Not overly developed
Quietness	Not a busy hub
Quiet small town atmosphere	
quiet	why i moved here quality of life
quiet	small town, traffic still relatively low, no large resorts
It is quiet	The area is very quiet both during the day and at night. You can just enjoy nature and the peace and quiet
Quiet surroundings	Can lead a peaceful, low stress lifestyle without having to worry about traffic, crowds, noise.
Quiet peaceful surroundings	
The quietness	I lived a city life all my life and I love the escape Naramata offers me.
Quiet	
peaceful neighborhoods	I love sitting on the patio in the morning with a cup of coffee overlooking the lake. the serenity and the sound of the birds can be inspiring

Peacefulness	Getting away from the hustle and bustle of larger urban centres
Quietness of the late fall to early spring	Not too many people, little litter, contemplative walks around the streets, few motorcycles
Peace and quiet of rural living	Noise pollution is my greatest irritation in the community.
Slow pace of life	
Peace	Quiet streets, small town feel
Sense of calm	Feels healthy and real!
Quiet	Peaceful
Laid back feeling	
Quieter than Penticton	
remote/secluded	
That it's at the end of a road	
I like that Naramata is a destination and not a municipality that you drive by.	To get to Naramata you need to be going there or live there. And you have to drive a little to get there. So people who are there, want to be there.
the village being the end of the road	It is quiet here
There is not a through road, other than Shute Road - Naramata is the village at the end of the road. It's a destination not a pass through	Less traffic. Though there is a construction boom with that related commercial traffic - the heavy vehicle traffic isn't a like but it brings jobs & hopefully there's a trickle down for workers and shops.
Not a throughfare	
Dead end road.	Meaning; no thru traffic, therefore to fast food chains etc. People driving down Naramata have a reason to be here.
That we are the end of a dead end road	You are in Naramata because you choose to be. You're not on your way through, going somewhere else.
Driving home to Naramata	The feeling of less stress as I drive down the Naramata Road, I love going home.
No mainroad access to Kelowna	The fact that Naramata is NOT connected to Kelowna by a main road is very important. This reduces traffic and keeps Naramata as a smaller community more isolated community. Agreed it makes travel to Kelowna more time consuming but that is price we are willing to pay.
Not too close to the city	Less traffic
no through fare to Kelowna	less traffic
Naramata road terminates without being an alternate route to Kelowna	This keeps traffic manageable and makes Naramata a destination rather than a through road between major centres
Being off the beaten track	lends itself to quiet enjoyment, little traffic
No through road	The last thing I'd want to see is a road connecting Kelowna to us. I love that we're the end of the line.

resort town/tourism

Tourism

It animates the community and supports small businesses

The popularity of the area attracts tourists

The popularity of the area in the summer attracts many tourists, which in turn provides an opportunity to run an Airbnb or B&B, plus keep the local restaurants and shops alive. Have a small but busy community gives it an exciting feel. The area is fantastic and should be shared with all who care to venture up the road.

visitors

to bring outside money to small local businesses

Resort Town

Tourism activity will help sustain the wine industry as well as bring revenue for future infrastructure development.

Tourism

Being able to show off the area to visitors is a high priority for me. Having easy access to accommodation is also a high priority ie: B&B's, short term rentals, Inns, winery accommodations etc. are essential to the area.

Before the covid one could meet people from all over the world that came here for work but the last two years this has dwindled

It's nice to meet new people and learn about their homelands

Tourism

As a B&B owner I appreciate that people delight in coming to Naramata for its scenery/biking/wine etc.

tourism

We have a B&B for our family income and being in this area which is so great for tourists lets us provide a fabulous retreat for our guests. And we enjoy the winery culture of the area.

road upgrades

Upgrade on road conditions Re pavement

rural character

Rural character

I grew up here with sprawling fruit orchards, and although they have mostly been transformed to vineyards, the charm of farm life and the open spaces are very appealing. especially the generational farming that we are sadly losing

Rural Character

We're a 10-minute drive to Penticton yet it feels much farther away from "civilization". We have privacy, quiet and a fantastic view of the lake and mountains to the west. Even though we do not see any neighbouring houses from our home, we are all quite connected due to our informal neighbourhood watch; we all look out for each other and readily share news. When there are issues, we work together to have them solved.

rural character

Park Spaces

We have great park spaces.

Rural character	A rural setting allows for more trees and green spaces. More wildlife and beauty.
Green space	Space to breath and relax
Rural character/large properties	There are unique properties rather than cookie cutter houses.
Rural community	We moved from Vancouver to raise our family here in Naramata due to it being rural. Despite the recent unforuntate things that have happened this year in Naramata, we still feel that this is a very safe space, and look forward to our children growing up in this community.
Friendly rural feel but close enough to a larger centre.	
The beauty , it is the “ garden of Eden” rural living, space to breathe	
The rural, small town feel of the area.	It is a close knit community, people helping people. People being supportive of others.
the rural experience	I love the beautiful lake, orchard/ Vinyard views, large trees and parks and country roads. Although the drunk drivers are an issue and walking/ biking the roads feel unsafe in the afternoon/ evening.
The green spaces.	The village and bench looks like a patchwork quilt. Gorgeous.
Rural	I like the peaceful atmosphere
rural character/large properties	
rural character	
rural character/large properties	Just more of a open feeling
rural component; vineyards, orchards	
Rural setting	The ability to walk around in a quiet, low traffic and small populated area where you can easily hear birds singing, see beautiful scenery of farmlands, wineries and nature and feel a sense of low stress. You also have the ability to know your neighbours and have a family-like small community.
rural character/large properties	
Rural Living	The ability to get out doors quickly and space
rural character/large properties	Naramata has this quaintness about it. Its cozy, the properties arent "cookie cutter" and are not overlooking into another properties yard.
Rural feel	Fewer large properties would be better, but keeping the decor theme.
Space	Having a lot of space to ur next door neighbors
Rural character	Pastoral, nature
Rural atmosphere which is rapidly disappearing	Quiet, forested areas and friendly like minded folks
easy living rural lifestyle	

Mostly rural	
rural character/large properties	We have an acre of property and love the peace it gives us.
Rural Setting	Low population density, farming, green spaces
Rural residential areas	Narrow roads, large lots, landscaping, character homes, vistas
Rural setting	
Rural character	It's the reason I chose to live here.
Rural feel	We have lived here for 7 years. We moved into a rural area for a quiet small community feel. I feel the sub division development is taking away from this rural environment and is creating a city feel in the country which may make us move
the rural setting	love how the setting is made up for the village, wineries, orchards, vineyards are all mixed with residential houses. Lets not forget the beaches.
rural character/large properties	Bis change from living in west vancouver for half the year/
Rural character	
rural character/large properties	I love being part of the community but having privacy on our own property
Rural character	Not the hustle bustle of the big city. Neighbours talking to each other. And helping when in need.
Rural, agricultural aspect of the area	Growing food and eating local are vital for optimal health and wellness. Food growing areas are green, quiet and spacious. Before the packing house closed, the village used to smell like fresh apples in September. A very special environment.
rural nature. Excellent walking roads and trails. Good access to lake.	
Rural area with larger properties	
Rural character	Agriculture established the community at this site. The farmers and their operations here are the backbone of the commercial enterprise of this portion of Rural E. The character is a result of this activity, also now supplemented by the wineries that support the increasing shift to vineyards from orchards. This activity, plus the light population density, comprise rural character.
Multiple parks and rural feel with no sidewalks or extensive street lighting	
Rural or country feel to our area.	27 plus years ago I moved to this area for the country feeling. Peacefully quiet. Access to the wilderness.
Rural large properties	
Rural properties,,large properties	Country style living
rural character/large properties	
I love that we are a small rural town.	We have this beautiful rustic charm about us (please be careful not to let this go)

rural character/large properties	
Rural Living	Rural living offers less of a stressful life and away from traffic jams and too much density!
rural charcter	
Rural agricultural character	Not many places left where you can find small town living and protected agriculture
rural aspect, peace and quiet, knowing neibours, the outdoors	there are less and less places that havent been destroyed by development. I moved here from Kelowna (born and raised) after Kelowna was destroyed by development. i spend most of my free time in the hills behind Naramata. The area is rich in mountain bike and motorbike trails that I have helped develope. I enjoy hiking, hunting,snowmobiling 4x4ing etc.. Even these activities are being restricted because of bitchy hikers claiming their rights are more important than others . The hills are for EVERYONE to enjoy.
Rural properties	
green space parks and wild spaces	walking quadding / ATV skiing
Rural character	
Rural community	Low population, large properties, not over developed. .
rural character/large properties	Rural is why we moved here, not to be in a built up mess !
rural character/large properties	love the orchards and vineyards, and the space between neighbours; what is missing is a sidewalk down Robinson into the Village so pedestrians have a place to stroll and parking can be more clearly identified.
Wide Open Spaces	We are nearing retirement now and want out of the “rat race” of city living and constant traffic congestion. We love the fact that Naramata has a rural feel and that there is not a cluster of houses sitting on top of each other. Open spaces means more trees, more wild life and community with nature. Less traffic, cleaner air and a healthier lifestyle is what we seek.
Rural living and picturesque back drop.	Being able to go for a walk through the many small streets while admiring cherry blossoms or well laid out vineyards with breath taking lake and mountain views.
the view of the lake / rural feel	
rural character/large properties	
rural character/large propertie	
Rural character	
Rural Character / Large Properties	This a huge part of the charm of Naramata. The space, the rural feeling, the smaller population are all big draws for me. I would not be interested in moving to a community with the typically large family subdivisions. Naramata would lose its loveliness if the typically large family subdivisions were permitted. People who want that should look to a community like Kelowna.
Rural. No subdivisiond	Quiet. Open spaces. Low traffic.
Our rural character	No traffic lights, few big trucks, mostly quiet, no large industry

rural character/large properties	physical beauty, the large trees, space for kids and family to be outside
rural character and small town vibe	The quiet and r. ural nature are very calming. the absence of a through road to the north to Kelowna is a key feature of the quiet nature.
rural character/large properties	Not so densely populated
Rural small community, large properties	Like being away from commerce and business of larger town. Enjoy slower quite pace
Rural lake character	
Rural	Rural means safe and friendly. Neighbours care about each other.
Rural character	Born and raised and where I want to raise my kids.
The rural feeling.	
Rural character	Especially with our current concerns about food security, I am so grateful for the chance to live alongside farmers who run small and sustainable operations. Having truly local farmers markets benefits us all. The larger yards/properties of many homes here also affords wonderful privacy, and I appreciate the endless variety of building styles and colours in the homes. Being semi-rural really connects us all to the land that provides for and sustains us.
Rural character	
Green space,	peace and relaxing
The rural character of the area.	The orchards, wineries and large properties.
Rural community living style (quiet, laid-back, fresh air),but good access to city amenities in Penticton.	
Rural character	Like the agricultural aspect , orchards vineyards , hobby farms
Rural	I love the mix of orchards, wineries, and local gardeners.
rural character	
The rural feel	I loved that the village felt open and not crowded with fields of orchards or grapes growing.
Rural character	
Rural character / large properties yet sophisticated with wineries and restaurants	You can relax but not feel far from civilization. People are very special, friendly and community oriented
Rural character	Few houses close together
Rural character	
rural character	it is a very peaceful place
rustic charm	
There are no sidewalks!	Part of our rural charm.

Roads and trails with cattle guards	It's old BC
Trees lined streets with no sidewalks, multiple water access, salmon run, quite all the time, not much traffic in the village	feels cozy and safe. its relaxing and feels like a retreat
school	
Elementary school	
having an elementary school	
Naramata School and day care	Absolute necessity for a keeping young families in the community
school	keep the school open at all costs!
having an elementary school	
Naramata School	I feel very fortunate that my children attended Naramata Elementary School, as did their father. Just like living in a small village, going to a village school is special. My husband and my children made life-long friends and deep bonds with their Naramata school friends.
Allows opportunities for community cohesiveness. I wish the school went to Gr. 7 though, it would be nice to keep the leadership of the older kids two more years.	
Our school	Our school is a cornerstone, an important start for local children. It is crucial it continue.
Having an elementary school	We are a young family and the school is crucial to our family and believe the school is actually the heartbeat of the village
having an elementary school	Keeping kids schooled in a small rural village instills rural and caring life styles
Seeing 95 kids doing yoga on the school field	
Having an elementary school	Without access to a school here with young kids we would have to consider moving as the bus would be quite long.
Elementary school	I don't have school age children any more, but mine went to the school and it was a great place for children . Lovely rural simple small community school
Naramata school	Where we educate our little ones
There is an elementary school	
Having an elementary school	Naramata is a community of a size where you can really know a lot of people. Parents and children all know each other, so for them to all be able to attend the same school within the community further strengthens that concept, allowing the community to be much more involved with their children's education. The special involvement of parents in a small community like this really adds to the educational experience for kids.

I love our amazing elementary school	I was a Naramata Elementary student from 1992-1997 and now my own son is at the school. We have wonderful teachers and an amazing PAC. Not to mention the recreational benefits of having the school gym for community groups.
having an elementary school	provides incentive for young families to locate here. Adds life to the community.
Naramata school	I have children
having an elementary school	
Elementary school/daycare	
Naramata Elementary School	Our 2 children are just entering the school system and Naramata Elementary has a great group of teachers and is very well situated with the pickle ball courts and basketball court.
having a elementary school	
Having the school and recreational activities here	School is an important community anchor and provides for local families Tennis and pickleball courts
Having an elementary school	Keeps young families in the area
The public school may have a smaller enrolment, but is a tremendous asset for the maintenance of family life and opportunity.	
Our daughter went to the Naramata elementary school, mostly by bus (no seat belts, unreal).	
Elementary school	A village without a school loses community. The school is the heart of the village for families
Elementary school	Not only appreciate having our own local elementary school, the Region has upgraded the tennis court and added a pickle ball court.
Naramata School	
Elementary School	heart centre of the town and the community
Having an elementary school.	Encourages family's to the area.
having a school	Young people are important to any community. a school encourages young families to move and stay in Naramata. To many old people is not good , need all ages.
Elementary school	
Church and school	Provides cohesion for Katherine community
Elementary scholl	Encourages a mix of ages in the community. Supports local workers
Elementary school	Allows for families to live year round in the town
The elementary school	It keeps our local kids all together and allows them to grow up with an extended family - something that is forgotten outside of Naramata

Having an Elementary School	Having an Elementary School brings a youthful vibrancy to our neighbourhood that nothing else can bring. It allows for a place for the community to come together, work together, and play together. Just wish it went K-7 instead of kids leaving after grade 5.
elementary school	Encourages community, lets the kids and parents know their neighbours. The school acts as a hub for the neighbourhood
The elementary school	Because it is the life blood and the future of our communitiy
Elementary School	
Elementary school	Kids bring a softness and energy to the community. Generations of citizens have attended the school and now their kids or grandkids go.
elementary school	So important to have an elementary school in our community
School	It is very convenient to have our local elementary school.
Elementary school	It's important to have young children in the community.
Elementary School	Not only convenient but encouraging for new younger families to live and stay
Having an elementary school locally.	
Having an elementary school	For our community to grow we need young families. A school provides that
naramata school	
Elementary school	
Having a local elementary school	Smaller elementary school with lower class numbers means better one on one attention from educators.
School	It is great to have a school in the community for our younger residents to go to.
Preschool/daycare	We would have to drive 2 hours per day to Penticton and back twice if this wasn't available.
Having an elementary school	
having an elementary school	Education of children is the most important thing we all have to allow for in our society after food and shelter. But it implies some of the other items such as the diversity of young and old in the community, and indeed the spirit of the community itself. Those items follow.
School	I like the school here in Naramata, it's small which gives the students a little more time with the teachers if needed. I always have to rave about the teachers and my son's EA. Great school!!
Has a school.	We are a young couple recently just moved here and we chose to buy close to the village so when we have children they can walk to a good school.
We still have a open school or children with smaller groups	In order to keep Naramata a live, we have to keep promoting young families to move in

The school size	Both my kids went to school here and it was wonderful with great teachers and memories. It's a perfect place For children to learn and feel accepted
Elementary school	It keeps families living in the area
Having a school in the village.	Having a school brings in young families and it is good to have a mix of ages in the village.
Preschool/Daycare centre	An important introduction to school for our little people and vital for working parents.
Having an elementary school.	It was one of the draws for us when we were choosing a safe community to raise our kids.
Elementary school	Great convenience for young people in the community and their children
elementary school	we have a young family and having a school close by is important to us
that there are multiple generations and an elementary school	
That we have a school	The sound of children on our streets.
small business/no chains	
the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	
absence of chain stores	not necessary
We are unique and having no chain stores, adds to their uniqueness	
I like that the drive to Naramata does not have any commercial businesses	As soon as I start driving on Naramata Rd, I feel like I am immersed in nature and agriculture - vineyards, orchards, fresh produce. It needs to stay that way all along the bench and in the village
the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	
I like it that there are no gas stations in Naramata and that it does not have a commercial feel to it.	Gas stations make a municipality seem more commercial. As do commercial businesses. Naramata is a rural agricultural place, and it needs to stay that way. Enjoying the lake is a huge part of living in and visiting Naramata.
absence of commercial chains	Naramata has stayed small and intimate over the years and that has created a strong family community that is unlike anywhere else. We are protective of the village, the land and each other. It has a charm that is unmatched and supports local businesses.
Charming small, local shops (NO CHAIN retailers. ie Starbucks and Tim Hortons)	
The serenity - no big box stores and large commercial base means less people NEEDING to come to Naramata	Naramata as a community is tight knit...we don't want the big city mentality to become part of our slower way of life

the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	
Absence of big box commercial stores & industry	
the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	Keeps the village unique
Absences of commercial stores and high density living spaces.	I love living in a quiet village and the reason why I moved here. We need to grow slowly and with environmental impact in mind. Like water usage in mind.
The absence of chain properties	
absence of commercial stores and estaerants	
The NON commercial nature of the town	
Absense of commerical chain stores	keeps things hyper local in Naramata which is a very quaint charm that cannot ever be repaired once its lost.
Very few retail businesses and no business "chain " shops	
Absence of commercial chains.	Love the small, entrepreneurial spirit if restaurants, wineries, retail.
The absence of commercial chains	
Absence of commercial stores	
Absence of commercial chains	One of the precious things about Naramata is the total lack of franchises. This totally supports and enhances the unspoiled and quaint feel of the place. Individuals that own and run our businesses are far more engaged in the community, and share local values, far more than a remote owner who only cares about making money.
Supporting locally owned businesses	
the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	This makes us unique, and different.
Absence of commercial chains	
Lack of chain stores	Unique shopping and dining experiences
No big stores/ chains/ parking lots and traffic.	I like that now of the hassle of large stores and crowds
absence of commercial chains	
Village of Naramata having a few local business', not too commercialized	Most of the local business' are owned by locals, nice to support them!
No commercial chain stores/restaurants	Like the unique character for the town
prevalence of home-based businesses, including artists.	

absence of commercial chains	allows the true Naramata culture to emerge and discourages the 'sameness' that has ruined so many towns and cities. It also promotes local and unique/master entrepreneurs (Ned Bell)(Linen Shop)(Wineries)(General Store)
the absence of commercial chains	Favor local merchants or artists instead of big rich companies - contributes to the community spirit
Absence of commercial chains	
No Gas Station	Not sure why I like this because sometimes it's a little stressful wondering if you're going to make it to town on fumes...lol - however, it's one of the many things that makes Naramata unique. Also, sometime in the future we won't have to environmentally re-claim a property once gas stations become obsolete. That's already been done with the old gas station in the Village:)
No gas station	This maintains the rural feel of the village
Absence of commercial chains.	Leaves room for sm buisness ,that are tourism related
absence of commercial chains	a real small town/ community feel
absence of commercial chains and development	great little owner/operator businesses-----ie Half Baked, Grape Leaf, Real thing Pizza, Naramata General Store, Naramata Pub
Absence of commercial chains	
the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	This makes life quiet. It pretty much forces to keep your life simple!
No commercial chains, etc.	Great to have the Naramata Store, although prices are higher for some items ... a trade-off for convenience. Ultimately, development would perhaps bring more competition, but I would not like to see the village becoming more commercial.
No big stores	Having small stores that fit the character of our Village and area enhances the feeling of the Village. It would ruin our Village's character to have a large store, a mini-mall or a mall.
Tge lack of commercial chains stores	Self evident
Small Family Run Businesses / No Chain Stores	The many small family run businesses enhances and promotes Naramata's sense of community and community spirit. Small family run businesses means more money stays in our community. So much nice to have unique places to shop and eat rather than what's available on the side of a highway or in every other town.
Absence of big chain stores	The non existent chains keeps our community within the current agricultural culture that is vital to Naramata
Absence of commercial chains	It promotes unique entrepreneurs like Naramata Inn, Linen Shop etc.
no box stores/chains restaurants or stores	
The absence of commercial chains (stores and restaurants)	I want to live in a small village community that supports locally owned businesses. A village does not need these things - if people want big chain stores and restaurants they are available in Penticton.

absence of chain stores	There are enough of those stores in Penticton and larger urban areas. Private stores offer unique merchandise and gives entrepreneurs opportunities
Absence of big chains	
The quaint shops.	Absolutely love the little coffee shop, the surf shop, the clothing boutique - a bit more of this would be nice to see. The small, boutique village feel similar to Sausalito, CA.
Absence of a retail sector except for the General store and a few local vendors.	This sustains the rural character.
The absence of commercial chains	The village is a refuge from all the commercial chains. Imagine what a Tim Hortons would do to the character of the village centre. It really gives Naramata a unique character and it feels good to go for a walk in the village.
the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	This absence of commercial, enforces reason 1 above, and is to be protected against.
the absence of commercial stores/restaurants	There will be less people coming and going giving us a quiet atmosphere .
Absence of chain stores	It makes the area unique
Absence of commercial chains	
the absence of commercial chains (stores, restaurants)	Enjoy the small stores, the wineries. Nice not to have the business of town.

small footprint/proximity

The ability to leave my car at home.	It is possible to walk or cycle to destinations throughout the village safely.
There's every that you'd need on your doorstep.	Penticton has everything that you could need.
Every thing is close	Nice
Small town living but close to necessities	

small town/population

Small community	Naramata has most of what we need; library, general store, farm gate foods but still isn't overwhelmed by subdivisions.
*small town feel	I love seeing all the small character houses in the area with larger lots. It adds charm, and everyone who visits here loves the small town feel.
The smaller size is a key component for our family.	We love that Naramata is not over built (at least at this point) and a big part of the charm is that there are not homes and condos everywhere.
Small compact commercial core	

Everyone knows everyone.

This is mostly good and sometimes "too much" but it's a positive in that when you know people - you see them as full humans, you know they have families, their kids go to school with your own. When they have differing perspectives, the existing connection and knowledge you'll see them again and again is motivation to take the time to understand them and remember that people's views and opinions are only one facet of who they are.

small town feel

Size of community.

Small town feel

That the community is small

Because i like living in a small community where i know nearly everybody and everywhere isn't too crowded or far away

I like the size of Naramata - population

With population growth, comes change for a small community. I don't want the population to grow much at all.

Small enough that you know people

small community

Small town feel

Coming from a big city, living here is more relaxing for retirement.

Small town vibe

Size and charm

small population

small village main st.

Small main street with unique stores and restaurants. The general store is key, offering a little bit of everything. It's also been fun to have Naramata Inn and Neverland Tea join recently. The Grape Leaf has been a wonderful staple and hopefully they stay! And thank goodness Ashley opened Just Baked, such a great and much needed spot. Also love Ileen's SUP shop. She has a great collection of merchandise and guests always find something they have to have.

It's small

The small size of the village

The small size of the area brings our community together

small town

quiet and friendly, less crime - usually

Village life, village people and village size

Proportional size of village to population so density is okay. The people know each other and lots of community spirit.

The laid back small town atmosphere.

I enjoy the relaxed quiet atmosphere.

Small village vibe

Small village

small community

people look out for each other, there is more interaction and communication than in urban dense communities where people become disconnected to their neighbours

Size

Small communities have character

small community	I like knowing my neighbours and having a close-knit community that supports one another
Small Community feel	Community cares
Small community feel, laid back, no big stores	I have never liked big city so Naramata is perfect
Small town / village feeling	The small quaint feel of the village and that you can know everyone here, and the friendly feel of a small village
Small town feel and friendly atmosphere.	I like to know my son can go for a bike ride to friends and feel safe he is in good hands as the community is tight knit. I can go for a walk and bump in to local's that I have known for many years to have a chat. This feeling is quickly leaving. New large influx of people wanting to have a piece of "Naramata Slow" is not helping. Air B and B's and over priced homes are drawing the wrong type of people.
Small town charm	
Small with variety	I like the variety of activities, people, hikes, lake entrances, stunning views
The small population	I love living in a village where I know and like many people. When I am out for a walk, I usually run into friends and neighbours who also value this special area which we call home. My children have gone to school with their children; we have worked on boards together; we have taken dance and exercise classes together; we go to the beach and swim together; we celebrate together and grieve together.
Small town character	
Like the small town feel	Not to many rich mega homes. The community would lose its character if it has to many fancy homes
The small village feeling, locally owned and run businesses	Full time residents can work and live in the area
Small community	Citaslow, community uniqueness in a beautiful setting
small town feel	no big box retailers, you know your neighbour, quaint village
the village vibe / people as well as size of community	
Small closely knit communi	Feel supported and cared for by the local community members
Small village feel	Unique stores , motels and services(church, centre and parks
Small town feel	
Charming village feel	small town; know your neighbours; community spirit; variety of residents
Small town	Safely, friendly,
Small town where people look out for each other	
small town	peaceful way of life. Minimal traffic
small town feeling	sense of community, knowing your neighbours

small town feel	
The small size of the community and that it is a tight knit community	I love coming to Naramata to relax.
Small population	Beaches
Small town community spirit	I like that there are local businesses run by local people, and not chain stores / restaurants. And people know each other, and support local businesses.
A manageable size	Can get to know people, traffic is not crazy, public facilities are not overrun.
The vibe, energy of a smaller community.	It's close to a bigger centre but far enough away to feel like a small community.
small town feel of the area. No highrises and high density developments	As such the new townhouse thing being built by the train dock is the start of the destruction of this village as we know it!! Look at the prices of these things!! Who will this attract? Millionaires from Alberta that will use it for a few weeks in the summer and then sit empty or be rented!!
Small town feel	I can walk around the village on the streets and feel relatively safe, I know lots of people when I'm out walking around, things like Christmas and Halloween are done very well, good elementary school with kids walking to and from
I love the small town feel	The community store - the small stores - the streets that have history
small town feel	

some development/growth

Supports new housing	as opposed to the City of Penticton who are adverse to development, Naramata has permitted three residential subdivisions in the last few years.
allow larger lots to be developed	the RDOS has permitted lots to be created in size from about 1/4 ac to 5 acres, which is what a growing segment of the population is looking for so that they can create their own sustainable living environment.
Forward thinking development	I think that local opinions on development in the community is highly valued and encouraged.
Some development.	It's nice to see some development happening, especially down on the big plot of land behind the Naramata Store. Also nice that the Naramata store is getting an upgrade.

special events

Summer amps at manitou	Especially sailing
Easter egg drop (it's been while...	... but we loved it!)
Remembrance Day ceremony	
May Day celebrations	

status quo

Naramata

Cause it's changing and that's inevitable but sad

the ability to contribute to the community

the ability to contribute to the community and effect positive change

In Vancouver (where we come from), you can do lots of good and make an impact but when you bring that same spirit to a very small community you can actually, see and feel the impact - for better (and sometimes worse!)

the people/neighbors

The people

doesn't matter who you are, what you have or don't have or where you have come from. We all come together to watch the kids dance the may-pole

Meeting the locals/neighbors

Most people in the Village center are happy to greet one another in passing and often leads to conversations and connections. We are always meeting new neighbors and expanding our social circle with like-minded locals.

That I can go to my neighbour and purchase ea dozen eggs and have a chat

Continues to speak to keeping our village small and rural in nature

neighbourly feel

very soon after arriving in Naramata in 2019, we felt welcomed by our neighbours

People are friendly.

Everyone says hello to each other on the street and talks to people even if they do not know them.

my neighbours

great people

friendly neighbours

being able to know your neighbours

While walking/biking/driving you almost always see someone you know. If ever in trouble, people in this community will stop/help in anyway they can. Kids can roam around and know that others will help keep an eye out.

The people

worth mentioning again

Closeness of neighbours in the Village

Able to connect with people easily by just being in your front yard, someone is going to walk by and engage in a conversation. These same people are great support systems for single people, like myself, during covid.

I like my neighbors

I like my neighbours

neighbours

The people

Most of the people I have met in the community care for each other. Our daughter lives in Naramata full time and loves it and the people she has met.

train dock

Train Dock

It's my favourite place to go swimming hut the slivers are terrible

unique country roads

country roads

The two roads that come to mind are Old Main Road heading to the lake from Naramata Rd. and the Gultch Rd. They're both so beautiful to drive/ bike/ walk on with the old apple orchard on the Gultch and the Vinyard now growing on old main. They both have the beautiful clay cliffs towering above. I strongly belive these types of access points should be maintained to help keep the overall small town Naramata feel.

The cleanliness and sense of pride residents have to keep it this way

Residents keep naramata clean and ensure the message gets to those who are just visiting - the pride of living in the community helps to police certain groups or individuals that are visiting

utilities/services

Well serviced
garbage/recycling/compost

I am happy with the recycling options and the reliability and dependability of the garbage/recycling schedule.

Good garbage collection

Recycling pick up

Makes it easier to recycle than constantly bringing to town

Generally good support services -
garbage collection, snow-plowing.

Reliable and excellent quality regional
district services.

It is important to me that we have good drinking water and I enjoy how regular and efficient the garbage and recycle program is.

variety of styles and shapes and colors of houses

Variety of styles and shapes and colors
of houses

Makes the village interesting and a pleasure to walk around.

view/scenery

The view

Changes everyday

The sagebrush view on N Naramata -
free of people and dogs disturbing
wildlife

Who wouldn't love hearing a meadowlark or sniffing the sagebrush breezes --- we like cattle guard roads too.

Scenery

The view over the lake

Scenic

Beautiful views

Views of wineries and lake

It never gets old

beautiful views , small town community	Because the citys are turning into cesspools of drug addicts
Views and access to KVR	
Unimpeded views of the lake	Few tall buildings (eg. > 2 stories) to obscure lake views
Scenic Aspects and Aesthetics	The outstanding views of the lake, orchards, and vineyards are relaxing and add significantly to quality of life in the area.
The scenery	
the views	it is relaxing or calming
Lovely views	Lake views, orchard views, vineyard views
The views	
the view	I like looking at bodies of water
classic okanagan view -- lake, mountains	It is beautiful
Views	Because our buildings are no more than two stories tall and we have stunning agricultural topography, our views are stunning. It feels peaceful and inspiring to look out on our views.
views	beauty
Scenery	
Lake views and public access points to water	
I love our beautiful views or the lake and mountains	
Setting sun night sky	
The scenery	We live in such a beautiful setting.
The views	Beautiful lake and vineyards
The views	
View	Exceptional. Would ant it protected from tall development in keeping with the rural character

village/downtown

Rural character but close to the village centre.	We live on Boothe Rd and love that we have a nice piece of small property but are 5 minute waling distance to the village.
Our "quaint" village.	I love our "downtown" core, especially "Just Baked" and "Shades of Linen".
Physical beauty of village and lake together with an unhurried atmosphere	Away from traffic and urban pollution

Residents for the most part are engaged in making the village better- whatever that means.	Allows for change that is consistent with what Naramata is without ruining its charm and special qualities
Life in a village setting but close to a larger centre with a wide range of service such as doctors, shopping, hospital, etc	
Village community closeness	
village	
energy	
The fact that we call it a village	evokes the charm and character of a smaller town
meeting people as they walk in the village	
The village itself.	I like that the houses, stores and the Inn all exist together. I like that there are a couple of beaches.
Village	
quaint village	gives a homey feel
Compact Village	I like being able to walk around the village, and from houses to the lake.
The Townsite	Quaint village character, with heritage features, waterfront parks, attractive residential area, walkable
The village	So quaint with nice small businesses that everyone supports and enjoys
Village community	
Village core	Our village is walkable and friendly. Our small "downtown" is gradually expanding with unique businesses.
Defined 'Main Street'	I like the fact that the 100-200 block of Robinson feels like a village centre, especially when community events take place like Canada Day and Christmas Fairs. It brings residents together and enhances our community spirit.
Charm of the village, which is also rapidly disappearing	Funky store (soon to be gone) funky coffee shops (one now a high tea room, sheesh now tourist trap), liked going for drinks at the Inn before it turned too expensive to bother with. More tourist trap
The village atmosphere	Pleasant quiet streets to walk around
Village	Close to amenities
Village atmosphere	Not everyone has to live on farm land to enjoy the area
village activities	
Proud to belong to a small, beautiful village	
The village feel.	I like things focused as a small community, though I am on-board for gradual small business expansion when infrastructure supports it before it is in the building phase.

vineyards and orchards

Wineries and orchards

Fruit & wine - love them

Fruit trees

I love the food security and the absolute stunning scene we get in the spring, summer and fall. It is going to be so sad when there are no blossoms on the bench. What a loss of food that could take care of our community in favour of vineyard monoculture ego projects.

The vineyards

They look beautiful and I love the wineries and the whole industry built around them.

Markets and vineyards.

We moved to the bench to participate in the wine industry and continue to do so. There is a general camaraderie among those in the industry and we love to visit with them, enjoy tastings, etc. Similarly, the existence of farm and other markets contributes to quality of life.

A few orchards with tree fruit remain!

Orchards are essential to food security in BC and part of the historic al culture of the valley. They should be celebrated and encouraged financially as part of the ongoing fabric of the land

Orchards and farms

The abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables and local wine.

I enjoy the sight of the orchards and vineyards throughout the spring, summer and fall. I enjoy going to them to purchase and consume the fresh products offered for sale. I also like the many jams, sauces and preserves made by the local entrepreneurs.

integration of vineyards with housing

beauty and functional rural environment

Orchards

Orchards

Orchards preserve the old feel of an agricultural sustainable community. Beautiful blossoms, trees, and fruit bring in visitors and provide them with inspiration for a more sustainable lifestyle.

Vineyards and orchards

The agricultural environment of Naramata is so beautiful and it makes living in Naramata really feel like country living.

Orchards

vineyards and wineries

the environmental beauty that the rolling hills/vinyards provides is second to none. The economic benefit that wineries provide is essential to the area

Vineyards

It creates the uniqueness of the area

Vineyards

Great wineries

Our vineyard and 2nd home

Additional income

Orchards!!! Please STOP ripping them out for lifestyle non-food vineyards

We can eat fruit from orchards . Not everyone loves on wine diet

Living amongst vineyards and orchards

Orchards and their fruits

Fresh produce direct from the orchards

The vineyards

Vineyard

The wineyards

Vineyards

I have an interest in all things wine

walkability

Walkable village, not too much traffic

Seeing people on the street

Walkability

walkability

Ability to walk dogs on the street.

We like to walk our dogs and the fact that there is not a lot of traffic makes it easier to walk them on the road which in turn makes for an easier walk as the village is fairly flat and there is no side walks to walk them on.

No Sidewalks

The lack of sidewalks reminds me that I am away from urban centres and makes walking the streets and lanes more interesting.

It is topographically flat and is fun to bike/walk around with children

rural nature of roads and walkways

Walkable townsite

Nice to have a walkable area - not just hills

Village "walkability"

The streets and lanes are very peaceful and easy to walk, allowing people to be present in the village.

Walking areas especially around the village and along the lake.

Exercise
Enjoy the views and natural environment
Changes in the seasons

Walkable exercise

Exercise

wineries nearby within walking distance

Like that when I walk I know and can talk to my neighbours.

Having a lot of transplants who are not here to integrate into our community without changing it. Purchasing property for investment and or turning it into B and B is not in our best interest to maintain the small village feel.

Walkability and flat spaces for cycling

With younger grandchildren about, the village allows us to walk and cycle safely.

That there are separate areas for hiking/walking, mountain biking and dirtbiking/quadding.

Quiet roads to walk along

Walkability.

That me and my children feel safe and free to walk, bike and roam around.

Being in walking distance to village centre	I love having a local branch of the library, cafes, and coffee shops a world-class restaurant all within walking distance of my house.
walkability	
Walking areas	
walkability	The streets in Naramata are smaller, there is less traffic, and people who do drive typically drive slower. This, coupled with the proximity of beaches/businesses means that walking around the village and its surrounding streets feels safe and comfortable.
Can walk to everything	Can walk to library, general store, post office, OAP, Naramata centre, beach, bridge, pickleball, tennis
great area to walk	very little traffic and a quite scenic walking area with friendly people and little crime
walking/hiking	
Seeing other residents on the street, walkability	Like seeing other residents on the street
Access to hiking and biking	World class trails right in our back yard - three blind mice, road biking
KVR and the Mice for hiking and walking so close by	
Non-motorized access to the village and beyond.	I like walking, running, and biking around, and the less cars there are around, the easier it is to enjoy these activities. The KVR is great, and the network of trails above naramata are also an awesome place to explore and have fun!
hiking	KVR and more trails
Access to play, pickleball, tennis, basket ball, swimming, arts and walking everywhere	I like having the opportunity to access all activity available in our community.
safe place to go for walks	the type of community that Naramata is
Hiking, snowshoeing & swimming	Outdoor activities right outside my door
walking/hiking	quiet area easy access
Hiking trails	
walking routes	
water system	
Great water	After the water treatment plant came on line, water quality improved where I think it is as good as any water around.
Community located and operated water supply.	
Important I've aster system	Clean water for drinking and household use.

wildlife

Wildlife corridors

There as still some less disturbed more natural corridors from the hillsides to the lake. Those corridors allow for small amounts of ecological stability in an environment becoming ever more sterile, and less stable.

Wildlife

We regularly have mountain sheep, deer and coyotes in our neighbourhood. Not so regular, are visits form bears and cougars. It is wonderful to be sharing our land with these original inhabitants.

Wildlife

I enjoy being able to observe our local wildlife. For instance, there is nothing more enjoyable than the sound of owls at dusk and dawn. Or watching a bear in your backyard!

Wildlife

Deer and bear

wildlife

I love our peacocks, bears, elk, owls, eagles, coyotes and all the other types of amazing wildlife around us!

All the different wildlife

it is wonderful to be at your residence and be visited by deer, bears, coyote etc and all the beautiful birds

Thé wildlife

Meadowlark Festival

Wildlife

There is still an opportunity to see many different species of wildlife. Bear, Deer, Bobcat, Snakes, Insects, and so many Birds. We have also seen a moose, a grizzly, a cougar (several times), bighorn sheep, racoons, elk, and a host of smaller rodents etc.

The abundance of wildlife

Development has not pushed the wildlife away.

wineries

Wineries and vineyards

Adds to the beauty and gives a very special characteristic to the region.

The vast selection of wineries in the area.

Wine

do I need to explain?

Wineries

The wineries and now the inn are great to have but also make the place economically viable

Wineries

Wineries

Enjoy their independence

Wineries

An extension of our agricultural community, wineries are providing jobs and unique experiences for locals and tourists alike.

Wineries

Penticton and Naramata are the gateways to vineyards and wineries and has a lot to offer in the way of wines, food, scenery and shops) and has become quite the destination for tourists from around the world! What stands out for me is that Naramata is small but what the residents all seem to have in common here is the love for the place they live in!

vineyards and wineries	proud to live in a place famous for its wine (we grow some grapes as well)
Bustling Wine Industry	
Wineries	
Access to wineries	
Vineyards and wineries nearby	The ability to buy and support local agriculture
Wineries	They generate tourism
Wine culture	
wineries walking distance	
Wineries	
Proximity to wineries	
The wineries	I mean.... Who doesn't like wine!!?
Access to wineries and excellent food	
wine tasting	fun
All the wineries!!!!	
Wineries and local fruit and veg	
The wine industry and orchards on the Bench.	It helps to feed the economy of the area and brings in other businesses.
Wine country and wine clubs	Opportunity to socialize with like minded folks.
Wine culture	Vineyards, wineries, wine clubs
wineries!	nice options for visiting family and friends in the area to visit wineries makes living in naramata feel a bit more special then say living in lumby
Wine clubs	I love the idea of being able to participate in one of the five amateur wine clubs where professional wine makers share their vast knowledge and experience. Lots of social activities and new friends have come about.
Wineries	
vineyards and wineries	The vineyards and wineries are a resource that preserves the rural character of the area while bringing in sufficient tourism and financial resources to keep the area vibrant.
Wine	Lots of good wine here!
nearby wineries and cideries	Great for entertaining visitors and family -- something for everyone
Middle of wine country	Beautiful vistas, great driver of economic and tourism growth
Proximity to wineries	
Focus on Wine	The wineries, vineyards and amateur winemaking clubs provide a combined sense of purpose to many in the community
Wineries	There is good options for wine and tasting when hosting non locals it is a great way to keep occupied

work and live in community/opportunity

the ability to live and work in the community

Love and work here

Being fortunate to live and work in our community

Opportunity to make a living

the ability to live and work in th

Enjoy working locally at local wineries.

The people who work in the stores, library etc live in Naramata

It is really enjoyable to be able to go to the library or a store in Naramata and be served by people you know who live in Naramata. You and get what you came for and also have a short friendly chat.

the ability to live and work in the community

Live and work in the community.

We are planning to retire from our main jobs but will be looking to work on one of the wineries for something to do.

Operating my business in the village.

Easy non stressful commute, not polluting , no worry about parking. Love meeting young and older locals and tourists. It has been almost 12 yrs and it is so rewarding to have so many come in each year to say thanks for being here. Love my shop and customers!

The ability to live and work from home

the ability to live and work in the community

The opportunity to work and live in the same community.

able to work in the area

To be able to work and live in Naramata despite the fact that we do not live there full time

Self evident. Best of both worlds

the ability to live and work here

ability to live and work in the community

less travel time and environmental friendly

the ability to live and work in the community.

Work in local winery

Ability to work and live in the area

Self employed,, small buisness

ability to live and work

The ability to live and work here

the ability to live and work in the community.

I work from home online and manage a 5 acre farm here in the community of Naramata, so being able to send my kid to school in the same community is incredibly convenient and allows me to have much greater participation in and oversight of the education of my child.

the ability to live and work in the community

yacht club/marina/boat launch

Boat launch areas

Not only for boats but we have great areas to launch small water craft like kayaks, canoes etc.

The new kayak / paddleboard storage facility near the water.

The boat launch

New boat yard

Easy access to go kayaking

Naramata Yacht Club

we are members and keep our boat in the Marina and it is very convenient

boat launch.

When it is too difficult to launch or bring out a boat at the Indian Rock boat launch, it sure is helpful to be able to use the Naramata launch.

Naramata Yacht Club

While this is an aging facility it's an important part of Naramata in allowing boaters to launch and moor their boats and enjoy the lake.

Naramata Yacht Club

Seriously. We love boating and sailing. Bob, Randy and the team do a great job keeping this facility running for the member and public.

Boat launch and marina

Use it every year

year-round residents

Year-round resistances

We have heard that more local people are moving here so that the village doesn't totally die down in the winters with all of the summer homes.

Dislike

above-ground services

The Over Head Wiring is pretty ugly	Options should be considered to minimize the visibility of utility wiring.
Above ground telephone poles and wires	They are an eyesore
Overhead powerlines	It is a minor gripe, but they are unsightly.

air quality/burning

Homeowners, especially in the village core, burning wood in older, non-catalytic stoves	We are often unable to open our windows in winter , and breathing this carcinogenic smoke as we walk in village sometimes. Bylaw change maybe to require wood burning stoves to be newer efficient models by a certain date
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anti-development sentiment

Common objections to positive development	Seems like a lot of people object to anything new in Naramata. There are many areas where cell phone service is inadequate. Main roads need to be upgraded to handle the upswing in residents and tourists in the area. Improved signage for directions to attractions in the area.
People who don't want any change	Change is inevitable; need to accept it and find the best way to control it
NIMBY's	The extraordinary amount of people opposed to Vinterra is a disgrace. The opposition to this development was well orchestrated, ill informed, and mislead as Vinterra would have little if any effect on the Naramata Bench, which is mostly in Penticton. In a housing crisis, we should ensure any and all development is done with an emphasis to increase density.
anti-development attitude; resistance to growth	A lot of people who already live here, both long term and recent residents, do not want any more development. Its a selfish attitude and prevents community growth. Naramata should grow in a reasonable fashion to create business and job opportunities. Only through proper growth can Naramata sustain a school and bring in amenities that will reduce the reliance on Penticton.
Too much NIMBY-ism (Not in my back yard)	
Resistance to progress	Refusal to get off septic so development can happen in a structured agreed upon way. It's okay to build 2 million dollar condos that will only be vacation homes but not okay to bring in a gas station or a building for local business to operate out of or more restaurant options
Newcomers who want to shut the gate after them	People who know have lived in Naramata for less than 10 years are the most anti- progress
Anti-development attitude	
Nimibism ,	I am here now, now no else can come and enjoy what we have.

unwillingness to accept new people and development

Some of the long term residents are very opposed to new people and ideas for the area. Things must change but they don't want it to

NIMBY attitude

No cell towers
No development (not even dev which may be consistent with the Naramata rural setting)

People stuck in the past

People opposed to change

Conservative attitudes

Protecting their property and possessions. Against change, want the door closed now that they have their spot.

attitude of residents

Residents can be cliquy and insular at times.

I have heard "you're not a real Naramatian unless you have..... lived her for 25 years, or, or, or". It's not a great way to welcome people to a place but remind them they are not a "real" resident.

Us and them.

Attitudes of some people who live in Naramata that newer people are outsiders and don't know anything. Very common. As if they didn't move there themselves at some point.

the arrogance of some

Lack of acceptance of part time residents.

We have happily owned property in Naramata (and paid taxes) for over 12 years. While we are not yet there all year round, we make sure the property is well taken care of. We strongly support the creation of a community group that includes and involves part time residents. In my view, this will increase the sense of community rather than continuing the divisiveness. I get really frustrated about the view that being able to trace your family history in the area makes you a better or more worthy community member. I would also like to point out that some of the long-standing community members appear to have no issue with cashing in on high property values (vs keeping property affordable for families who work in an around the village).

Generational entitlement

Long termers feel they "own" the village and want no growth, no future, no forward thinking movement

bias in favor of developers

unfair planning practices: individual residents are hassled about the smallest project, while big developers are allowed to basically rape the land with impunity.

It endangers our community and makes things difficult for individual landowners

A sense of favouritism when it comes to development decisions and rental property decisions.

to easy on developers

as a prerequisite for new developments, they developer should have to fund and provide for ALL community upgrades according to the increased impact on density of said development. ie how many more people will live there, the developer must pay to upgrade the service capacity for those extra people. Also Developers should be prohibited from ANY involvement in local community plans, this is a blatant conflict of interest.

building character and form/aesthetics

Lack of good design building standards Really ugly Way to big houses being built. That ruin privacy. And are just plain ugly

New modern builds It appears all new builds are being done in a very modern concrete box look in an area I think is far better suited for homes with character

Too much modern architecture and flat top new homes Losing our quirkiness and village character.

Tall building blocking others' sight-lines of lake and view.

Lack of cohesive housing along lakeshore

The new sculpture at manitou park The Manitou hand is such a beautiful sacred piece of art in the entrance of Manitou park, I could not believe it was removed. It has always been a staple for the last 29 years that I can remember. Also that the residents had no say towards that.

Fortis substation on Lower Debeck Ugly - why?

The incredibly ugly and ineffective water catchment holes in kettle ridge. Whoever came up with idea should have to live next door to these eye sores

building height/size in the village

Variance bylaw changes New variance allowances will allow new oversized homes to be built far too close to property lines and will allow for overshadowing of neighboring homes.

Big building being built

That multistory (above two floors) stand alone and townhome developments are being allowed in the village area. This is already destroying the charm and attractiveness of the Village.

Large buildings in the village. The village is for everyone, but allowing such large homes to be built (Anna street) takes away the village charm for everyone else.

*huge homes in the village

Everyone who visits and wants to live in Naramata loves our small, quaint little village. Once an out of town resident owns property, they tear down an existing small home and build a huge home that doesn't fit the character of our community.

Change to development setbacks

We enjoy our yards and space. Most have come here to get away from living on top of each other like in the city

building near wildland interface

Continued building along the urban/wildland interface

The short sighted approach to continued building of residences along the border of our forest lands is a recipe for a wildfire disaster. We need to do more to protect our community from wildfire, not make it more vulnerable by shortsighted development.

camping

Camping on the Forest Service Roads

Some of the reported activities in these camps tend to make local residents feel uncomfortable. Especially, since much work has been done to make the area Fire Smart and raise awareness to the risk of forest fires. It would appear that some of these camps are not taking fire safety into consideration.

RVs and other camping around village that is not in a designated campground; especially RVs in

eyesores, debris, noise, disrespect of community public space

Homeless campers living up Arawana

Fear of their campfires causing larger fires

people sleeping/camping out where they shouldn't be

Every year we find people sleeping/loitering on our property or on the beach. It's trespassing, makes us feel unsafe. They leave garbage and don't have respect for people private property.

Lack of a campground for families in summer.

It would seem that most things in Naramata are geared for well off people now. More inclusivity is needed.

The illegal camp up Arawana

Need proper campsite or accomodation for farm workers. And better policing for crime issues for people who squat in the bushes

Seasonal "camping"

The camping that happens along the lake, and up on Crown land attracts some unsavoury people to our area. Over the years I've had to chase people off my property to keep them from stealing things to burn at their campsite. I've called the police when others were shooting a guy on the street between houses trying to kill quail. There are more and more every year. The garbage left behind and the disrespect that many show is dragging down the reputation of our beautiful spot in the world. Many campers are amazing, but simply by camping in an area that is not set up for it, they create a mess and disturbance.

Encampments on crown land up Arawana.

Although people are allowed to camp on crown land, there have been serious crime related issues associated with these encampments. There are no toilets, no monitoring of the camps, garbage strewn about and fear of fires being started up there.

No public camping

Transient groups living off forestry roads.

Dangerous to the community. There have been cars set on fire and illegal fire pits during fire season. Threats to locals as well.

Seasonal workers/Pickers camping wild in the woods

Increased wild fire risk and garbage issues. Employers of pickers/seasonal workers should be under some obligation to provide accommodation/infrastructure.

Illegal camps in the hills and the crime that goes with them

That there is a camp up Arawana,

All summer we worry that they are going to burn us all down.

Lack of seasonal campsites and accommodation for visitors

Contributes to homelessness and squatters/illegal camping/waste and litter

people camping on Arawana KM#1 year round

they are basically dumping their garbage , feces etc down the gully.they have fires that are constantly unattended it will praobaly result in a forest fire that will destroy the area.

More oversight and security needed of campers and other people who camping or living up Naramata road in the summer. Fire risks need to be better monitored in this area.

cannabis production

A large marijuana growing factory warehouse by residential homes

complainers

locals complaining about traffic

concentration of land ownership

Pieces of land along the waterfront that have been taken over by individuals owning adjacent property.

control of vacation rentals & bed and breakfasts

Not enough recourse for loud air b and bs

Would be better is the landlord needed to live on site to control behaviour

Air BnB noise at 6am (trampoline) and 2am (drunk idiots)

Not enough governance over people who have B and B that are not registered.

Impacts on crowded roads parking and people who may or may not respect our property

Lack of enforcement on vacation properties.

I live next to a rental property and 80 percent of the tenants are respectful and great, but the other 20 percent are here with only their enjoyment of the community on their mind, and often seem to go unchecked. It is genuinely great that the property management people and owners of the homes can make a living on that, but as the person who lives next door and has to live with it, I am left uncompensated in any way.

not enough control for vacation rentals

properties are bought and owners are never here but house is turned into vacation rental. this is not what should happen in a small community, If you live in the house full time, you can run a b&b, but if the owner is not present, no rental should be allowed.

cost of drainage

Concerns about paying for drainage costs

New developments don't have to account for downstream effects of bringing additional household water up the hill leaving the burden in unsuspecting taxpayers.

crime/inadequate policing

Theft from property

Lack of police presence in the summer

This area is beautiful and has many vineyards and wineries. With that comes drinking and obnoxious behaviour and drunk driving

Crime

Crime is starting to increase in the area. There should be patrols and a stronger presence of law enforcement

crime

Crime

crime

Crime

Lately it's been shocking!

absence of RCMP presence

We know we are in a rural community, but we have never seen an RCMP cruiser in the area, and there is an issue with squatters along the beach in the summer

Crime

I don't like things being stolen. And having to lock everything up

CRIME

This bears repeating. When we speak to long term residents, we hear this has been a long term yet ignored issue. The drug route through Chute Lake has been a long standing issue. The recent murders in this area are both disconcerting and unacceptable.

Crime

I have lived here since 1989 and have definitely noticed an increase in crime. Maybe we should have a couple police officers that are full time in our community.

crime

am now fearful in my own home

high numbers of thefts, and this last year, even murders and drug crime in our area

I moved here expecting to feel safe in this wonderful community, but I feel much less safe with all the crime we've seen recently.

crime increasing	
Violent Crime	This is a relatively new occurrence in Naramata and relates primarily to the gang-related murders and shootings that occurred during 2021. Community safety and the operation of drug-related groups on the bench must be addressed.
Not enough Police presence	
crime	the lack of communication from the authorities about several murders last summer was disappointing
Crime	Growing up I felt incredibly safe in naramata. We rarely locked out front door and even car doors and I remember being like 6 years old running around until 10 o'clock outside. Now I don't do anything without locking doors and just feel it isn't as safe as it was in the past.
Crime	Theft is a problem
Concern about drugs and gangs/crime.	Although most of the gang related violence is targeted, it is worrisome for those with young families and the safety of the community.
No resident police	Crime on the rise, and rural properties are vulnerable. Part time residents homes are enticing for thieves when empty.
Crime	
Murders in the community	
Criminal element	Drug related murders,shootings Show there is a dark side to small rural Naramata
Murders!	
Crime	Increasingly a concern with only reactive and little proactive measures
Crime	Why doesn't anyone do anything about the 'chop shops'? We had our trailer stolen a few years ago from our front yard and of course it was never found by police.
crime	
Rising crime	
crime	Jezz i wonder
crime	
crime	
Crime	Recent serious crimes are a concern
slow police response to the community.	RCMP are almost always slow to respond unless it is a gun incident.
Crime	We are now thinking of installing security cameras.
crime	scary
Lack of police presence in Naramata.	People know that there are very few, if any, police officers out this way so speeding and crime are increasing.
No obvious police presence.	Need help with local crime prevention.

Crime	I've been a victim of petty crime as well as many of my neighbours.
Crime	I have been told by residents that there are meth labs above (or on) Arawana Road. I would like to know why this is not monitored by the RCMP or drones and death with. I was shocked, along with the community, that a resident was needlessly murdered by what most residents are assuming was gang related!
Murders and shootings here	Self evident
Lack of police presence	Speeding and impatient drivers along Naramata Road and police take a long time to deal with an issue
RCMP not doing anything to curb crime	gangsters, thieves and drug people have been operating in our community for years and the police do NOTHING to shut them down.
Lack of information from the Police when murderers are roaming about	Lack of recycled glass to get picked up. What century are we in??
Crime	
chop shop/drug lab on Arawana KM#3	this drug lab and their/car theft has been operating here for about 5 years and the police do nothing about it.
Crime here? Never before. More police needed?	
Crime	Too many drug related incidents
crime	
Yes	We have very little police protection
Crime	
The amount of Crime and Drug related activity in Naramata recently	I'm not sure what can be done about this because it is obviously a problem everywhere, but could we not allow squatting on crown land at least or have the house or property owners take some responsibility for who they are renting property to?
Crime	Some strange and scary things have happened here lately. Little unsettling
Homeless/crime	
No police presence	
Crime	
Crime	I don't want to worry about drug dealers in my backyard
Crime	Recent drug and gang related crime is concerning. Rumoured meth camp up Arawana Road with no action by police also rumoured. Number of stolen vehicles throughout the Okanagan concerning. Makes you think twice about parking outside.
Lack of a police presence	
crime	
Drugs overuse	Drug overuse is a health hazard. It is too much accepted in the community. It ruins relationships.

Crime rate	Seems to be a significant low level crime rate in Naramata which I didn't expect.
Crime	Tired of the theft
Crime	
Crime and bylaw enforcement	It seems like there has been a greater criminal element either in or around Naramata with certain individuals known to police to be harboring stolen equipment or being involved in the theft of various items. I don't have the answer for this other to say that the police need to be on top of this and not make it easy for this to continue. We all make choices on who we choose to associate with so choosing not to be involved with individuals who are involved in crime is a start and taking the time to report illicit behavior observed is another. I'm not sure how much follow up there is with Bylaw in Naramata, it does seem fairly weak and complaint driven only. We don't need to be over the top with rules and regulations but I do think its an area we could afford to tighten up on.
cultural change	
People who move here and think they own the place and want to change the Naramata we love	
Farming properties being bought up as backdrops for mega mansions	I know people want to live their quaint farm dreams but it is really frustrating to watch huge mansions pop up on farmland with an owner who thinks they can just "pay a farmer" to farm for them. Meanwhile all the farmers or young people who would like to make a living providing food and food security for their communities can't afford to stay living in Naramata.
Naramata is becoming a place for the wealthy.	Because its a desirable location people and the marketing that has taken place to promote Naramata, it's on a lot of people's radar to move there. This has significantly increased the price of real estate and it has made it very difficult for the younger generation who may want to try and stay in Naramata to do so.
Becoming a second home getaway for people from Vancouver and Calgary	As more homes in Naramata are becoming second homes, there is a loss of community
City folk relocating here and scalping the land to build mega homes.	Ugly. Disrespectful. Arrogant.
Entitled people building with their urban attitudes	New folks are largely not experienced rural dwellers, don't respect quiet, viewsapes, privacy
Changing residential zoning	People come to Naramata and fall in love with the quiet village it is. Now they seem to want to change it to a more modern, busy, higher end community. The small family homes are going away to make room for high priced condo units, which will price locals and potentially new more modest income families out of the village.
People trying to change the community to be like a large municipality	

Change in family friendly	Not affordable for families anymore, just large million dollar homes being built.
Money/profit taking over	We have come here for a way of life. Feel that local developers do not respect that
Becoming like a Whistler.	Focus is on rich tourists and locals needs are becoming secondary. High end expensive items in store/ hotel etc
Mean neighbours	There aren't many but the ones that are judgemental and rude are really awful.
Don't want the village to become just a home for the rich.	Because we will lose the community feeling and school. They won't live here full time with a family, leaving the village with an empty feel for a lot of the year. They're here just for them selves and not the community
I dislike the shifts that allow Vancouver business people to throw money around and have it benefit them or their agenda - it's NOT welcome	Naramata residents all want the same thing - preservation of our community
Naramata is becoming a place for the rich and famous	We are losing the diversity Naramata has always had.
Attitudes of entitlement from new residents	self explanatory
Big city vibe taking over	Not happy with all the new development and change of personnel. Not a fan of how our quaint community is changing. Hard to stop growth but the big city vibe does not need to be here
Busy city atmosphere brought on by out of towers	

densification

Density	Growth and expansion seems to be moving towards high density construction. Community roots have been rural or lower density urban (large lots, acreages) and growth is moving away from that.
new medium/high density	destroys small town charm
Too many new homes being built on small acreage.	It detracts from the feel of the small town/rural community. I am also not sure if the infrastructure is in place to support these homes.
The million dollar townhouses beside the vault	a handful of non permanent residents taking up space that would be better suited for a park or activity.

destruction of wildlife corridors

That there seems to be no provision for wildlife corridors or areas in the overall planning of Naramata.
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Displacement of wildlife and the wildlife corridor due to habitat destruction

Seems to be a trade off of Natural Wealth for Capital Wealth..the trade off is significant

development without infrastructure

Expansion without infrastructure

I am okay with small development expansions, only if the infrastructure supports it first. I live next to Arawana Rd. which is too narrow and unkempt to support much expansion uphill. The road is narrow and windy, and there is no space for pedestrians and cyclist which are common on it. Water restrictions also come into play where as we have restrictions every Summer, but we are adding more homes and people to the shared "well".

difficulty of making a living farming

The ability for farmers to make an adequate living

I believe that its very difficult for the farmers in Naramata to be profitable. There are greater requirements that the farmers are facing, accommodation for the workers, safe food handling practices, a shortage of available work force and increased competition for higher wages in other jobs. This is a real issue and one we have to look at problem solving. Losing our agricultural community would be a definite negative for Naramata and it needs to be supported.

dominance of grapes over food

We are not contributing enough to food security.

Here in Naramata the majority of agriculture land is in grapes. We need incentives and programs that will not only encourage but stipulate that percentages of agricultural land be used for food production.

All the orchards being pulled out to make room for grapes and houses

downtown commercial vacancy

The amount of empty naramata centre buildings downtown

It once brought vibrancy to the community, but since it's closure it is unused space that takes away from a busy downtown. Especially since it is largely unused in the winter

drainage problems

Water run off management insufficient.

Our property was flooded due to lack of proper storm water and winter melt runoff system.

storm drainage

inadequate drainage has led to frequent flooding episodes in village and mitigation attempts have been slow and insufficient for the problem

Poor hillside drainage plan

Before any further development is considered, a drainage plan must be put in place to protect existing homes.

Lack of groundwater mapping and management throughout Naramata and especially in areas of concentrated new development.

poor planning for drainage, inadequate in even short bursts of rain

Culverts exists but water flow eventually is too much for the small pipes and culverts directing water to workman place as an example. Additionally the water once in workman place has no where to go but to cross the street next to KVR crossing.. Owners are unnecessarily being blamed for poor decisions by irresponsible developer, RDOS and MOTI.

Roadway drainage

Water issues and washouts every time it rains in the village

drunk driving near parks

Drunk drivers

The number of incidents of drunk driving near Manitou Park is very disturbing and these are only the incidents I know about. Kids and adults like to walk and bike along the roads there. It's just a matter of time before there's a fatality.

electric power cost/reliability

Electricity being SO EXPENSIVE and unreliable

any talk of alternative electrical sources for Naramata.

Just a dumb thing to do when we have clean, cheap, renewable, available, reliable 24/7 hydro power.

frequent power outages

Seem to happen a lot

our electrical grid should be more stable. having outages 2-3 times per year is too often.

After one such outage, our neighbour's power surge resulted in >20K of damage.

empty houses/seasonal occupancy

Empty homes

Farm workers and other families who want to be able to live in Naramata cannot find a place to live because of people's second homes

vacant homes in the winter

We are left with black spaces where homes could be rented or occupied with people who need a place to live!

Seasonal residents.

Although this sounds unfriendly, what I mean is that so much property is owned as a second home. This means there is less commitment to the community by these people. It also means there could be more crime opportunity with empty houses. Also many of these homes can be vacation rentals and as we all know, those can become party houses.

Decreasing residents seasonally

Empty homes many months of the year

Vagant homes

The number of non-resident homeowners	It seems like many of the homes in Naramata sit empty except for short periods of time during the summer. They don't contribute to our community because they don't live here. Sometimes they don't seem to care much about the residents here.
vacant homes in the winter	
Vacant homes	
vacant homes 10 months of the year.	
vacant homes in the winter	Adds to the housing crisis and labour shortages.
2nd/3rd home owners	Contributes to unavailability in housing and unaffordable housing prices
Vacant houses during off season months. The owners of these houses tend to resist any change or growth in the community even though they do not live here full time.	
Part-time residences	Hard to discourage this but I feel that people who build/purchase property for their summer use only are not truly vested in the community.
Massive houses that remain unoccupied for most of the year	
Vacant homes / second homes	This makes us an entirely seasonal community, which is not necessary. There is lots of things to do in the winter.
Vacant homes	Drives prices up. We need a diverse population.
Yes many summer homes vacant	
Absentee home owners	The bench is increasingly becoming populated with home owners who aren't full time residents, some spending as little as a few weeks a year here. This means they aren't helping to keep businesses alive, or really contributing to the community in meaningful ways.
vacant homes in winter	They invite burglars
absentee landowners	erodes community participation and feeling of belonging and less contribution to community life loss of community spirit
vacant homes in the winter	doesn't contribute to a community
vacant homes in the winter	Naramata is becoming a cottage and retirement community, a growing disconnect between what housing costs and what the younger generation can afford.
Vancant homes in winter and now all year round.	Does not contribute to our community. It also lends itself to crime and lack of rentals for year round.
Vacant homes	
Vacant homes in the winter	
vacant homes in the winter	

vacant homes in the winter

the neighbourhoods become empty - this degrades the community spirit - increases crime rates with properties sitting empty makes it more difficult for locals who work in the area to find a place to live. instead of empty homes they should have to rent the homes out at the very least or pay more taxes to the community

All the empty houses

There has always been a 'summer home' component in Naramata, however the amount of empty houses in the 'off season' is more and more each year. I would guess this is part of the Air B and B effect on our community. I strongly dislike and disagree with allowing the monetization of residential properties. Zoning is created in each community for a reason. A community needs a certain amount of owner occupied residential properties to be sustainable. We should NOT allow a residential property to be 100% used as a commercial enterprise like short term rental.

It's becoming a second home town

Huge empty homes, that people only use 3 weeks of the year

These homes aren't just empty in the winter. but most of the year. not adding anything to the village, except pushing house prices up.

Too many empty houses in the winter

There is a desperate need for affordable housing yet many sit empty for most of the year

vacant homes in winter

excessive heat/climate change

Probably getting too hot at times.

excessive red tape/rules

Too much gov interference

TUP fees are absolutely ridiculous. Demand for summer vacation rentals outstrips supply. New increased TUP fees discourage vacation rentals. This is bad for our tourism industry

The RDOS is requiring short term rental owners to go through extravagant steps to provide housing for summer visitors such as put in a new septic system if no previous septic plans are filed with RDOS.

New septic systems are mandatory even though they are functioning effectively.

Red tape

Building permits should not require so many hoops to jump thru

too much red tape (for development, vacation rentals, home businesses)

Vacation home policy

The process to receive a temporary use license is quite cumbersome compared to other cities that we have experienced (for ex we have a small rental condo in Victoria).

too much red tape (for development, vacation rentals, home businesses)

One of the reasons to like Naramata is the rural ambience and natural setting. Big intrusive government is antithetical to that. Growth needs to be regulated it is sure, but nowhere else more than our governance.

Requirements for subdivision are onerous.

I have been involved multiple times in subdivision applications and each time there are more requirements; some of which are questionable. For example requiring septic evaluations when the lot has an existing and recent septic field and the lot is increasing in size. Changing the requirements after the application has been made.

Red tape at RDOS

Understaffed? Departments don't appear to communicate.

RDOS rules and permit hoops required to jump thru

insane building code

the new building regulations are the definition of insanity. In the name of 'saving the environment' and efficiency - we are required to put ever more plastic vapour barriers and foam insulation into the house construction - these are toxic materials that poison our personal health and leeches into the soil for centuries. Its the definition of hypocrisy, it is counterproductive to what it claims to be, there is nothing efficient or morally righteous about forcing people to live in a giant plastic bag.

too much red tape

too much red tape for development

Too much red tape and cost for short term vacation rentals

The months that it takes to access a possible short term rental permit is too long, time consuming, costly and exhausting. This process needs to be streamlined and made easier for applicants

Red tape for development

too much red tape (for development, vacation rentals, home businesses)

Too much red tape

too much red tape

too much regulation

too much red tape (for development, vacation rentals, home businesses)

The cost burden of the future infrastructure upgrades can be softened by allowing expansion of the farmlands and/or developments.

Ridiculous permitting process for short term vacation rentals

Very high cost. Why is a complete septic study needed? Long process. Too bureaucratic - seems like a make work project.

too much red tape (for development, vacation rentals, home businesses)

Too much red tape

Too much red tape for development

Red tape for development

It's a shame more isn't happening developmental wise. Obviously within reason, and what could physically fit in the community

few/expensive long term rentals

lack of year round affordable rentals

I've known too many people that have had to move despite having good jobs here because there was NO where to live

lack of year round rentals

Year round rentals for families

Lack of affordable rental housing

It's impossible for employees of local businesses to find reasonable year-round accommodation

No reasonable rent locations for working Citizens

No reasonable rent locations for working Citizens I find it unbelievable that there are no places to rent for folks who are working but not able to afford real estate. It would seem sensible for the longevity of this community to have some kind of byelaw whereby if people are renting or doing a VRBO or Airbnb they must also have someone long-term living in the house whether it's the owner or a long-term renter. I believe they do this in Tofino BC. Otherwise we are going to end up with a bunch of empty homes and that will not do anyone any good in the long term. It would be a shame to see the school clothes or to have single folks not be welcome in the community.

foreshore conflict

Lake front home owners harassing people using the lake in front of their houses.

Need to teach lake front home owners the rules of the public fore shore.

high prices/poor service at local businesses

The 'exclusivity' of the Heritage Inn.

Prices are absurd which makes it very uninviting to locals to enjoy for dining or a staycation.

Over priced food/drinks etc at the store

Local business owners who disrespect their neighbours.

We will not support local business owners who feel they are owed our support (with absolutely no value proposition being met for us) and that disrespect our property. This includes use of alleys and right of ways as parking for employees,

The lack of competition for the Naramata Store.

inability to put second dwelling on ALR

Lack of flexibility for a secondary dwelling on single acre parcels of land in the ALR.

We have a 1.2 acre parcel and disappointed that we are unable to build a small secondary dwelling for our parents. Hoping that RDOS will reconsider adding some flexibility into the current guidelines.

inadequate first responder coverage

Long withing time for an ambulance

inadequate marina

Marina too small - not enough storage for boats

The waitlist for slips in the marina is about 15 years right now.

Poor marina	Given the lake focus in the community, the marina needs improvement. No easy boat access to Naramata
Marina upgrades	As a member of the NYC there is no question the marina needs to be dredged to accommodate even an average family boat. Another slip for a loading zone would be nice as would more boat trailer parking.
Not enough docking space for permanent residents in summer.	This may sound like a very "privileged" comment but reality is that many people rent boats in the summer including local residents. For those who own boats, there simply is no space to keep their boats other than hauling in and out each time.
Lack of a better public boat moorage.	Day or overnight spots would attract Pentictonites and others to the Village for sightseeing, lunch etc. Could match up with local wine tours. Would support local economy.
Shallow marina	Our yacht club, marina and boat launch is very important to many in the village. Very hard to use if lake gets at all low.
Marina is not very good	Poorly built and too small. Should have a proper yacht club next to warf park with proper breakwater and visitor slips. Peachland has this, why don't we?
State of marina	I think a destination place like naramata deserves a marina to fit. I don't even have a boat but I think a good marina would clean up the waterfront and would let lake users hop into the village for lunch. Doesn't even have to stay where it is, take it over near the pump house at the wharf or something, right in the village

inadequate transit

poor transit service	Transit didn't work for my wife and I when we were working. It also did not work for our children when they were growing up here. The service is not frequent enough and the last run of the day is way too early. When our children had sports after school (thus not being able to use the school bus) they often missed the last transit bus to Naramata.
Not enough public transportation	It would be great if at sometime there was an ability to not use your car more often.

increased assessed value

Property assessments rising exponentially	the increased taxes are just squeezing the ordinary man and woman out of Naramata.
Ever increasing taxes.	Having just retired 6 months ago we are now faced with a 44% rise in our land value, this we were not prepared for, land value's are out of control and it will force long term citizens to look elsewhere to live as well as our children and grand children.

Increasing crowds

The large number of crowds in the summer. The noise level increases and Naramata Road becomes a race way. It sounds like I'm against tourism. I am not but it feels as if we lose our rural idyll when so many people congregate here.

This is not a dislike but a concern that the flavour of the village may be changing.

increasing crowds on the beaches and on the waterways (Manitou beach for example)

noise/rowdiness/disrespect for others

To busy in summer time

issues with Canada Post

Not getting postal service to door

Don't understand why some areas get more direct service instead of post office boxes at the store

Stupid location for Mail boxes on Sherwood.

Why are there mail boxes on a dead end street with no turn around.

lack of a bridge to Summerland

Should be easier access to highway system

there should be a bridge from Naramata to the other side (Summerland) to cut off the need to go through Penticton

lack of a skate park

no skate park

because a lot of kids like to scooter a skate board

lack of a vibrant town centre

Lack of "downtown" core

Lack of a village centre for people to gather and socialize.

The centre of Naramata is not an inviting place to stop and spend time for locals or visitors.
A large portion of the centre of the village remains totally undeveloped for any purpose.
People come and go from the village store but there is little opportunity for people to meet and socialize.

Lack of a vibrant town centre

Both the social and economic life of the community would be enhanced by having a critical mass of interconnected shops, cafes, perhaps a tasting room/wine shop, outdoor places to sit etc.

lack of access to the KVR/public land

Not enough access to the KVR, have to drive to get there even though it is within walking distance from my house. Neighbours do not allow access through their properties.

I would love to be able to walk to the KVR and not have to drive to get there.

the interruptions to historical public rights of way by development

lack of action on climate change

Climate change

Governing bodies need to put more money and energy into climate change issues.

lack of activities for kids/teens

Lack of indoor space in the winter for kids

No where tot are your kids to play / do sports etc in the cold winter months. The Centre rejected it over pickle ball which they claim was taking up ALL of the available time

Absence of community programs like sports for kids

Lack of organic used sports or activities for kids

Have to go to Penticton to participate in any organized sports or activities for my toddler

Kids activities / programs

It would be great to have some organized kids activities outside of school that provides active and engaged programs. (Not a slip and slide with just a tarp and a girl holding a hose)

Lack of activities for kids / teens

I think naramata would do well to install a skatepark / bike park for the kids here

No skate park

lack of local recreational services for my young son

Minimal activities for my son to participate in (registering for organised sports or other clubs - dance or martial arts for example).

lack of affordable housing/gentrification

NO affordable housing for young families, and less fortunate.

Cost of living

A bit distressing to see that our kids may never be able to afford to live here. All new development seems to be directed at high end incoming people, usually just buying properties for seasonal use

Lack of affordable housing.

We see so many people trying to make Naramata their home and it is becoming more and more impossible for someone with a modest income. We couldn't afford to buy here now.

Housing prices are extremely high, pushing out young families

No affordable housing	The village is slowly dying, there is a lack of worker because there is no where to house them at a decent price
Too expensive and exclusive housing. The lack of affordable housing options.	It is too difficult for people of fixed income or young families to purchase or rent in Naramata. It creates a community that is less open, less versatile and more exclusive.
almost no affordable housing for young families.	This leads to an overly gentrified community. Quickly becoming a retirement community instead of a well-balanced community.
Lack of potential for young people to buy and live in the community	The housing prices are far too great for a young population to buy and bring up their families in the area. I think that this could be detrimental to the overall development and growth of the community
no building of affordable housing	Concern that new developments are taking away from Naramata's unique character and diversity and promoting a playground for the wealthy
Affordable housing	All the houses are snoopied up by big investors which means it's hard for young families to come into town or even attract staff for critical services like the daycare / school etc.
Lack of affordable housing	By affordable I mean under \$1 million. This is quickly become an area where young families cant afford to live.
gentrification will inevitably lead to school being abandoned. Hurray! Another expensive condo lot!	Light pollution. No house should be permitted to illuminate the outside of itself. Most of them are ugly enough in the day...do we need to see them at night...at the expense of the stars.
Development of unaffordable housing	Where do poor live
The lack of affordable housing	No affordable housing and no rentals are causing people including long term residents to leave
Lack of attainable housing options for single mothers or seasonal/blue collar workers	Drives the village towards inequality based on economic wealth
Lack of affordable housing again.	
Lack of affordable housing for locals.	With prices continuing to climb, it will be hard for young working families to stay or move here. Naramata can't turn into an entire retirement community. Who will work?
*no affordable housing	To date, there is no affordable housing. Our community school is a valuable asset to our community, but the properties here are unaffordable to young families.
It's difficult for people to find affordable housing.	People from all walks are needed to maintain a health and sustainable community.
families being force to relocate	Naramata has slowly but surely been taken over, now many families, long time residents have no choice but to move with tears hearts of families and friends. including my self, and my family are not capable of simply finding a place ro rent and we have been here for over 40 years.
New condo construction next to the store	Again housing is needed in Naramata but those aren't built to house our worker that work in agriculture and the Naramata store.

very little affordable housing for families with children

Lack of affordable housing for local workers

Lack of affordable housing

To me part of the appeal of the area was the mix of people. More and more people are being priced out of the area, and it seems to be heading towards an area for the wealthy. I imagine soon it will completely dry up in the winter as properties are bought up by the wealthy, and then those people use their homes for a few weeks of the year. Our various amenities will not be able to stay open and support that.

Lack of smaller more affordable housing

Lack of affordable family housing, both for purchase and for rental

We have a beautiful school, and our community is ideal for raising children. We have seen a significant drop in the number of children enrolled in our school this past year, which is a shame. As families get squeezed out of the housing market in Penticton, there is an opportunity for Naramata to rebuild our young family community again to balance out the vacation home issues. We need to consider controls on vacation home investments, which could decimate this community quite quickly.

Homes being built in the village that don't suite the area

Control mega homes.

There are no affordable housing options

Houses sit empty all winter and I am watching young families and friends move away because there isn't anything they can hope to afford to buy or rent in town. We didn't need 6 new luxury townhouses. It is such a shame. Caretakers, people working in hospitality, and people working on farms need a place to live.

Lack of affordable housing

Young families are unable to stay in our community.

I do not like the lack of housing or rentals for members of our actual community

I do not like the lack of housing or rentals for members of our actual community that are being replaced with homes people only live in for short periods of the year. These are not contributing members to our community, it is causing a huge disconnect.

Gentrification

Lack of affordable housing

Young working families are finding it near impossible to find affordable places to live here. This effects the viability of our school, and negatively impacts the dynamic of our community. (I don't agree that there is a good mix of young and old here; I see predominantly older, retired, affluent, and to be frank, privileged white individuals streaming into the community.)

Lack of affordable housing for locals

More needs to be done to ensure affordable housing for people working in Naramata. More long term rentals need to make available and tiny homes and places to park them should be encouraged. Not only will thing encourage people to work in Naramata but will attract more younger people to the area.

Lack of housing options making it difficult for young families to make naramata home.

Lack of affordable housing options making it difficult for young families to make naramata home and recruit staff.

Lack of housing options	Currently only 9 homes for sale - average price in excess of \$2.1 m, Need diversity of house types and ages of people living in the area.
Lack of affordable housing for families and workers	
Affordable housing	I would consider purchasing a home and staying in the area if more homes were available at reasonable prices. Without it it's likely we will end up leaving the area.
Lack of affordable, year-round housing for working people	The lack of housing is changing the liveability and character of the village. Young adults who grow up here cannot afford to buy a place of their own... or find year round affordable rentals. It is fast becoming a playground for the super wealthy middle aged and older. Maybe we should just put a gate at the Naramata Penticton border and put a sign up: "welcome to Peacock Gardens...a 55+ community."
Lack of affordable housing	Need more affordable housing to accommodate full-time residents. Need more families, children, and people who want to live full time and contribute to the community.
That it is becoming unaffordable	
Unaffordable housing	Can't afford to own here.
The price point of new developments	Naramata is quickly becoming - or really has already become - a place where only the wealthy can afford to make their home. The workers who staff our pub, hotel and other businesses can't afford to live here.
That the daycare is managed by an anti-vaxxer	Due to the labour shortage and lack of affordable housing. They have to employ a woman who is unqualified and anti vax to manage the daycare.
Estate homes not affordable for local residents	Very large new homes being constructed and sold are not affordable to long time residents
Need reasonable cost housing both for purchase and rentals.	Don't want Naramata to be only for the wealthy.
Lack of affordable housing	renters are getting pushed out and little/no affordable options
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lack of affordable housing	
Low density focused development.	For Naramata to thrive there needs to be good, affordable housing for all kinds, to help supply local businesses and the community with a population who can afford to live and enjoy the best of the Okanagan.
lack of business opportunity	
Lack of employment options	Causes traffic and results in a seasonal village making it difficult for commercial to survive
lack of businesses	
Our community needs small businesses to stay open	We need consistency for our small businesses/restaurants to stay open

Lack of grocery stores	
Absence of a good food store and gas	
Reasonable restaurants that are open consistently	
absence of commercial amenities e.g. gas station, grocery store	
Lack of commercial outlets	drive to penticton is not a solution
Lack of commercial services 7 days a week. The store is the only commercial business open some days	
Lack of a vibrant church, no gas station,.	
no gas station	
Lack of stores/food options	Not missing a lot. And likely need a bit more density to support it. But would be nice to see.
lack of food outlets	driving to Penticton is not environmentally favorable
Nowhere to get a coffee before work	Naramata street coffee and the grape leaf and the tea house are all great places but I really wish one of them opened at 7 or 7:30 so I could grab a coffee and a scone for the drive into work.
Lack of a good restaurant	The restaurants here are not good.
Limited Amenities town amenities	No dog park (which is more for people than dogs. Just place to meet other community members and visitors). No local pool. No local gym. Main street stores extremely limited. Food options extremely limited.
Lack of convenient food or beverage options	Not enough choice and what does exist has poor and very irregular hours. You cannot even buy a cup of coffee right now and summer visitors were dismayed they couldn't even get breakfast or coffee as nothing was open in the middle of summer
Absence of commercial amenities	Naramata is growing and it would be nice to have some more sevicees
Businesses in village are seasonal	How often would you go for high tea? Need coffee shops and businesses that cater to locals
Lack of Breakfast / Lunch options	There is no real affordable option to have breakfast / lunch in town outside of the Inn
Not enough shopping/restaurant diversity	
shotage of eating establishments	
the lack of a "village" feel in the village.	There is no sense of "center" in Naramata. No full-service store, community activities, etc.
Could have a few more amenities	
No family restaurant with healthy and affordable choices	Supports the locals, as opposed to being exclusive to visitors and those can afford high prices.

No Village Square in the Centre of the Commercial Zone	Takes me back to travels around the world to villages congregated in multi - purpose partially covered , social gathering spaces ... Perhaps included in the planning of the Packing House site ?
Need a wine bar for locals	Naramata Inn wine bar had potential but needs a selection of appetizers and foods that would draw people more regularly. Need More reasonably priced drink selections to encourage locals to visit more regularly.
Much routine shopping requires driving to Penticton.	We could use an expansion of our grocery store. It is insufficient for weekly needs.
No Sushi restaurant.	
Not enough businesses that stay open in the winter to support the locals that live here year round.	Seems we have to go into Penticton to find a place to eat as the local businesses reduce hours or close up.
Absence of commercial amenities	Would like a bakery and a real coffee shop where you could sit down and eat and visit
Would like to see more retail in village. Noe chains or gas stations, but things in keeping with the local character	
the absence of commercial amenities (gas station, full grocery store)	
No local vet care for horses!	
the absence of commercial amenities (gas station, full grocery store)	Naramata needs more
More restaurants.	There are only a few choices at the moment. Again - it's tough on smaller businesses that cannot afford expensive long leases. Having shared space similar to Hawker markets in Asian countries. It can be easily adaptable for seasons and especially for COVID protocols.
village ambience for tourists	It would be nice to see a more vibrant village centre with more of interest for tourists to enjoy, providing the benefits re road use as above.
Absence of amenities	Absence of station in particular
No yoga studio or similar	No space to even create a studio available
Lack of services	could use a few more small businesses
The absence of commercial amenities	It would be advisable to have more commercial stores and a gas station
the absence of commercial amenities (gas station, full grocery store)	
Lack of amenities	No professional services, gas, restaurants
Lack of ammenities	Only one company that delivers food
village amenities for locals	It would be nice to see more year-round amenities for locals. It would keep more money in the area and reduce traffic on Naramata rd, making it safer and reducing carbon emissions from locals travelling in to Penticton for supplies.

The lack of space for local artisans and entrepreneurs to operate small businesses	I dislike seeing potential opportunities for budding entrepreneurs go to waste because there are not facilities available. There is a lack of space for those interested to set up businesses that old benefit both the local people as well as visitors.
Downtown core	Apart from a few key businesses (eg Naramata Store) there is nothing to entice me to come down to the Naramata core.I would like to see more small retail shops to support the locals year-round . Coffee shop(s), delis, food stores, professional services and maybe (heaven forbid!) a gas station. All to discourage us locals from constantly driving into Penticton.
Need more vibrancy in the community including some increase in commercial space	
No restaurants open in the winter	So few options seasonally
Not enough shopping opportunities	It would be nice to have some smaller co-op style shopping venues. Appreciating that rents are expensive, it would be nice to see a building or two extra dedicated to artisans and other types of shopping. Smaller business owners that cannot afford their own space could share the cost of shared space, Similar to the "District" wine village in Oliver but on much smaller scale.
Limited access to local produced	Given that the region is located in an agricultural area, easy access to local produced is limited. More consistent local farmers markets and availability at local stores would improve access
Not adequate amenities	A gas station would be nice, a full grocery store would also be welcome.
lack of year round amenities (dining & retail)	
it would nice to have a general store with basic hardware	
General store	Hours are short and the prices are way to high and they never have anything.
Lack of commercial	Absence of commercial options forces travel to Penticton, plugging roads and safety issues
No brewery in town	
Lack of restaurants or destinations in town where people gather throughout the day	
Lack of services ie gas station, full grocery	
few facilities that provide food	I like to have a chance to eat outside of my home
no local hardware, gas drug store etc	if you didnt bring it with you and dont live here, you have to go to pentiction.

Lack of Naramata commercial development.

A coherent, long-term plan should be created to guide possible commercial development in Naramata Village. I do not envision large-scale development, but rather development of a modest amount of visually appealing businesses. The plan must, however, incorporate the seasonal aspects of doing almost any type of business in the village, i.e., small businesses with interesting products and services must be able to afford to stay and operate given the near-zero business period of fall to early spring.

The absence of a pharmacy and some basic medical supports

Lack of fruit-veg stands

lack of food options if I dont pack my lunch

kind of inconienient

Lack of commercial amenities

I love the charm of the village, but it's too small with not enough options. I would continue to support local small businesses, a smaller more robust grocery store, and more food opportunities.

absence of commercial amenities

Absence of commercial amenities

It would be nice to have other options then just the general store, which is a dump

lack of charging for electric vehicles

Some progress made with installation of electric charging stations but should put in super fast chargers 150 kWh or higher and more than on charger super fast charger, 150 kWh or higher

Need to beef up infrastructure for electric vehicles if you want more people To convert from gas cars. No need for a gas station!

Need more electric car stations.(A gas bar would be nice but perhaps not future thinking)

lack of childcare

Lack of infant childcare

The threat of the school and childcare supports closing

Difficulty attracting long-term staff in these roles due to inadequate compensation and ongoing fear that their job may either: disappear or be really difficult.

lack of clubs/societies/sports leagues

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Organized sports activities

It would be great to set up a recreational league with sports activities for adults like volleyball / baseball / tennis etc.

lack of commercial services

No gym	We should add a small gym down in the middle of naramata
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No Medical clinic.	
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Could use a day clinic	Would deal with minor issues and save trips to Penticton.
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Daycare is small and dark and cannot keep staff	Community needs a new daycare that is spacious and bright and housing available so the daycare can be staffed. This critical service is constantly at risk of being lost altogether and is facing a staff shortage again
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No doctor	
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Necessity to access Penticton for most amenities, would be nice to have more services here	
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lack of community beautification

Lack of community beautification.	Rural doesn't mean ugly. More care, especially along Robinson Rd would be appreciated and provide a sense of pride in our community.
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lack of community hall/gathering space

Absence of Community Centre	No place now to accommodate community meetings and events
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lack of community hall	no where to have large gatherings or meetings
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NO COMMUNITY CENTRE!	People need a non-affiliated place to do things that is straight-forward and open to all.
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That there is no community hall to gather in	Naramata needs a place to gather for concerts and lectures and dances and community meetings. It's so sad that there is not a community hall available to have weekly movies or to host live music a place to gather for dance lessons. It would be wonderful if a number of community groups or perhaps oap And Church and Naramata Centre and library and thrift shop and and and could all be under one roof with a beautiful place to gather.
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lack of community gathering spaces	
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lack of enforcement/guidance

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lack of bylaw enforcement; unsightly properties; derelict vehicles.	
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Lack of controls on new subdivisions	It seems that as long as you can afford a plot of land here then you can clear-cut it and subdivide into lots with no thought to the environment or any issues the clear cutting creates and there are little to no controls over any aspect of the changes.
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When there are laws and regulations that are not upheld

We are in ALR land and there are rules that protect the land. Unfortunately I have found that rules only apply when it serves an institution.

Inadequate governance of housing construction.

Like to see more enforcement of things like ditch drainage, not building up and out of construction sites. Builders seem to have a philosophy that they will go against code or completely disregard it and ask for forgiveness later.

Lack of bylaw enforcement. The Rdos ignores its own regulations.

I think RDOS should be providing more active review of developers to ensure development is following the standards of the RDOS. Maybe more resources are need for RDOS planning and building inspection to make this happen

Not enough 'red tape'.

Allowing potential wineries to build big commercial/industrial facilities on ALR land takes away from the 'farm' potential of the land, and contributes to a progression towards a sort of winery strip mall development.

Maybe new wineries should go into industrial-zoned properties in Penticton, and only small sales buildings would be allowed on the ALR/farm land. This would preserve the character and esthetician of the land, and maximize the retention of arable land that could grow crops.m

Insiders club of government

lack of fire service in remote areas

No fire service from the Naramata Volunteer Fire Department

We are in the RDOS Electoral Are E which is what I believe the Naramata Fire Department serves but they would not come here if there was to be a fire.

lack of knowledge of indigenous history

Lack of indigenous history around town

Having grown up in Naramata, indigenous perspectives were never talked about in relation to Naramata soil. Maybe it was rarely used forest, but I doubt it.

lack of parking/parking enforcement

Commercial business parking on Naramata Road

Some businesses have minimal customer parking on their own properties, and parking overflow ends up on the roadside. This compounds the difficulties of too much speed, and too much traffic on the roads.

The farmers market

Lack of parking and narrow makes it near impossible to park & walk anywhere near manitou on a wednesday afternoon in the summer, there is a flood of traffic and for what 8 vendors?

Lack of parking in the village

Increased traffic in the summer is making it unsafe. Parking in busy areas (Robinson Ave) where cars are parking on both sides of the road and essentially turning it into single lane alternating. Parking is spilling into residential areas. Vehicles with boat trailers are also an issue using residential areas to access public boat launches.

Proper commercial rules. ie parking

Commercial businesses in town do not have proper parking for their business. This causes people to park in inappropriate spots causing annoyance to the residents.

People who park their recreational vehicles eg: boats, trailers, RVs on the side of the road

They interfere with walking. The road edge is a safer place to walk. Plus I think they can be unsightly.

lack of planning/vision/information

Uncertainty about the direction that RDOS will be taking

As a new resident and talking to people who have been around, there seems to be a lack of vision regarding the future. Hence our interest in filing out this survey.

lack of information about new developments

Not knowing the development plan for the village. New business and construction are going on but am not aware of an overall plan.

Seeing a plan for the Village and having an opportunity to comment would be good. I would hate to see the character of the Village change too much. I am fine with growth but would not want it to detract from the charm that draws tourists to the area.

A formal plan for the future development of the old packing plant property is required.

This property sits at the heart of the community and its future will determine the direction of the development of Naramata.

Lack of a development plan.

Doesn't appear to be any cohesive approach to the development of Naramata and what actually constitutes the area of Naramata.

Lack of creative vision for the village.

Everything must change - saying no and doing nothing is not a plan, but that seems to be the knee-jerk reaction of the locals. We must change and evolve, but creatively, intelligently and beautifully!

The lack of creativity and infrastructure to allow the village to grow.

Too many naysayers on growth, water system needs renewal (Conduit) and septic solutions left to individual home owners when there should be a solid waste plant for the area of greater Naramata

Poor communication from RDOS on the future of Naramata.

Developments are happening in the village like the movement from R1 zoning to R2 zoning without sufficient discussion with the land owners. The RDOS needs to set up a better system to communicate with land owners other than MYNARAMATA. Formal communication with all land owners is required.

Lack of communication with community

No discussions or public consultation on many significant development items.
Significant issues with area watershed and storage dams and not discussed with public.

Lack of clarity around future development in the village.

lack of public beach access

Fencing and other intrusions into public spaces by landowners (on both lake front) and farms. Public accesses should be protected and open to all.

No way to walk from Robinson to Wharf Park without going around the block

Needs more pedestrian pathways connecting Robinson to Wharf Park

lack of public beach access

its nice to have more options for public beaches especially from penticton to naramata. 3 mile used to be a great spot but it has become so busy over the last couple years, locals cant even get near it. that will likely spread towards the village and with the summers we have, beach access is important especially for tourists.

lack of public restrooms

Not enough bathroom the tourist and visited our village

Bathrooms at tennis and pickleball courts

Would be beneficially to build bathrooms near the tennis courts and pickleball courts as opposed to just having a porta-potty. This porta potty is used extensively and not just by people playing tennis or pickleball. It is used a lot by people just walking or driving by.

lack of recycling/waste management

No ability to compost.

No ability to compost. Living in a place where Sustainability seems to be number one and the Naramata slow group is doing such an amazing job, it seems strange not to have an ability to compost if you are living in a rental property. I would like to see a long-term compost plan like they have in Vancouver for curbside pick up.

Hard to recycle glass jars

Silly that the easiest substance to recycle isn't one that our taxes pay to have picked up (this encourages people to buy plastic, which is terrible for the environment)

Recycling isn't comprehensive

I've been told that most of the recycling goes to garbage. Better and more comprehensive recycling would make it a lot easier to understand

no curbside glass recycling

No glass pick up for recycling

I suspect some people put glass containers in their regular garbage bags

There should be a modern recycling program run by the RDOS so that a wider array of recycling can happen without driving to Penticton or dump

Like a container system that Encorp offers up at Big White Ski Hill. User lead and technology supported so refunds instant and as much as you want to recycle.

Garbage pickup

Sporadic or not reliable garbage pickup during the winter months due to AIM Roads not maintaining Spiller Road adequately and Waste Connections not having a properly equipped vehicle to handle the winter road

lack of cohesive waste removal services

I would like to understand why Naramata has its own rules and regulations for garbage/recycling/yard waste removal services and if it would be possible to shift to a similar collection system to Penticton, to streamline waste removal and reduce potential contamination.

lack of retail/commercial space

Shortage of retail space

A few more shops in our downtown area would mean more options for locals and tourists

Lack of commercial space

There is a monopoly of commercial space held by a small group of owners. Makes it nearly impossible for artisans to get a foot in the door.

No room for business growth.

Lack of commercial space to build local businesses. With our community growing, the need for local services is growing. While I appreciate the rural feel and quiet atmosphere, that can be kept alive by accommodating local small business growth.

Lack of good rental facility for preschool

Currently in a dark corner of the school. Rent is exponential in the summer and it lacks south facing or sunny exposure for play area or indoor area

lack of seniors housing

Lack of senior housing

The senior housing that exists in Naramata is excellent and I really like the way it is financially set up, but there are only 4 houses. I understand there are about 20 people on the waitlist. I think it would be beneficial to have another set of 4 houses.

lack of sidewalks

Lack of pedestrian infrastructure

This is a vehicle dependent community. It would be nice to have safe alternatives for walkers and cyclists to get around. I certainly would do more walking into the village from my home if I had a sidewalk to do it on.

Absence of Sidewalks!!!

For young children in strollers the lack of sidewalks on Robinson is very dangerous, vehicle traffic in the road is on average well above the 50km/hr limit.

Lack of sidewalks or walking paths

As an avid walker I feel unsafe at times walking on the road. This may happen more frequently in the summer when we have visitors driving and they seem surprised that we walk on the road. This is also a minor problem around Manitou during the Farmer's Market.

Lack of sidewalks

Lack of sidewalks

The downtown in general is beautiful, but it needs sidewalks along one side at least. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic in the summer, and to enhance the beauty, a few key streets could incorporate a wide pedestrian walkway (decorative paving stones would be great, but anything would be an improvement) and would help establish a clear 'downtown' core with paths to the two beaches.

No sidewalks

No bike lane or walkway on Robinson

Lack of sidewalks

I already touched in this a bit, but sidewalks in busy foot traffic areas would be nice for safety reasons.

lack of sidewalk on Robinson Ave,

People walking with children, dogs, etc , so close to traffic with no barriers.....especially at night

No sidewalks on Robinson

Dangerous all the time but especially with the sun in your eyes.

lack of storage lockers

No storage / lockers

It would be great to have some storage / locker options for locals to store their stuff at Manitou during the summer months.

lack of support for tourism

Lack of support for oenotourism

This is a major contributor to the town's economy that needs more support than it presently gets

lack of swimming area

No swimming "lane"

Many of us swim at Manitou and I often see people swim around the white bay pilons. It would be great if we could have a straight line of floaters in the bay at Manitou so we can swim there. I in a straight line.

Lack of an exclusive swimming area to do long distance swimming.

There are quite a few people in Naramata who do long distance swimming. They swim the coast of Naramata. However boats also used this area. It would be great if there were an area like in the Penticton North beach which was exclusive to swimmers where you could swim about 1 km and not worry about boats. I realize this could not be in the village as there are houses along the shore but perhaps an area North of the end of Mill road could be set aside for this purpose.

lack of tourist accommodation

Paucity of high-quality hotel accommodations

Having more and better hotel accommodations (and amenities generally) would draw more tourists, and from further away, to this exceptionally beautiful place

Limited accommodations

As a visitor in Naramata before I purchased a property I was shocked at how bad the accommodations are for tourists. Most people I know what to stay in Naramata but stay in other communities as they cannot find a place or have poor options to pick from.

lack of venues for indoor activity

Limited indoor facilities for sports

Only options are the School and Naramata centre. I appreciate the option to use these facilities but the quality of these facilities is not that great. For example in regards to pickleball, there is not enough space on the sides or back of the court. If a new community facility is build, I would recommend taking this into account when the facility is designed. Should also consider the lighting. Also possibly a place for a small fitness room.

No community center

Sure there is the naramata center, but what can you do there. It would be nice to have a community center with something like a gym and other community minded amenities.

No indoor spaces for play or other activities during winter months for our children/youth

No spaces for our children and youth to meet to do activities or play when the weather does not allow them to be outside (cold or dark early)

No recreation centre

I would really love to have a rec centre to have something like a gym and a basketball court for everyone to use, people could host tournaments for sports and have competitions and games.

No community center space

School hasn't been available and the Centre buildings are not always available

lack of worker accommodation

Nowhere for employees to live if they are here seasonally.

Nowhere for employees to live if they are here seasonally. Again the ability to provide housing for seasonal workers is so important as well as farmworkers. I don't know what the solution is but it seems to me that doing something with the Naramata Centre property would be the obvious choice or again encouraging homeowners to rent long-term 50% of the time and VRBO or Airbnb the other. Or half of their property etc. the long-term idea would be to have more people Being in the community for a longer period of time.

Lack of affordable staff housing

Difficult to attract labour when they have no where affordable to live

Lack of accommodation for farm workers

Running a farm here is near impossible, living here as a farmer/wine producer also

Disregard for need of summertime housing/camping for agricultural workers

Farmers need workers to run their orchards and vineyards. Our community doesn't provide a safe space for them to live while working here.

Lack of accommodations for staff

Unavailability of labour or work force

We cannot find employees, mostly because they have no availability of housing

lake pollution

Lake pollution

Lake pollution and water quality

Can't swim at the beaches sometimes.

land/housing prices

Land prices

People are being priced out of their community. The future of Naramata seems to look like it has no young people in it

Price of the homes

The current price of real estate in Naramata is extremely high and limits the type of people who can buy in the area.

real estate prices

high real estate means only certain interests will move here, there can be monopolies of interest, unaffordable for middle to lower income people , we are becoming Whistler/Banff - a sort of gentrification, loss of diversity is never a good thing

expensive land prices

as naramata is developed with more 'estate wineries' the land prices go through the roof and squeeze out local farmers that are trying to make a go of growing FOOD, not just grapes.

The high price of housing.

Housing prices are sky rocketing

Rising land prices

Loss of agricultural opportunities

Rising/prohibitive cost of owning and operating small scale agricultural land

landfill

The landfill.

It should be closed and moved inland. The area should be made into a nature reserve

The landfill complex

It is polluting all the way to Okanagan Lake and in between. It is in the wrong place. It was a quickie deal committed between buddies in 1973 to solve an immediate problem. Totally inappropriate.

large houses on agricultural land

Homes on Agricultural land

Huge houses on agricultural land taking up valuable square footage. Could be a second dwelling, could be more space for agriculture

large steel bins/sea cans as storage

Large steel bins as storage

litter/garbage/junk

Dumping material on the beach

We've found boats left on the beach. It's littering and shouldn't be tolerated.

July and august are my least favourite months

And litter and take up too much of the beach space

Lack of garbage cans

Recently noted this is getting better - keep 'em coming!

litter	dog owners leave baggies or poop along streets , pathways
Junk on lawns	Some properties along the village entrance accumulate old cars and other junk in view of people coming in to the village.
Litter	
unsightly properties	many properties are in disrepair or disarray and have lots of junk in their yards
lack of public garbage bins	bins are often overflowing in summertime; dog waste is left around village
People not picking up after themselves and their dogs	

location of the farmers' market

Naramata farmers market moved to Manitou Park	love the market but it was better at Wharf Park
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logging trucks/commercial traffic

Campbell Mountain Landfill traffic	Incoming dump traffic backing up on Reservoir Road due to long wait lines and blocking residential traffic from getting to their residences. Also, incoming dump traffic not adhering to the yield sign going into the dump nor the stop sign leaving the dump.
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Logging trucks on Arawana

dramatic increase in vehicle traffic on Arawana Rd!!!! It is becoming dangerous - narrow road, no sidewalks, massive construction traffic, high percentage of traffic does NOT STOP at stop signs on Arawana	Explained in the Dislike Box
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logging/clearcutting

The clear cutting being done by developers in the hills above Naramata	Clear cutting is not required and adds increased risk of flooding and leaves a devastated look to the hills above Naramata.
the development approval process which has allowed interference with and destruction of the natural landscape	it has created the real possibility of unforeseen consequences to land and buildings in severe weather events in the future
Clear cutting in the woods	Because we could be helping the forest and we could be doing selective logging instead of clear cuts, doing selective logging can help reduce flooding and is better for the animals habitats.
land development that clear cuts a forest to build lots, surely the two can co-exist?	ugly, habitat destruction, creature displacement

Endless clear cutting of trees for new developments

Surely we know now that trees and vegetation are needed to prevent slides, not to mention how ugly they look without trees

Subdivisions clear cutting large areas

I prefer houses built into the landscape with trees remaining around them

Clear cut development

Upsets animals, water table and drainage.

Clearcut logging where they they don't think we will see it

Affecting aquifer, flooding, landslides, balanced ecosystem. It MAY help re wildfires but I doubt it. Also increases pressure on Naramata road.

Developer clear coting section of the mountain to build houses with out looking at the effected that can occurs later

The sense of clear cuttingfor housing development.

Removal of all the trees to allow for lots for home development. Takes away the soils ability to hold run off water.

loss of agricultural land

site specific licenses

has devalued commercial space, loss of food land will and we never regain that food land as it is now paved over and has large buildings on them, erodes agriculture for food security and unfair business advantage to those who have business restrictions, there seems to be no restrictions on site specific most winery sell retail and now have restaurants and events the expansion never seems to be enough

loss of orchards

Gentrification of orchard land into houses or non agricultural use

Loss of orchards.

With food production becoming an issue, the loss of local fruit and other food production will become a problem.

If it ever comes to local dependency, people can't subsist on wine (well maybe some people lol) Also, all food production supports the growers and adds to healthy eating habits.

management of lake level

Lake water levels need to be maintained properly and without interference from government to prevent flooding

Naramata Centre land use

The Centre

It's going to be redeveloped but does Naramata really need more 1.5 million dollar condo's? Get a grip on it, lets get some family housing

The limited use of land by the Naramata Centre.	The Naramata Centre holds a huge amount of quality land in the centre of the village which sits vacant the majority of the time. This is valuable land which could be put to much better use such as affordable housing, green space, affordable rental units (which is in huge demand), or other amenities as determined by polling the locals.
The Centre	Complete lack of support for the community, vacant wasted land and housing
Poor use of Naramata Centre land	
Naramata Centre (United Church Lands)	We need to explain this. We've been watching this facility decline for 15 years. We sure wish the lands were better utilized like the old days. Bring back the visitors, or re-size the retreat. All that semi-vacant, and poorly cared for land is a shame.
Regress of Naramata Centre.	Slow deterioration (and decay) of Naramata Centre assets, and lack of developing the substantial amount of vacant land in Naramata downtown for community purposes, or to offer relief of housing needs, is problematic.
Lack of use of the Naramata Center	If the cabins and land owned by the Center are not being used and in disrepair could they be purchased and developed into something of prosperity that would compliment the current atmosphere of the village. I would be more in favor of small rental cabins in the Center versus high end condos in Mill Bay.
Naramata Centre buildings are old, not recently painted and site needs improvement overall	
new residential development/sprawl	
TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT	Noise noise noise seven days a week
brutal hillside developments	disrespect for wildlife corridors
The new hillside development	The construction of of the new gigantic homes on the hillside is destroying the quaint community of Naramata where it caters to only the RICH outside populations, does not bring affordable housing to regular families, obviously destroys nature and certain wildlife habitats, provides ugly wall to wall housing with no yards or trees similar to Kelowna that creates an urban atmosphere, creates potential dangerous situations to the population living below these housing units as trees and ground support are removed thus creating potential mudslides and flooding, and finally increasing population and vehicle traffic to an area where there is only one narrow route to get out of Naramata in case of a natural disaster.
New large developments	
disregard from new developments of long term residents properties, i.e. displacement of natural underground water infrastructure causing water runoff and flooding	

No oversight or review longstanding permits.	Vista is going ahead without a permit review even though the permit is over a decade old and the previous two developments allowed have caused great water issues for the properties below them.
new hillside development	
Change to residential zoning	Higher density living is not why we have come to love this area
Large footprint of new houses	New housing developments allow way too big houses that ruin the rural feel of Naramata. They destroy the recreational and natural value of the KVR. Too many don't get used year-round. Waste of natural land.
Increasing pressure from developers	Disrupting our rural lifestyle.
New hillsides development	Ground water implications to farms and houses below To densified
Poor planning for the major developments	Kettle Ridge, Outlook and Vista could have been better designed not only to deal with water runoff but also to keep some the trees and trails to link to the existing 3BM network.
continued development of hillside	erosion of natural areas, decrease in quality of life continued growth makes Naramata less special
development - Outlook and Kettle Ridge are too dense for the character of Naramata	
Over development	Loss of natural beauty and agricultural land
New hillside and village developments	Not taking into consideration the environmental impact
developments up the hill from the village	clear cutting all the trees and very little landscaping - big ugly box houses
new developments	clear cut trees, destroy the lands , looks terrible , should restrict the ability for developers to clear cut
Large developments	Clear cutting is unsightly, problems with drainage, hard to accommodate an increase in traffic in these areas.
Development of more housing	More housing development is threatening everything I hold dear (the character of our community and the slow, peaceful feeling that it has had). The roads are busier and there is pressure on our water supply. I understand that we draw water from the lake and we have water reserves above, Naramata, but water is a precious commodity. With climate change, we need to hold back on development. There are also run-off problems associated with the developments.
concerned that housing development has become too aggressive	Agricultural property coming out of the ALR continually..... Development resulting in much more traffic on Naramata Rd, especially the mix of commuters with dump trucks, cement trucks, mixing with cyclists, wine tourism, etc

Developers over locals	Big money developers coming into the village and wanting to build high end properties which will bring in higher property values and push locals out. I understand some need for prosperity but at what cost to the locals? It seems developers want to come and make things more appealing to high end customers. Why come to a quiet place people love and look to change it to fit their appeal and force full time locals out of a place they have called home for 30+ years.
New hillside development	Hate it. It ruins our rural character.
All the new developments in the hills behind me (ugh!) and along North Naramata Road	
The sprawling developments creeping up the hillside	Please please do not allow developers to densify further. I realize that land sold years ago has certain zoning and nothing can be done about that but under no circumstances should further densification be allowed. It will not only spoil the aesthetic of the rural community we all moved here to enjoy but will add to issues with the roads.
stripping away of all trees to make a new housing development versus doing in an environmentally positive manner	
New development on the bench and hillside	It can potentially destroy the charm that Naramata offers.
Development which does not respect the existing natural values.	Recent development on the hillside involved large scale blasting, earth movement, clear cutting and has created a suburban looking hillside in a formerly natural and wild area.
Development occurs without adequate local control and oversight of infrastructure	As an example, recent development on the hillside created stormwater and runoff issues due to poor design and/or construction. These issues are managed by MOTI with no opportunity for local input and little follow-up if issues develop. MOTI has no accountability to the local community. RDOS shows no leadership and seems content with the status quo even though residents are not being well served. Residents are left having to go through the courts to get action to address issues with no support from RDOS.
out of control development	Endless wineries and vineyards that seem to be squeezing out food agriculture. The developments on the hillsides are creating flood risks.
new hillside development	A lot of bad building designs that doesn't merge well with environment. These destroy the natural scenery.
new building	they did not take in consideration of the extra traffic along the residential roads
More new developments being started	Developments continue even though lots are still available in existing developments
Hillside development	In recent years there has been a number of developments with multiple sites for houses. They do not feel the same the existing properties and alter the feel and look of rural landscape

Hillsides being erodes of trees & vegetation.	When you look up at Naramata's hillside, no trees just bare land. It's such an eyesore, feel sorry for the homes below especially in downpours .
New developments	Destruction of a valuable ecosystem
Hillside development	An environmental impact
Hillside Development	The developments of Outlook and Kettle Ridge and Vista with their community septic systems which operate poorly and disturb neighbours. The developments poor drainage and housing density create further issues for residents downhill. Arawana is the main access route to these developments and it is becoming dangerous to drive. With average households owning 2 cars, the increased traffic is an issue. A sidewalk up Arawana is becoming a necessity. (see the one which goes up to West Bench residents with low lighting, well paved.)
Increased urban style development	While I am in favor of new builds and increased traffic which will help to improve our ability to sustain restaurants , bars and other amenities, I find that development should be limited to large plots and not urban style sprawl which detracts from the rural feel of our beautiful bench.
new hillside development	
Nee development	The houses are obnoxious.
density development	I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH
Massive house development on arawana	This new development created a lot of damage to nature, create run off and flooding. On top of that those massive house are empty most of the time and are use as casual summer house. Again killing slowly the little Naramata village, in the winter you can really see how empty it is
density development	destroying Naramata
New development up the hill.	Groundwater issues.
Hillside development is horrible	Very sad to the clear cutting on the hillside for home development.
New Luxury Housing developments	Make housing market unaffordable for current residents/families, blasting + landscaping has made ugly scars in land (especially up Arawana), habitat loss for native animals, lack of engagement in community for these types of home owners, lack of respect for Naramata and community for many city dwellers that buy these homes
Hillside dev	Lack of road infrastructure, fire prevention, water runoff
new hillside development	I live below Outlook and Kettle Ridge and there is no 'rural character' in those developments whatsoever
poor planning re developments	We live below Kettle Ridge and near Outlook and were appalled at the way the land was stripped of vegetation, leveled and produced horrendous drainage problems, disrupted the animal habitat, and denuded the hillside. We are concerned about the ability of the infrastructure to support these large-scale developments.
Residential development	Barren land, water run off, increased traffic
Excessive hillside development	

Developments	Seems to be expanding without long term planning, (schools, fire, water, roads)
Too much development on the mountains.	Not enough planning goes into the environmental and community cost of these developments.
New developments which do not honor and respect the area and community	We do not want another Kelowna
Excessive hillside developments.	Notwithstanding approvals granted decades ago, the cumulative negative effects of the hillside developments will only become more evident over time as the burden on the road network and other infrastructure increases. Other, perhaps more appropriate, developments may have to be postponed in the meantime. Community sewer systems, belonging to strata corporations or incorporated companies, discharging into streams above Naramata do present serious risks of contamination or financial commitments in the event of failure or default.
density development	absolutely destroying the small town charm
Construction	I don't dislike construction but see that most of large delivery trucks and cement trucks have no respect for the environment. They drive too fast, make a mess of the roads and have disregard to RDOS or Strata rules. Developers are passive once they sell the lots, they do not police the builders to make sure they are responsible for keeping area clean and safe. Once they sell, they just leave all of the issues to the owners. Naramata should be placing much more stringent guidelines on keeping Naramata safe and clean.
too much development and lack of RDOS oversight or enforcement of regulations	Development planning is required to ensure new developments are limited in size and fit into the community. Certain developers i.e. Naramata Benchlands and Kettle Ridge seem to be able to do what they want with little oversight/restrictions or guidelines. There are issues with their drainage and in the case of Vista it looks like a clear cut. In addition, the RDOS does not follow through with addressing building issues where homeowners (who are also owners/developers (i.e. Chase) flout the permit requirements and build gigantic and ugly retaining walls. It was determined during a council meeting months ago that the owner of Chase exceeded the height of retaining wall allowance by 3X and yet no action was taken to ensure it was corrected. The wall is still there and additional retaining walls that do not have permits are being built. RDOS needs to enforce their rules equally and fairly with everyone.
new hillside development	
New developments	Poorly designed and overcrowded
Reckless development	There has to be proper standards that holds the developer personally responsible and not passing the buck

Destruction of our Hillside through Clearcut development and logging

Totally insensitive projects such as these have occurred in the last few years . The word Naramata's Rural Character is being stratified to read potential unlimited Urban Sprawl on the Hillside . There needs to be an update to the OCP and Building Bylaws to stop the trend before we lose the so called "village" and our environment. Good and Planning and respect for the community needs fresh work if there indeed is a need for doubling our population in a short period of time .. (certainly not the wish) . Along with subdivisions possible potential Locations , Smaller Densities , total areas, addition of large green spaces (within original lay of the landscape) , retention of certain vegetations , animal routes, Water drainage , etc. should be more seriously addressed and put into rules before it is too late.

It seems the people who are financially well off and business interest/ investors are driving the growth and development of our community.

Most of them are not locals but newish transplants. They are changing the face and dynamics of the village to another upper end “destination” to attract tourists.

new hillside development with no investment in a community

I think all new developments in the community should have to contribute by contributing to infrastructure of walking trails, sidewalks or a community playground.

I dont like that the homes are being bought on the hillside by people who will only use it as a vacation home

Hill developments

Hillside developments

The hillside developments have been able to clear the land in such a way to cause problems to existing properties and the environment.

Proliferation of housing and developments.

There has been trouble with water drainage and, as mentioned, Arawana Road cannot handle the increase in traffic. It is already too narrow and winding.
Many cars have come close to colliding.
Tract type housing doesn't fit with the semi rural atmosphere of the community

disturbance of natural underground water infrastructure in hillside developments causing water run off and flooding in property below

New hillside development

Changes to ground water for home below.

Development

The road should be improved before allowing more development. When there's a wildfire(not if) it will be a s!&t-show.

too much red tape (for development, vacation rentals, home businesses)

To many small committees in Naramata run by stupid one sided people.

Pace of development is too fast

Too many new homes being built all at once, which may lead to future traffic and access congestion, particularly during an emergency.

Natural gas expansion

There was a time when I was wishing for natural gas to replace my wood burning system, but now I realize with the expansion of natural gas it means more development in our area, now I hope it never happens.

There use to be a % of development allowed in the Naramata area, what happened to it?	Too much development puts stress on WATER system, no sewer system, means more septic tanks. Stress on the wildlife (more animals will come into the Village area). Poor roads will not handle more people. KVR should be developed in case of wildfires as a way to flee the area.
Unseemly and inappropriate development on the hillsides	Destruction of the natural environment Contributes little positive to the local community Non-resident population Stands in vivid contrast to the historical values of Naramata Real estate speculation 'My house is bigger/better than yours" mindset
The apparent lack of oversight on development	My concern is that with the relatively huge amount of development on the Naramata hills that there is not enough thought and planning for the infrastructure to keep up. One example is Naramata Road which is a small road that is becoming increasingly busy.
development	Over the last 60 years we have watched our wildlife being pushed farther and farther north past the orchard area's and into sage and natural brush, our home is on that boundary now as that's where the fences end.
Potential sewage system.	Like it for environmental reasons but don't like it for the increased density of Home development it will bring.
large real estate development pressure	I don't trust the governors to regulate using filters that dilute the value of increased tax revenue.
Worried about new developments in downtown Naramata changing local character	New development of General Store, Wine Vault and adjacent area could dramatically change the local landscape if height and density does not fit with current downtown buildings.
Excessive development up the mountain	Traffic congestion and general crowding
Development sizes	I don't feel that some of the new development really fit with the area. They are quite close together, giant monstrosities for the rich, spoiling the natural beauty of the KVR. Not to mention the runoff problems that make me wonder if proper considerations are being taken when approving these developments.
New Hillside Development	While its appropriate to utilize the hills for some development versus pulling farm land out of the ALR, I feel and have heard from others that there is concern with the way the development is currently taking place. All the trees have been removed, this affects drainage issues which has already been a problem and yet approval took place for even great development up higher with a clear cutting of the trees. I'm guessing they already had approval to do this but it seems like the RDOS needs the ability to address these issues. From a developer point of view I think it was a big miss to do this and I'm very surprised that they have proceeded like they have.
New housing going up in the village and in the hills	Where does the waste go and where does the water come from to sustain all of that
The development at the wine vault	

Approval of unsustainable developments	The latest scar on the land above Naramata is terrible. This sort of development and developer should not be allowed anywhere, but especially here in Naramata! It's like we are still stuck in the 80's or 90's with this type of development being allowed. We need to do better. This is not sustainable.
developers destroying the countryside	self explanatory
new hillside development	
What looks like very ugly, devastating development on the hills.	Environmental issues and unsafe roads
House styles on new development	Flat roofed boxes
Seems that future development is focusing on ultra wealthy	
Hillside developement	
Development that will negatively impact Naramata	I do understand that Naramata will continue to grow and that is fair enough. I would be curious to see how many properties could further be developed presently prior to granting approvals for further ones. I do think that we need to put in some guidelines certainly for any development of size that factors in some components like parking, sidewalks, traffic flow, drainage, tree removal, and that developers need to post bonds to make sure that if this isn't taking place that the funds are there to make it right.
Hillside development	I really dislike all the new developments in the hills to be honest. I love that Naramata is small, well was small. The new developments are constant and cause a lot of damage to all of us below them.
New residential developments are not respecting the closeness that Naramata has with nature.	For example, the new Vista development, Outlook and Kettle Ridge have simply bulldozed all the trees. The view of these developments from Summerland looks like it has been clear cut - which, I guess, it has. Contrast this with the Stonebrook development (where I am building) which has maintained many of the trees.
Congested development on Randolph Mountain.	Orchards and vineyards losing ground to second homes for part time residents.
Rampant destruction of hillsides for housing in an unsustainable way	Insensitive, backwards thinking on new development is rampant on the hillsides. It is ugly, hinders wildlife, results in washouts and flooding, bright lights on all night reducing star gazing, razing of all trees, flattening the natural landscape, changing the essential nature of our village.
new hillside development	The new hillside developments are very unsightly! Big patches of bare land. We are worried of future run off. We are also concerned that the developments are in the forests and therefor more risk of losing houses in forest fires.
hillside developments	infrastructure can not support large developments.
New hillside development	Not enough thought is given to the environment and the impact of the development. More stress on our water,roads and impact on the neighbourhood and

Hillside developments as they relate to water management	It appears little care and attention to water management downstream from these developments is considered. Along with water management on site development plans need to include what happens to the water once it passes the property lines. In addition all water, both previously naturally occurring plus that brought up for residential use must be included in calculations.
new hillside developments	There are too many new developments and the price of the new homes is extremely high ...which will change the character of the village ...risking to become a very pricy location (for extremely rich people who will live here a few months / year) instead of the charming village of caring inhabitants it still is...
Re-zoning for residential and commercial purposes	Re-zoning of the Naramata landscape (especially for building high density single family homes) significantly changes the rural nature of the area and impacts local wilderness and ecosystems
new hillside development	
New developments	Eyesore and development on unstable ground
Increasing Development	The bench is simply not suited to high-density residential development, particularly in terms of infrastructure support (existing roads, water systems, etc.). When we moved to Naramata we did not add to the development but rather purchased an existing home, thus we did not increase the density on the bench. Even the lower density development is straining infrastructure and affects the aesthetics of the area.
hillside developments	
There is no plan for the development of green initiatives.	That I know of, there is no forward thinking, goal oriented plan in place to strive toward being a greener community. we should be moving to have solar power usage be the rule rather than the exception and not just for the mega wealthy newcomers. Summerland is a prime example of a community that is putting these priorities into action. We could learn from what they are doing.
The amount of development happening in our area.	It is understandable that everyone wants to live in this area. However some of the development where they have carved and scraped the mountainside to make more lots available is problematic. While I am certain these developers have met all the requirements and criteria for their developments, one gets the sense that they have done so at a minimum. They as well as the RDOS have not considered the future detrimental impacts these developments will have on our community considering the climatic changes and catastrophes that we have seen occurring beyond the previous historical averages.
Development	I know that development is a part of a community but it would seem that there is a vast amount that has had an impact on longstanding homes.
New hillside development	Total clear cut of trees...looks terrible and a threat of erosion and run off to properties below
Too many people want to live in this area.	Demand creates opportunity particularly for developers. Unfortunately most of these developments are in forested mountainous terrain and when we do (not if but when) get a forest fire in our area, many if not all of these new developments will have to evacuate which leads us back to the traffic congestion issue.

The pace of development	It seems that approval of development here is predicated more on increasing the tax base than in creating a more vibrant, liveable community. I fear the character of our small rural community will be lost forever if development is not slowed down and made more with community values in mind.
dislike	Too much to quick. Water and power grids need to expand
Development of hillside	Scarring the landscape to build micro mansions with no conservation of existing forests
Development and water	Is there enough water for any new and future development.
Too many subdivisions	
The developments on the Eastern slope are creating a potential future distasterous flood	
new hillside development	This is absolutely insane! This set of hillside destruction is destroying our capacities in many ways. Erosion, ugly builds, non rural lifestyles, blasting, constant construction, and ripping out of ecological masses that have kept our environment unique. The majority of this construction is massive homes, that do not have any character or rural niceness. ALSO, how are we to evacuate in the event of a wildfire when all the new residents and construction vehicles are blocking the only ONE road out of here. This has to STOP!!!
New, poorly planned hillside developments.	Lots of poorly planned decisions leading to future problems. (water drainage above Gamon/ Gawne Rd for example). Small ugly lots, (suburbia vs paradise) New developments seem to be designed for maximum profit, not quality. New development seems targeted to out of town buyers.
Rampant development	Ground cover is forever changed.Landscape scars.The increase in traffic is a hazzard.Stretching the realms of realistic fire protection continuing to build higher and higher.
High density development!!	Do not allow that packers site to be destroyed by condos and townhouses!!! This will forever change this village as we know it!
Should encourage the center to redevelop their land.	
More houses getting built	There are to many people
Tacky sub-divisions	Additional density is needed, but it would be nice if it was added in a way that was more reflective of the unique geography and beauty in the landscape.
New hillside development	
too much development	really doe not feel like slow growth, percentage of business and the housing infill and development is way to much to sustain and using infrastructure ie parks, water
Destructive developments on the hillsides	Grace Estates and other destructive developments on the hillsides should not be allowed. The degree of blasting and disruption to the ecosystem in these areas is shameful. A sad testament to the power of money.

New developments	
Any residential or commercial development upslope of existing developments	Environmental impacts
Too much hillside development	
Overbuilding	
Definitely hillside development	The way they raped the Hillside is disgusting and all the issues with water and flooding lower homes
Overdevelopment	Naramata is, in my opinion, seeing too much development up above the KVR. My concern is the displacement of wildlife corridors and soil erosion from tree removals which could lead to mud slides during heavy rains. In all the years we've been coming to Naramata, it appears that climate change is getting progressively worse which is worrisome! I am not against building homes, I just don't want to see something like a Sendero Canyon in Naramata. Anything remotely close to this would take away from this beautiful parcel of paradise!
reckless ugly development, especially in KVR area	much of the development (especially the new stuff ;Outlook, Vista) might be called "developer brutalism" Cramming as much housing as possible in, some built on rubble and for the most part similar configurations ..3 large windows pointed at the lake. No attempt whatever to make housing that at least TRIES to complement the environment. As for Vista it appears to be a slash and burn creation of a rich suburb just east of Seattle which should really be called "Anywhere USA" I eagerly await the manifestation of three car garage capital of the Okanagan. Last summer I picked up a French tourist hitchhiker trying to get back to Penticton. He had walked to Naramata along the KVR. I asked how he liked the houses in the Outlook area...he said "Monsieur, I looked the other way" That about sums it up. Cookie cutter suburbs are what people visiting here are trying to get AWAY from. It also incidentally puts even more pressure on wildlife habitat. ...just when the whole bloody world is running out of it...I could go on....
Sub divisions on the hillside	It continues to cut off peoples favourite areas to do activities, it is bad for the environment, it looks really bad from the other side of the lake and it makes our nice little community look like we don't care about our forests and animals
Hillside development	It destroys Naramata's character and natural setting.
Greedy land developers	
Fear of uncontrolled growth	This area is becoming a very sought after place to reside. There will be immense pressure from developers. Growth is inevitable but it has to be well managed. Proper infrastructure will also need to be envisioned.
Massive new developments	Adding too many new residents too quickly in an area outside of pre-existing ones poses the opportunity for secularity to emerge and discontinuous culture to evolve. This will not be good for the people who live here.

I HATE huge housing developments in Naramata/or leading up to Naramata.

Our village is just that, a village and even the outlying areas should not look like a suburban city. The environmental impact of housing continuing up into the hills is going to end up having some detrimental effects on the housing below (it already is), the wildlife, our infrastructure, our emergency evacuations etc. Large developments AND homes (within certain design imitations) that are requiring variance applications should be part of a public consultation process, information should be easily accessible about future projects and the community should have a say. We should get to make decisions about our neighborhoods and how they evolve to some degree. City people coming in and developing homes with HUGE footprints (look down the bank next time you drive along Bartlett) that encroach on neighboring views and quality of life, should absolutely not be allowed. Visitors come and see this rustic charm we have, they want to be part of it, they buy up our smaller homes and demolish them, build monsters and take away the very thing they came here for in the first place. Its really frustrating.

New hillside development

We have watched the amount of blasting, scraping and burning required to put the infrastructure in place for development of rocky terrain. The result is complete disruption of the flora and fauna...loss of unique species as well as the potential of uncontrolled water run-off and flooding. I believe that Naramata does not have a creek management plan which includes monitoring and maintenance to regulate and reduce risks of overflow and contamination.

I'm not against development but I am against sub urban development that also has created massive run off issues and erosion flooding for resident living below these city like development

Large development on the hill side

Stone brook is beautiful. The rest are over crowded for a rural setting. Lot sizes should be larger, and should have to work with the mountain setting.

Suburban sprawl

This is always a worry, that suburban sprawl will lead to more traffic, more burden on a small Village, and other systems like water, etc.

The recent developments that are encouraging wealthy buyers and eliminating any balance in sociology economics

We won't have a diverse community if this continues

New hillside development

It messes with water/run off etc and causes problems below

Development

I'm not anti development at all, I work for a developer in Penticton. What I dislike is that development is not being done for locals or even people looking to live here. The townhomes at the wine vault are a bit of a slap in the face to people who want to buy here and would love another townhome development in the village. So little townhome zoning in the village and then we get 1.9 million dollar townhomes. As someone who wants to move out of my parents house and try and get into the market it's pretty frustrating. Now that's a provincial issue for sure so not localized but I think there are ways the RDOS could help. Especially if the mixed use building going in near the store is really going to be used as a hotel for the inn, that would be a real shame. Keep lots of that available to locals and people who will keep the village vibrant in the winter so it doesn't become a 3 month town.

high density hillside development

Stripping the land and subdividing is not an asset to the village.

excessive development

multi-unit housing developments have no place in the small town of Naramata - big is not better

Potential for over development and killing the charm

Needs thoughtful small scale development

no dog park/dogs off leash

Would like a real dog park

Everyone has dogs here — why not let them play together safely?

Dogs off leash

I don't appreciate picking up after someone else's dog or being caught off guard by them.

No official Dog park or beach

Lack of an off leash dog park

There aren't enough dog friendly beaches

the only dog friendly beach is terrible for swimming and you can't go swim with your dog because of the rockiness and it is extremely shallow.

No off leash dog parks

The KVR trail is shared and there are some angry bikers that don't like slowing down for dogs.

Lack of dog parks and beach access for dogs

No dedicated dog beach

I believe the one beach off Old Main Road that residents regularly use is not an official dog beach. It would be nice to have the ability to make this area more user friendly or have a dog beach where you feel dogs are allowed. We, as a community bought Naramata Centre beach would it be possible to allow dogs to use this beach as well.

No dog park

Lack of a safe, fenced in dog park.

Naramata has no safe off-leash areas for dogs and parks where dogs are allowed (even on-leash) are limited, especially in the summer. A safe, fenced-in area for dogs to play off-leash benefits the whole community, not just dog owners. The dog park in Oliver is a fantastic model for an off-leash park. It's a large grassy area with double entry gates, a watering fountain, shade trees, picnic tables for humans, and a separate area for little dogs.

Dogs at the beach

Too many people still ignore the signage and let their dogs run around the beach. Also, people are not always very good at removing dog poop from the lawn at Manitou park.

dogs

pets on swim beaches and parks are off leash and owners seem to think they are entitled to be above the law

Lack of a proper dog park

Dogs need a dedicated place to play without getting fined

Dogs off leash

I enjoy running and twice this year I have been chased by a dog off leash. The dogs were not ferocious; they were just being friendly. I also am not afraid of dogs; I like them. But once one of the dogs jumped at me and knocked me flat on the ground on my back. Luckily I did not break any bones; just had a badly bruised and scrapped elbow. I have learned that if a dog ever runs at me, I just need to stop and put both feet firmly on the ground, but the dogs should not be off leash in the first place.

Lack of dog park

Unofficial beach access is a start, but many complain about off leash dogs without an alternative for them to run.

Not dog friendly

Growing up we could take dogs everywhere now they aren't allowed anywhere and rudos harasses you even if your dog is just sitting there behaving. Need more dog friendly parks beaches.

No off leash dog Park or Beach

There is no area other than your own back yard to let a dog off leash. The school for example has a field with 2 soccer fields and there is plenty of space at Manitou yet nothing fenced off so you can let your best friend run free in a big open area.
Also goes for swimming there is no official dog off leash beach, we make our dogs swim with a retractable harness.

no gas station

There used to be a gas station, but was removed years ago. No station is okay as everyone is now used to filling with gas before heading to Naramata.

no outdoor theatre

Limited options for outdoor plays, theatre, music festivals

Would be great if Naramata has a stage or some facility to hold such events in the summer

noise

Neighborhoods changing

Gone from the reason we enjoyed living in Naramata. Now our peace is interrupted by endless wineries playing music outside on decks & loud speakers.

Noise bylaw is too lax and doesn't seem to be enforced.

Except during the Christmas break, pre-construction land work above Arawana has gone on pretty much 7 days a week. The noise level from this work is extreme and is like living near an active mine. I think it is unacceptable that residents are being exposed to it every day. I would like to see the bylaw amended to allow this type of work to only take place weekdays between 8am and 4pm (or 9-5), at a maximum. Furthermore, numerous times the land work started earlier and/or continued later than the current designated times. A few of us phoned in to report this but the work did not stop. If a bylaw is in place it must be enforceable and the fines for not adhering to the bylaw need to be high enough to be a deterrent.

noisy neighbours

mostly holiday makers

Extra loud motorbikes

Disrupts the quiet serenity of Naramata, sometimes late into the evening.

To many barking dogs

Not everyone controls their dogs constant barking

Noisy and polluting garden tools

Disturbs the neighbourhood, releases CO2. Could mandate battery operated tools.

noisy vehicles

skidoos/ seadoos/ loud motor boats/ loud cars/motorcycles/ drones - all destroy peace and quality of life for the majority

Noise from trucks on Arawana Rd

noise from watercraft

Noise from development/building

I know noise from construction is inevitable but perhaps Sunday could be a day of rest.

Skidoos and noisy high speed water sport vehicles in Manitou Bay

Completely ruins the ambiance and someone is going to get seriously hurt.

number of vacation rentals

Vacation homes/ Airbnb

There is no long term rentals available which means we have nowhere for workers to live.

Vacation rentals

Annoying people. Loud boats.

Numerous vacation homes

If you live close to one, you will definitely find out - noise, traffic

Too many vacation rentals where the entire house is used this way.

When a home is ONLY used as a vacation rental the owner is not establishing a relationship with the community. If we have any hope of making businesses year round this must change.

Short term rentals are gutting the community and preventing families from having access to affordable housing.

Vacation rentals that are not owner occupied.

To many houses being used as short term rentals short	Hard for locals to buy property as people use them as businesses (short term). This causes issue with lack of students for the school and a fractured community.
The proliferation of holiday rentals	I understand the importance of tourism for our economy, but I am strongly against relaxing rules for holiday rentals, especially in established neighbourhoods. Too often, guests at these rentals can be disturbing and disrespectful of those who call these neighbourhoods their permanent home.
Stand alone vacation rentals	Too many people looking for homes where they can rent long term and can't find them because homes are being used as vacation rentals for the summer and are either vacant, or rented short term during the offseason.
Short term rentals	owners have no community involvement. Owners have taken away the chance for someone to live here year round thereby reducing the chance of a family that will contribute, join the fire dept, or perhaps have kids to help keep the school going. Owners, unless they live on the premis, they have no idea the discontent the guests may bring. I don't know the neighbours.
I do NOT like the absolutely crazy amount of vacation rentals	There should have been a cap on this long before this problem got out of hand. Protocols should have been established early on and there should be a strict application process in place and a limit to these types of rentals – the RDOS should cap this, or we won't have any actual community left. Just an empty village in the winter and an ever-evolving door of strangers all summer. Don't take this as me not encouraging tourism, I absolutely do – but there needs to be a much better balance. I understand people wanting to capitalize on renting out their homes short term, but there needs to be a limit to this.
short term rental properties	prices locals out of the market; eliminates long term rentals; Air BnB's are not supervised like proper B&Bs; temporary visitors make too much noise and leave garbage; housing is becoming unaffordable, which puts our community at risk of losing families, the school, workers, and overall sustainability
vacation rentals	More rigorous screening required
Vacation rentals	Vacation rentals are detrimental to the community. They area taking away from housing stock that could be available for families. Properties used for vacation rental purposes often sit empty all winter. This is detrimental to area neighborhoods, schools and businesses.
Air b n b	All new “disruptive technology” after a bit needs regulation. Air b n b and VRBO definitely need regulation in Naramata. There should be some kind of “tax” that finds low income or rental housing in the village, otherwise it will be a glorified retirement community for the rich.
Vacation homes	Make housing market unaffordable for current residents/families, lessen supply of homes for those who could live here full time and contribute to town
Vacation rentals	The RDOS bylaws apparently do not require owners of vacation rental properties to be present on site. This leads to predictable outcomes - people on vacation having great fun with no oversight, at the expense of neighbor's peaceful enjoyment of their property.

the proliferation of vacation properties (air b and b etc)	
inadequate resources for increased population from development, air b and b rentals, etc	one small store that is over priced, no gas station, one coffee shop. Cant support the population from increased visitors, vacation rentals, etc.
Vacation rentals	There seems to be no limit to the quantity or local area density of vacation rentals. Vacation rentals are boutique hotels operating in residential areas. They are for-profit tourist-commercial business operating amongst family-occupied housing. Surely there should be limits to the quantity and density of these businesses that should be allowed to operate in residential areas.
What is with all the vacation homes? We are bringing party houses (yep, next door) here.	
Air B and B	People not being able to live here full time. People buying houses and just using them as vacation rentals. Taking away from the school and families wanting to live here year round.
Vacation rentals	I would like to see full time residents
vacation rental signs (development permits)	ludicrously large and ugly sign that appear to penalize people who rent out part or all of their homes (and destroy everyone's view)
Too many empty houses and too many Airbnbs.	Removes from the market important housing for full time residents and creates an exclusive community
Too many vacation rentals	We need to go the way of Canmore and Tofino,. For every vacation rental home there must be at least one full time resident living on site. We are gaining houses and losing the people that make this place Naramata.
Too many short term rental housing approvals	See above - this is messing with our Single Family Dwelling real estate values and forcing families out of Naramata. This needs to be regulated in a sustainable way like many other small communities such as ours have been forced to do. Please address this before it's too late!
Vacation Rentals	Small family homes in the village being bought up for AirBNB properties. Yes AirBNB brings in visitors but at what cost. Residential property is all ready very very limited, visitors should be staying at commercial properties that are used for this purpose. Naramata Inn, Village Motel, Chute Lake, Sandy Beach Lodge, etc.
Too many vacation rentals	Many streets have multiple rentals and decreases permanent residents
temporary vacation rentals	too many . in rental pool
Too many homes used as temporary vacation rentals	There is a lack of accommodation for people who want to live and work in Naramata and the excess of holiday lets means that long term accommodation can be difficult to find. Also, many of these lets are advertised for high occupancy leading to increased traffic and parking issues, and also an increase in noise.

Amount of vacation rentals and 2nd homes	I feel that Naramata needs further legislation on using houses solely as vacation rentals. I myself have a bnb suite in my family home so I am not against bnbs, however , I know of several people that have invested in 2 or 3 houses in the village to run as vacation rentals. This simply is not sustainable. There are communities in the States with this issue who have made it unlawful to rent a house out as a vacation rental unless someone lives in it full time. I think we need something like this, otherwise families and workers will not be able to afford to live here and all our services will disappear along with the school.
Too many vacation rentals and absentee owners.	The idea of rentals is Ok, but somehow the ownership of property needs to involve the absentee owners in some way more than just making profit from their properties.
Proliferation of holiday rentals	I understand that folks like to make money on real estate investment properties, and that tourism is a major economic driver for this region; however, many vacation rentals take housing units out of the housing stock that could otherwise be available to young families that are essential to keep Naramata thriving and growing. Naramata residents are getting pushed out of rentals as homes are sold and new owners use them as vacation rentals. I recently saw an advertisement on the community facebook page asking where to advertise an available long term rental. The response was immediate with many people expressing interest until the poster clarified that "long term" meant 5 months in the off season. It was depressing.
the increasing number of vacation rentals	they can be noisy and disruptive in otherwise full time residential communities; they are generally vacant during 6 months of the year
Vacation rentals / vacant homes.	Too many vacation rentals , it is taking away homes for actual community members. Revolving door of strangers , pushing this little community and it's members out of this town. Would like to see homes filled with year round residents.
Vacation homes	We are losing essential housing for locals when homes have been purchased and turned into vacation properties.
Ugly vacation rental signs that people must post in their front yards	It is an imposition on everyone in the town to have to post them; to have to look at them; and to have them mar the charm of the village.
The increasing number of vacation rentals	There is an ever increasing number...I am aware of 2 on a short street in the village with now another pending. This business accommodation does not create neighbours. It will have empty houses at times and visitors who may disturb the quiet life here in the village.
the current approval system for vacation rentals	it allows for unsupervised renters on holiday who can be noisy and disruptive in otherwise full time residential communities
Vacation Residency	Too many houses are empty because of non permanent residents
Air B&B s taking over driving up prices and owned by out of towners.	this ruins the opportunities for local families to afford housing (that actually live and work here.

Vacation homes and Airbnb's

This brings way too many ridiculous people in to Naramata Village with their big trucks and their big boats to party in the summertime creating noise, traffic and garbage pollution to the local residents. I don't know how many times we have had people racing down our street in their vehicles and not stopping at the 'Stop sign' or us coming home from a long day at work listening to loud vacationing idiots having a party when all we want to do is relax and have a quite dinner but forced instead to eat inside. This is dangerous for local residents, kids and wildlife. The number of Airbnb's should be limited and regulated much closer by RDOS. There should also be a limit of vacation homes allocated as well because that also caters to the RICH and these homes could be bought by local residents or families looking for full-time residency.

Short term rentals.

Short term housing

reduces employment options.

Vacant houses/vacation rentals

Housing is being bought up for profit and nothing left available/affordable for families

More rental properties that house lots of people and parties that affect noise at night.

The noise and large groups that are heee for short periods not caring about neighbors

Vacation rentals and Temporary Use Permits

Vacation rentals don't build communities and drive families out by making it unaffordable to live here. This impacts school enrolment also. During the off season business suffer due to lack of patrons. It's a feast and famine cycle.

Too many "vacation" rentals and apparently vacant properties

Overwhelms sense of community

Neighborhoods being swamped with Vacation rentals

This actually is my number 1 complaint, when does the RDOS say enough is enough in a neighborhood of how many vacation rentals can be on one street. Is that ever looked at?

Too much short term rental

All the recent houses bought are for air b n b
Nobody can compete to buy them, but soon it will create a sort of moneyed transient population

air b and b and summer vacation rentals

noisey, take up parking, less interest in community life and less contributions to community homes as commodity creates homelessness, lack of respect for neighbors, only interest in using home for making money put customer needs over neighborhood and eventually all lose out, renters are loud keep us awake or wake us up in the night, feel like only summer rentals have rights push us out of our facilities like parks

on-demand water heaters

New housing development employing on-demand water heaters.

RDOS should review impact of on-demand water heaters in the wastage of water waiting for hot water to cycle through. Water will be critical in the future. Water usage is becoming more of an issue in the future.

other

see previous like / dislikes please & thank-you for creating this opportunity to express ourselves.

Subdivisions...oh wait. I already said that.

see above list

dislike

Love everything else, Naramata is a gem.

Randy Kowalchuk and how he gets away with murder up here

Directly responsible for irresponsible cash grabbing development

Yes

Contractors clear cut forest to build

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We haven't lived there enough to comment further.

density development

I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH

All of the above.

density development

I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH

dislike

Maintenance when needed often takes a long time to fix

pesticide use

Harmful farming applications like sprays and soil treatment

Not sustainable.

Use of NutraLawn (contains 2-4D)

I filled this form out before and it blanked out so I will not be writing my explanations again.

growers using toxic herbicides and pesticides

it goes into the lake and into our drinking water causing multiple problems killing lake life etc. the area should be made to be organic farming (healthier for everyone and everything.

poison ivy

Poison ivy along mill road and in park just beyond most of the houses and in the park off the Naramata Bench road

Makes walking in the areas more difficult for humans and dogs

poor cellphone coverage

poor cell phone coverage

We have one bar at our place on Ritchie Ave in the village. Makes communicating tricky.

terrible cell phone coverage

poor cell phone coverage	
Poor cell phone coverage	Tried of not being able to talk to family because phone keeps cutting out. I am older and use my phone as a life line in case of an emergency or call for help and am afraid that it won't be there
Poor cell phone coverage	
Cell coverage is terrible	
Poor cell service	Half of the time we can even get cell service in certain rooms of our house or yard (and yes we have several Wifi extenders).
Cell phone coverage	This is a very basic requirement!!
Poor cel phone coverage	It's impossible to do business with a Telus mobile phone; the coverage is dreadful. Do some proper consultation with both Telus and the residents of Naramata, and get a tower installed somewhere here. It's your job as government to look after the needs of your electorate.
Poor cell phone and wifi coverage	I like to spend more time and work from there, so that stifles the longer term stay.
Poor cell phone service	Doesn't matter which carrier
Poor cell phone	With fewer home using land lines emergency services are at risk.
poor cell reception	
I do not like the lack of cell phone coverage.	I live in a black hole and I don't have a landline. It seems so strange that our coverage is still so bad this day in age.
Poor cell service	
Poor cel coverage	This is a basic need.
Poor cell phone coverage	
poor cell phone coverage	
poor cell service	
Lack of cell service	Appreciate the approval of the new tower in the Smethhurst area. Is a safety consideration as population density increases.
no cell service at our house	makes life just a little more difficult, and we have to maintain a landline.
poor cell service	frustrating
poor cell phone	
Poor cell service in the village and up Arawana	
Poor cell coverage	
Poor cell phone coverage	Simple convenience
Poor cell phone coverage	Hopefully the new tower near smethhurst will help. Safety issue.
Poor cell service	It's awful!
No TELUS cell reception	Efforts to install cell tower have failed so far

Cell service	This may well be the HOLY GRAIL of dead zones for cell coverage. I'd have better coverage in the middle of the pacific!!
No cell towers	bruh why are there no cell towers?!?!?
Poor cell phone coverage	A lot of visitors to my home do not have cell service. This is a big problem.
Poor cell service	Hard to work from home with poor cell service and wifi
Cell phone coverage	Very limited cell phone coverage for some other service providers i.e. Telus.
poor cell phone coverage	My calls drop or cut in and out EVERYWHERE. Makes working very difficult!
poor cell phone coverage	
Poor cell coverage	
Poor Cell Service	Need Cell improvements in Naramata
Poor cell service	
poor cell phone coverage	
poor cell phone coverage	frustrating but also a safety concern
poor cell phone coverage and limited options for internet	undermines connectivity
Poor cell phone coverage	
Poor cell phone coverage.	Sorry if I am not supposed to be talking about items above, I just want to be clear for myself.
poor cell phone or internet coverage in times	
Poor Cellphone coverage	In cases of emergency (and non emergencies alike), you are not able to get cell service in certain areas. This needs to be improved.
Poor cellphone e coverage	Only Rogers has good access.
Poor internet connections and dead zones for the phone	Creates communication difficulties
poor cell phone coverage	Guess why
Poor cell coverage in some areas	
Cell phone service	I agree this is very poor
Poor cellphone coverage	Would not want to babe to call 911 with no reception, and dropped calls.
poor internet service	
terrible internet	I am often not able to work from home at times

potential loss of elementary school

private buoys

The number of buoys and boats in the Manitou Bay.

It looks like a junkyard. It was ok with a few but I think there should be a limit. Also it's concerning how they're managing their waste after all people swim there all the time.

All of the buoys along the water front and Manitou beach.

These are unsightly and take away our beautiful view. there seems to be no restrictions on these, or how many buoys people can have.

private docks

Homes on the waterfront run their docks over the beach

You can't walk along the beach because the wealthy home owners construct fences and docks to Make it impossible (even though they don't own the beach)

it will be nice to be able to have access to all the lake surrounding without having to walk over docks

Docks that block my passage walking along the beach.

problems with parks/maintenance

The train dock

It is too dangerous with all the old wood

problems with tourists/focus on tourism

Too many tourists

Not enough public awareness

Tourists coming here need more awareness of the issues facing the permanent residents, and to show respect for the environment.

It's becoming too focused on tourists

Ignorant tourists and newcomers

Naramata residents are proud of our community - we live here because we don't want the big city

Becoming tourist oriented instead of residential, agricultural.

Alberton tourist

Loud and doesn't coincide with the Naramata way of life.

public smoking

smokers

smoking on public property should be disallowed due to wildfire risk, littering of toxic butts, health concerns

RDOS office and yard

RDOS maintenance office and yard.

The RDOS detachment office and supplies yard is not appropriate for the location. This is the worst location to occupy and is better used for a commercial business.

The RDOS. Office in the village

It's a terrible looking building that Could be some where else. And a nice store could be there

resistance to change

Resistance to change

I'm very disturbed by the on-going inaction regarding the Naramata Centre. The entrenched attitude that "it's always been like this, so that's how it should stay" is completely naive. This jewel of a property is gradually being sold off piecemeal, instead of embracing new ideas of making it a vibrant, viable heart of the village. Tear down the almost-condemned buildings, and build a new international culinary and wine school. An exciting future is waiting - but the Naramata keeps its head in the sand.

Resistance to change among some community members

restrictions on infill housing

Tiny homes not allowed to live in year round

Tiny homes are beautiful and also one of the only options many families can afford nowadays. It is sad that it is not allowed

Overly restrictive zoning and land use bylaws

It limits ability for families to build secondary dwellings for young adult children or ageing parents

Inability to build a carriage home.

Our hope when we purchased on Boothe Rd last year (2021) was that we could build a small carriage home for my elderly parents. Housing prices are through the roof and the ability to have them near to care for them instead of putting them in a home would be our dream. So many cities are allowing more secondary dwellings for this reason exactly or as mortgage helpers. Our hope is that the RDOS/ALR will review the regulations and loosen up the guidelines to include 1 acre + properties to also allow for a small carriage home. (even a 500 sq.ft dwelling would suffice). Especially if it does not impact the agricultural space on the land I do not see why this is not allowed.

no option for carriage house on 1 acre lots.

Penticton allows that. Important to be able to have relatives bubbled and to keep us (older folks) in our homes as long as possible.

the RDOS refusal of requests to add living space onto existing or new buildings

If a property owner wants to add a living space on top of their garage or cabin, they should be allowed to. We need greater housing options in the area, but of course on a smaller scale. (No huge new developments, just small scale additions.)

road safety/maintenance

Poor roads and maintenance.

Big difference on Naramata Road between Penticton maintenance and Naramata maintenance, especially in winter. Would like street lights all along Naramata Road.

Naramata road	As village and surrounding area expands, seem to have no foresight into options to expand access and egress if in case of emergencies, If one slow tourist feels the need to go slow, effects everyone. Narrow in many spots on north end.
poor road maintenance, especially in winter	
Roads	I know it's already on the list but along with the poor road maintenance in the winter, the cleaning of the roads in the spring takes way too long and there are cyclist on the road making it more unsafe. The buildup of sand makes getting traction while driving up hills hazardous. Also the maintenance of ditches needs to be improved so water drains property and doesn't flow over roads creating more areas of concern. The absolute lack of maintenance year round is a huge safety issue that hasn't been adequately addressed in all the years I've lived here.
Naramata road	I am cyclist . road should be cleaned, better signage, widened, painted lanes
Poor road maintenance.	
Smoke/fires in the Summer, and icy roads in the Winter months	Can't enjoy outdoors when smoke and fires, nor ease in driving to Penticton with icy roads
lack of keeping our streets clear	either in winter with snow removal or summer sweeping
The shoulders are too narrow on Naramata RD	
Ritchie and Ellis Avenue speeding	With no stop signs between 4th and 8th Streets, many vehicles speed through that section, again children and pets playing nearby the street. Speed Bumps would be helpful
Some questionable roads	It would be nice to fix some of the roads that are in disarray and full of potholes
No turn around on Sherwood Place	To much traffic on dead end street. Have mail boxes, pickle ball courts ,tennis courts, playground , basketball courts(ice rink). There should be a turn around at the end to prevent damage to the park and private driveways. People park on Spirit Park grass , destroying it. Parking should be made available at the school.
Bad snow removal	Last year it was DAYS before we were plowed out.
Poor road maintenance on Gawne Road	Dangerous conditions/ accidents every snowstorm
Poor road maintenance	Late or non-existent snow removal Very irregular/infrequent painting of lines on Naramata Road
Poor road maintenance	
Snow removal	Response to roads after a snowfall seems a bit slow.
Poor road maintenance on North Naramata rd	Dangerous especially in the winter
Poor roads	Unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians.

Poor road maintenance	AIM Roads does not maintain Naramata Rd as well as Penticton side
Lack of road sanding/sand removal	Hard for driving into Village or Penticton
poor roads and road maintenance	It's expensive to maintain roads, but the roads are too narrow on busier streets, and a sidewalk is really needed on Robinson right into the Village; create more of a Village square
Speeding and unsafe driving on Naramata Road	
Poor road maintenance and the constant deflection to MOT by the Director	The noticeable change in road maintenance (ie snow removal) when you hit the border of the City of Penticton should say it all. As a resident, I'm very disappointed with the consistent response by the Director to residents' concerns that this is a MOT issue. Yes AND it should be an issue that she takes up on our behalf.
poor roads	
Poor snow removal in winter	This is dangerous. Road safety is important.
poor roads and road maintenance	Resurface roads as needed particularly Robinson Road and add sidewalk or trail
oad maintenance	
Living on Gulch Road, the perennial lack of attention to potholes is disconcerting.	It would not appear to take too much time or funding to maintain the road. It doesn't need a huge, expensive resurfacing, but some basic filling of potholes would be very much appreciated.
Speeding on Robinson	Speed limit should be lowered from 50 to 40 in the village.
Roadways	Shoulders don't adequately support biking.
Roadwork could be improved or better maintained	
Roads becoming broken , not repaired	We have so many trucks now on our roads, these roads weren't built for all the traffic.
People speeding in the school zone	Unsafe for children
Narrow road shoulders	Difficult -dangerous to walk in many areas
Poor winter road clearing	
When it snows it always takes three to four days before they plow the road	We gladly pay our taxes but somehow get overlooked by the snow plow.
Poor drivers and often too slow	
Road snow clearing	
Road maintenance could be better	
Poor road maintenance by the ministry of transportation	
poor roads and road maintenance	
road maintenance	the roads could be plowed a bit sooner in winter and the road quality is not great in spots

Unsatisfactory road maintenance in the winter	Icy slippery roads while Penticton's roads are in better shape
Excessive speed on naramata road	
Complete lack of road maintenance both in winter and regarding the condition of our main street, Robinson Road	
Corner of Naramata Rd. and Arawana	So many cars coming and going in so many directions . Cars parked on Arawana
Naramata Road. Always was dangerous and remains so -- even more as traffic increases with growth.	Too narrow, many twists and turns, inadequate shoulders, blind corners and turn-outs, power poles too close to traffic lanes, cyclists whose behaviour would suggest they have a death wish.
Huge trucks barreling down Arawana Rd.	
Poor roads/maintenance of said roads and culverts	The culverts and roads need more maintenance and repairs.
Robinson ave	Very bumpy
Naramata Road	very narrow with all the bicycle traffic
Poor roads	No sidewalks in town and narrow shoulders it's increased bike traffic on Naramata Road are particularly dangerous
Speeding traffic	It's dangerous
Winter mauntenace of roads during winter	Large older population dangerous for them to drive during winterlug
Narrow road shoulders	Dangerous to walkl
Poor street maintenance	It's dirty and dangerous
Speeding vehicles in both directions on the Naramata Road.	I have almost been hit head-on twice by people overtaking vehicles on the road.
Snow removal on Spiller Road	AIM Roads not adequately keeping Spiller Road (RDOS portion) maintained
Poor road maintenance	
Snow Removal - Naramata road	There is a major difference between snow & ice maintenance on naramata road at the penticton city limits. I would like to see whoever does the penticton side complete the naramata side while they are halfway down naramata road.
the fact that provision has not been made for the additional threat of fire arising from the residential developments east of Naramata Road	
Robinson rd from school to Inn	Bumpy as shit - forces traffic to go outside of lane or use side streets
poor road maintenance	
Road Maintenance	Snow clearing only up to Penticton border

poor roads	
Pool roads	The main road needs to be widened to accommodate the cyclists. I can understand the appeal for cyclists to journey out to Naramata and we need to be willing to provide a safer lane for bike traffic
Robinson Rd , Needs to be better maintaince ,I would like to see Richie Ave plowed in winter as street used by children , walkers comming from the school.	
Poor road maintenance.	
Snow plow on roads	The snow plowing is not done as soon as it reaches Naramata city limit. the North naramata road on the Pentiction side is always well plowed and as soon as we reach Naramata, the roads are white.
Blind entrances on to Naramata road	Need to get vehicles to slow down I e speed bumps or roundabout s
Poor roads	They need to be wider and accommodate cyclists better. We rely on tourism, and visitors love to bike. Locals do too. Make it safer for them, especially on Naramata Road
Poor roads and maintenance	
All the people of different age groups that speed throughout our community.	I have kids in the school and the amount of people that have no respect or regard for people and the safety of others while they walk, ride or playing in the village area. Yes, these people are of all age and do live here full time or part-time I see them speeding through the school zone in personal vehicles and work vehicles. I walk the village regularly and the school zone is horribly bad. We need speed bumps there as well as a stronger community stance before someones is hurt or killed. Be it a child, sibling, grandchild, parent or friend and neighbour. Sorry for venting ! But this is the biggest issue as it not just one or two people, its a huge amount of diverse people.
Roads could use more pull outs for passing.	Summer visitors often need to stop to turn around. Residents get frustrated driving 28km an hour in 60 zone.
The roads.	Too many vehicles going too fast.
Poor road maintenance.	No or minimal shoulders which are often crumbled away makes a dangerous situation for cycling, walking.
mediocre road maintenance outside of town core	
road maintenance	no garbage pickup in 5 weeks
Winter road maintenance sub standard.	
Poor roads and road maintenance	Road conditions and upkeep have deteriorated over the years. Winter driving to Indian Rock is treacherous and sanding and snow cleating is dismal.
Poor roads and road maintenance	Robinson Ave has many potholes that can cause damage to vehicles. Winter road maintenance is bad.

poor roads and road maintenance	The road maintenance needs to improve. The roads in the winter are very poor. You can always tell the boarder between Penticton and the Village. It always has a poor transition - icy. Penticton roads are kept much better. Small repairs should be done and then because they have not been done .
lack of decent snowplowing in the winter	When we first moved here, we had excellent snowplow service. But since that contract was cancelled and Aim Roads was hired, we often do not get plowed at all, even though we are on a bus route and school bus route. if we get plowed, we get one lane plowed down the center of the street and no cinders.
Road maintenance - slow to plough . Poor job plowing. No salt used.	
Poor roads...	I've noticed a huge increase in traffic. In winter, the Naramata side of the road is often in very poor condition compared to the Penticton side
Now removal	Lack of New developments have better snow removal than our older roads that have been here before the 50's
Bad snow plowing in the morning	
Poor roads and maintenance given the number of new homes!	With the increase in building of new homes there has not been any increase in road work to improve what is already here. Many roads have the pavement breaking away from the sides creating holes and deep trenches. Slow snow removal and sanding at times.
streets are not well maintained	Asphalt damage due to so many heavy trucks and washed out during heavy rain. Gravel too seems to linger so long in intersections such as Arawana and Naramata road until summer. Slippery for cars to stop.
Lack of pullout and road signage	Contributes to speeding and unsafe driving
Road maintenance	Some things take a long time to be repaired.
poor roads and road maintenance	
Roads in disrepair	
Road maintenance	
Poor roads and road maintenance	Our roads are narrow, have heaves + bumps, have asphalt falling away at the edges, and so on and so forth. Snow removal and sanding typically leave MUCH to be desired. Trimming of bushes and grasses at the sides is done long after the growth has become hazardous.
One road	In the case an emergency of fire or slides we have only one road out or in.
road maintenance	there is virtually no road maintenance at any time of year and contractor is not held accountable.
Snow removal	Not as it should be considering we live on a hill
Naramata Rd	Doesn't feel safe, especially during the summer, and especially for sharing the road with cyclists. We are a world-class cycling area, get lots of cyclists visiting the area, and we offer them a narrow, dangerous road to cycle on.
poor roads and road maintenance	Go for a drive

Poor road snow clearing	Difficult and dangerous to drive for work when road is not cleared, especially north naramata toad
Poor road conditions	
poor roads and road maintenance	
Poor road/snow maintenance.	Boothe Rd does not get any snow plowing for over 24 hours when it snows, and it is interesting to see the difference between where the Penticton sign starts on Naramata Rd. The road conditions are shockingly different.
People who drink and drive :(	
Speeding on the Naramata Road	
Poor roads	Roads lack sidewalks and storm drainage
Winter road maintenance is sporadic.	
No safe shoulders on any of the roads leading from the lake up to natural landscapes on the hillsides	There is very high danger for all non-motorized traffic on Robinson, Old Main, Arawana, and Smethurst Roads. The promotion of a healthy community depends on space for safe access for walkers, bikers, horseback riders, strollers, assistive mobility devices (disability scooters, power wheelchairs, etc) up out of the village and at least as far as the KVR. The lack of safe wide shoulders has been a problem for a long time already, and is constantly getting worse with higher population levels, massive amounts of industrial/commercial traffic, heavy trucks and equipment , especially on very narrow winding roads like Gainey, Arawana, and Robinson. Old Main and Smethurst are less busy, but still very unsafe. for all non-motorized users. We desperately need safe access corridors for people, moving under their own power, as much as we need access corridors for animals.
Naramata Road too busy	Naramata road is too narrow and too busy to allow for both, bike and car traffic. The road becomes too busy and dangerous with more developments depending on the road to Penticton.
Naramata Road	I realize there have been studies that say otherwise, but I feel this road is too busy for it's size. As someone who normally enjoys cycling I find this road increasingly dangerous. There is rarely if ever any enforcement of speed limits, and various drivers treat it like a race track. The motorcycle noise is atrocious.
Roads and maintenance	No sidewalks in townsite dangerous, narrow shoulders in Naramata Road dangerous with increasing bike traffic
Sloppy intersections	Increasing traffic from developments entering Naramata Rd at Gawne and Arawana need more definiton. At Gawne - widen the intersection. At Arawana - add an island to define lanes - similar to Naramata Rd and Randolph Rd (La Frenz Winery)
Robinson road. Road is horrible too many dips in it. Awful to drive down.	
Poor roads and maintenance	It is difficult driving at night, and Naramata Road clearly needs upgrading

Naramata Road speeds	We live on Naramata Road, and have personally witnessed multiple speed-related accidents near the corner of Arawana and Naramata Roads
Speed of traffic on Naramata Road	The road has narrow shoulders and during the summer/fall season there are many recreation cyclists (as well as pedestrians) sharing the road. It is very common to have vehicles travelling 70-80 kph on the road. With narrow shoulders and curves its just a matter of time before we have a major accident .
poor roads and road maintenance	With climate change, we have very little thought to water drainage which when we get the big rains, the roads are covered with debris! Little to no drainage ditches or culverts!
Poor road maintenance	
The Naramata bench road	There is no shoulder for cyclists and pedestrians
The speed on Naramata road	There needs to be MORE signage and better signage. People doing 30km whilst looking at wineries is very frustrating
Roads	In most cases there is one road in and one road out. Escape routes need to be expanded in cases of weather events
Robinson Avenue is extremely rough from the school into the village.	
Roads and maintenaince	There should be street light on Naramata road,
Poor roads	
Lack of road maintenance and improvements	Winter ploughing take a long time for the upper areas. Arawana Road is in desperate need of widening!
Road maintenance	Winter snow removal is not very good nor timely
Naramata road	Is over crowed from May to September.
Poor roads	
roads	MOTI attitude - do as little as possible
Poor road maintenance	Too many potholes and cracks on roads
Capacity of Naramata Road balanced with new delpvelopment	
Poor road maintenance	
Poor road systems	Won't handle all the traffic! Only one way in and out of Naramata area..dangerous for any evaluation
road maintenance	For the most part it is not bad. However when a pot hole starts, it seems months before it is repaired or if the road is washed out, same, takes a while to repair. Sightlines obscured by bush. More has to be done to make corner sightlines safer.
inadequate road maintenance in the winter	

Only a narrow road from town, poorly maintained in winter (until city limits), and always in need of fresh paint on the lines.

Loud motor bikes a road with no regulation.

Upsets the serene, rural charm. Disturbs the peace, dangerous drivers seen often

Snow removal

Quicker snow removal up the hill

Fast driving on Robinson ave

Poor road maintenance,

Street are not swept enough

Naramata need the street sweeper to come by more often

AIM Roads

Subpar road maintenance

Poor roads and maintenance

You can see the difference in the roads between Penticton and Naramata.

road use conflict

Lack of bike paths on Naramata bench road from Penticton to Naramata

Makes road riding along this road in the summer dangerous. Many motorists unsympathetic to riders and honk, crowd and yell at bikers all of which I have experienced.

aspects about Naramata Road from Township 7 winery to the Naramata's village. The road is becoming too dangerous for drivers and bikers and walkers to share. Something should be done to make it safer for the ever increasing number of bikers and people walking between the wineries.

I did. I don't know if an added lane for bikers and walkers will help as the road may not be wide enough to build. the road has become so popular so I suggest partnering with the City of Penticton to do something. Sooner than later. Maybe a second road east of Naramata Road ending at the Campbell Road by the land fill.

no safe place to ride on your bike on Naramata road

no walkway/bike path along Naramata road from the village to Hillside winery

it's dangerous, someone will die because of this .

Bike riders on Naramata Road

Need a bike lane

There is not enough shoulder space allotted for bikes on Naramata road.

I used to commute to and from Penticton with ease but now the traffic has become frightening. I now curtail my biking on Naramata road as I am sure others do as well. This is a safety issue and also an green usage issue.

No bike lane for all those road bikes on Naramata Road

I wish there was a way to keep those cyclists safer.

Lack of sidewalks and bike lane

We talk about valuing the slow life, but put walkers and rider at risk with our car centric view of our roadways.

Bike races on naramata road

The road is not properly built to have cars and bikes on it (in a racing capacity) it is also a commuting space, which causes problems as it is the only road available

Lack of user friendly bike lanes near roadways

Dangerous limits recreation enjoyment options.

No place to walk on Naramata Rd. No place to walk from Creek Park to Village without being on the road.

The 2,3 wide cyclists

I don't mind sharing the road with a cyclist However, when they ride two, three, four people wide it does get a little bit annoying

Make a bike lane

Someone have to die first?

Naramata Road is badly engineered: traffic, cyclists and walkers compete for same space.

Dangerous bike riding on Naramata Road

Could benefit from a wider bike lane

no safe bike lane on Naramata Road

As the RDOS/Ministry encourage cycling tourism they should also take the responsibility to ensure a safe place for that to happen. It's not so much the riders who ride side by side but even one rider doesn't have a safe place to go, the shoulders are not wide enough when there's heavy traffic on the road. This ties into the maintenance issue as well as the build up of sand forces riders into the lane vehicle lane until it's cleared away which doesn't happen until well into June in many places. This should happen in March! I cannot ride on Naramata Road because of it, I am not willing to put my life in the hands of the many drivers/truck drivers who travel this road.

Not enough green(easy) mountain bike trails.

Large area for four wheeler and dirt bike trails. Not enough easy mountain bike trails.
Mice only for experience mountain bike cyclists.

cyclist

disobeying single file riding

Traffic congestion/bike traffic

Naramata Road is becoming more unsafe with narrow roads and many pedal bikes (groups)..road shoulders are narrow. We watch near misses regularly..add farm machinery and people walking their dogs.

Not cycling friendly

Naramata road is a great cycling route but the lack of adequate shoulder makes it unsafe. Safer route would promote more bike/wine tours and bike visitors with less cars

not enough room to ride my bike on Naramata Road to get to the Village - in fact it's super scary

Inconsistent bike lane on the main road to town

Given the number of bikers in the highway, and the importance of the bike sector and triathlons to the local economy, a better, separated bike lane is needed

Naramata Road has become very busy for both car drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The road can be a challenge in during poor weather conditions

The narrow & sometimes overgrown bike lanes on Naramata Rd

roads unfit for bicycling

unsafe conditions discourages cycling

Inadequate space for cycling and walking traffic along Naramata Rd.	Tourists and locals clearly want the opportunity to bike and walk along Naramata Rd. but inadequate shoulder space creates safety issues. I live up Arawana and would like to be able to walk down to the village, but it is unsafe to walk along Naramata Rd.
Absence of road sharing structure	Naramata is a tourist destination for nature lovers, wine lovers and cyclists. These folks are all thrown together on Naramata Rd. We've been fortunate to have dodged serious accidents on Naramata Rd. If possible I would like to see a designated bike lane on Naramata Rd.
Lack of bike lanes, side walks,	Unsafe for pedestrians, runners, cyclists
The skinny bike path on Naramata Road	As traffic continues to increase I find that the skinny bike path which is very poorly maintained is turning into a hazard for both cyclists and for traffic. There will certainly be some serious accidents in the future which could be avoided.
Naramata road is too narrow for all the summer traffic AND all the bikes	It is dangerous
Ability to bike from Naramata to Penticton	Would like an improved bike lane as biking on Naramata Road is dangerous at certain parts
cyclists riding abreast on Naramata Road and speeding drivers	accident waiting to happen
septic/lack of sewer	
Septic Fields	There should be investment into sewer systems like other municipalities
absence of utilities (gas and sewer)	It's very expensive for residents to construct and maintain septic systems, so we hope a Village sewer system will be explored in the next few years. Natural gas is a more sustainable energy source than electricity, so it would also be great to work with Fortis BC to bring lines to the Village.
Lack of Sewer	The lack of a sewer system in the village has limited infill development, housing affordability, and socioeconomic diversity.
No sewage plan	To have all the proposed hillside development and expect community septic systems on those hillsides, is unrealistic. There needs to be planning for a septic system before any further development can be considered.
Lack of sewer system	It's an unending hassle to have no sewer system in Naramata. Septic systems smell, are costly, and cause huge problems for residents. It's time naramata was a real town with a real waste system.
Lack of sewer	Limits some development, environment impact
no sewer system, it is a must for further development, still surprised after 30 plus years living here, still none.	
Septic fields	Why no sewers?

Septic systems in new developments!	Come on, really we are in 2021 not in the 1980s. Even in Europe in the smallest countries most of septic systems in small villages have been converted to sewer systems. Here we in Canada, implementing still today septic systems with large septic fields and guess what that runoff from the septic field also end up in the KVR. Also another very short sided solution.
no access to a sewer system	
Continued use of septic fields	There should not be a large collection of septic fields in close proximity to lake to leach into water. No RDOS enforcement of ensuring older properties septic fields and tanks are brought up to current standards. Or another alternative, septic fields are retired and septic tanks are used and removal of product to be processed in water treatment facilities at homeowner cost to periodically empty tanks.
Lack of sewage facilities	With the growth believe RDOS should be leaning with the help of developers in this direction
Lack of sewage collection and treatment so as to do away with all the septic fields.	The proliferation of septic fields along the lake is poisoning the lake. If you spend any time on the lake, it is quite obvious that the quality of the water is poorer anywhere there is residences (thus septic fields) along the lake.
Lack of sewage treatment plant	i don't cherish the thought of what i am swimming in at manitou.
lack of sewage system	
Lack of sewer in the busy village Centre	The village has grown exponentially, with more and more people needing public/commercial washrooms. The current reliance on commercial septic systems is outdated. A central sewer system for the town Centre is needed.
I think the septic system is kind of a bummer	It's a real pain for my business and will eventually be for my home as well.
Potential for large scale development if improve the sanitation system	Appreciate the community the way it is. Don't need a Peachland or Kelowna approach to development
lack of sewage treatment. We should join up with Penticton sewage treatment system.	
Lack of sewer service	
Smell of septic in the village on most summer days	Pretty obvious
No sewer	Septic facilities from homes leaking into lakes; cannot place anything in my yard due to septic tank
Lack of sewage treatment	The continued use of septic systems is crazy
Any talk of a waste water treatment plant in Naramata	Insane costs to build and maintain.
Environmental blindness. In orchards, vineyards, and most importantly septic pollution into the lake.	No need to explain

Septic tanks	Archaic and not good for the environment. However, any sewer would need to be contingent on limits on monster homes, site coverage, and height limits.
Wastewater	Quite surprised for the size of the village (and growing) that there isn't a wastewater treatment facility
Reliance on septic systems for water sanitation	It is time to make a water sewer system a priority, if not for the whole community to start, then at least for the village and more densely residential neighbourhoods like those up Arawana.

signs/visual pollution

Hodge podge of signs along Naramata Road	All the signs for businesses, realtors, homes for sale, etc. is an eyesore. Some structure around signage is needed.
Large signage that takes away from the feel of the area	
I do not like excessive signage on our hiking trails	– Creek Park has become a place where it is no longer enjoyable to go for a hike. I spent many years trail running there and hiking weekly while only seeing a few faces or none at all. Now it is congested all the time and not a peaceful experience what so ever. A thousand tourists with their cameras stopping down the vegetation. It's sad.
Ugly signage	Both by wineries (sandwich boards everywhere) and developers and others at Arawana corner
Landfill, Power poles and endless signs	When you first enter Naramata a world class wine destination you see and might smell the dump. Next you drive along a beautiful road full of ugly power poles and endless signs that advertise things like septic services, real estate developments ect. Just like sea containers need to be regulated so do advertising. The landfill should be relocated.
All the signs left up for years at the corner of Naramata Road and Arawana road. Non stop visual pollution!!	

single road in/out

Access and exit via single road!	This is a disaster just waiting to happen. During a major fire what's the plan of evacuation everyone and animals via a single road...
No clear escape route or plan for this cut de sac village in case of fires or flood	
One road in and out	
I really dislike that there is only one road out of Naramata.	With flooding and especially wildfires it feels like building another route out of the community is beyond essential. After Lytton it feels really irresponsible not to have exit strategies.
Only one access too and for the Penticton	

Another route in and out of Penticton	Safety reasons in case of fire as well as general convenience.
Only one road in and out of the village.	In case of emergency (ie wildfire), will make it very difficult/challenging to evacuate. Also, during peak tourism season, the road is congested by too many poor drivers. Is there a water taxi service that could be put in place?
Only one road in and out in case of emergencies	
The one road in and one road out situation	I have learned to allow a little extra time for any travel on Naramata Rd in the summer months due to visitors and cyclists and a little extra time in the winter for snowy conditions. Something that crosses my mind is what mayhem will happen in the event of an evacuation with just the one access road to the community. Not sure what the resolution would be but it something that should be addressed. Not really thrilled for Naramata Rd to become a busy route to Kelowna however.
Only one route in	In the event of an accident or road closure, there are no other alternatives to leave the area. This also is a concern during wildfire season. A secondary all season route past Gawne Rd should be established.
Lack of proper emergency egress	We have one road in and out of our community. In the event of a major event such as a wildfire, that one road would quickly become a liability. We need to plan for how to quickly and efficiently move our community members to safety, particularly given the development growth we are seeing here.

skateboarding on pickleball/tennis courts

Skate board park and skate boarding on new pickleball courts and resurfaced tennis courts	Do not appreciate kids skateboarding and damaging the resurfaced tennis courts and the new pickleball courts. Perhaps a skateboard park is required in Naramata.
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solar panels on free standing mounts

Solar panels on free standing mounts

speed of change

Speed of change and uncertainty of the future feel of Naramata	It feels as though the core of our Village is changing quite quickly, I value the small, sleepy feeling of our Village. Paving paradise?
The fast speed with which land is being developed.	There seems to be a ton of development going on without a plan to it. It has increased the traffic on our roads exponentially over the last 5 years with no end in site.

speeding

Speeding construction traffic.

Noticed an increase in the number of large dump truck size vehicles that drive too fast.

50 km/hr speed limit in Village and associated residential area	The year around use by pedestrians and cyclists (includes many children) warrants 30 km/hr limit
Speeding	Speeds of 70+ on the Naramata Road are becoming too common leading to intimidation, aggressive driving and dangerous overtakes. Also, we are seeing an increase of speeds in excess of 50 in all residential areas of Naramata with a lack of consideration for children playing or people walking.
Speed limiters near the elementary school	Drivers are speeding in excess of 60km/hr during school days. Road bumps are necessary.
Speeding in village. It should be a 30km zone throughout	
Cars speeding down Robinson	Need a village speed limit - 30 km
Speed limit at school not enforced	It is dangerous, especially near the school.
Cars travel too fast down Robinson.	People travel too fast down Robinson
People have a tendency to speed outside of the elementary school.	
Speed and lack of speed enforcement on our community roads.	Speed is an issue in both the Village and on the Bench. Between Trades people and Mountain bikers zooming through our streets, it has become dangerous for people backing out of driveways and walkers on the roads (no sidewalks).
Traffic on Naramata Road - speeding, tailgating	Safety Lack of regard for other users like walkers, runners and cyclists
Speed regulation	Surprised there isn't speed bumps (larger) to maintain recommended speeds on high volume roads in the village
Speeding vehicles	Very few people respect the playground and school zone speed limit on Robinson.
Speed on some of our roads	Some of Naramata rds should be 30km. I live off of lower Debeck. It has many blind spots and sharp corners. 50km posted is too fast for some of the corners.
Speeding Vehicles are making tractor usage unsafe on many of our rural roads.	
Speeding drivers on Naramata Rd	
Cars driving too fast on Robinson St.	It is dangerous. The maximum speed in Naramata village should be 30 km/h.
Lack of Speed Bumps on Robinson	Robinson needs to be re-done, there are too many bumps that are noisy when hit by the growing number of construction trucks. Having said that speed bumps would slow the traffic and minimize the noise.
Speeding along Robinson Avenue, including through the school zone.	
The increased speeding on the main Naramata Road.	It becomes a safety concern. There is no policing for speeding and that includes all the dump trucks and large work trucks each day.

swimmers itch

Swimmer itch in the lake

There is a lot of swimmers itch in the lake. I cannot swim in the lake in Naramata but this is not a problem in Penticton

tax increases

Having our taxes increased to support the fast growth of our community

le: water upgrades, potential sewer upgrades, manitou park upgrades.

taxes

high for the services you get

too few streetlights

Street lighting inadequate, no sidewalks or bike lanes.

Which more development we see more traffic, but roads are kind of unsafe for kids /bikes.

Lack of street lights

Almost no street lights

No street lights on Naramata road

We need this for safety reasons

There should be more street lights at critical corners.

Lack of street lighting

Dangerous to walk, cycle, drive at times of low light and winter

Very few street lights along Naramata Rd.

Driving in the dark on roadway with deer, blind corners

Lighting the streets

Too dark at night!

poor lighting on Naramata road

Village street lighting

To little

Not enough lighting on Naramata road.

Need some street lights . Dangerous night time driving

Not enough lighting on roads

Not sure if this is on your list already but this is more of a safety issue.

lack of streetlights on some intersections

Lack of street lighting.

Lighting

Most streets in Naramata are in darkness in the winter

too little development/growth

Lack of new development

too many benches

Too many fixed sitting benches in Naramata parks that constrain flexible park use and are often placed close to the waterfront effectively blocking lake views for picnickers and other park users.

too many house guests/visitors

Too many people want to come and visit during the summer!

Non-stop house guests because it is so special here!

too many jurisdictions/governance

Jurisdiction of MoTI over roads & stormwater.

RDOS is subservient, seemingly without meaningful contribution or influence, to a Provincial Authority which has absolute autonomy regarding one of THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS which effects every inhabitant, grower, business owner, developer, or visitor of the eastern shores of Lake Okanagan north of Penticton. The public at large, and by implication the RDOS, is entirely dependent on a bureaucracy under severe fiscal pressure, which has risk management ramifications and also hampers constructive city planning deemed necessary for Naramata township.

Too many levels of governance for the size of the population.

Permitting process is not well run

Too many 'last minute' items are requested. A more clear and concise list of requirements need to be established

A lack of co-operation between jurisdictions - Federal, Provincial and Regional District

Naramata Creek maintenance and long term flood mitigation (federal, provincial and regional) ; Naramata Road, Robinson Avenue; road maintenance, improvements (provincial - Ministry of Transportation);

The disconnects between RDOS and MOTI etc

When there are parking issues, or fires on the beach etc, there is no easy resolution as each jurisdiction points you to another jurisdiction. "Not my problem"

The many, many, many small associations that don't realize they are all working on the same goal.

So much effort for what could be a much bigger and easier result.

lack of environmental oversight

Poor Service from RDOS

Unbridled establishment of subdivisions by PAO from the Ministry of Highways

There seems to be no limit to the number of residences that are going to be allowed in Naramata. Input from the community is not solicited or even considered if the option is NO MORE SUBDIVISIONS, nor is the density of traffic on our paved rural roads a concern. The increasing population contributes to Regional District tax revenue but the demands of more residences will soon outstrip the capability of our infrastructure to keep with the sprawl that is resulting. Developers prevail, and they are altering the landscape and ambiance of our community and walking away smiling with their profits in hand. Long term consequences of their actions are not their concern or liability.

too many restrictions/bylaws

Inconsistent enforcement of land use bylaws

Some people get away with things like significant interference with the creek and riparian zones, or covering 90% of their property with hard surfaces or roofed structures, others are penalized for the tiniest thing.

Also, the volume of air bnb etc that are active year-round...and this seems to be permitted, yet I can't have a suite in my house for my adult child to live in year round while he saves for a down payment for his own place??

Your bylaw people sitting at Manitou park writing up dog walkers.

Pick the low hanging fruit. Surely their others issues as important.

too many streetlights/house lights

Street lights and other offensive forms of light pollution

It interferes with my right to enjoy the darkness at night. It's akin to playing loud music or burning a smoky fire, it disturbs my enjoyment of outside.

Street lights should be motion activated

Especially on Wiseman PL where they create light pollution. Intersections on Robinson should be well lit, but many other street lights in the village could be dimmed or on motion detectors. whatever needs to be done to minimize light pollution while maintaining safety.

neon lights and led lights the pickle ball court and new sign are obnoxious

too bright disrupt the nature and birds and looks like big city - regulate how bright lights can be and regulate that lights have direct down and circumference for the purpose ie your light should not shine on my house or into my yard or wake me up at night

Too many outside lights on new buildings and homes creating light pollution

The light ,if needed and not just put up because suggested, could be on motion sensors

paying for street lights we don't have or want

I would rather not pay the street light fee and not have street lights at all. they take away from the evening skys

too much lighting from new big box homes - we are not in Las Vegas!

Too many 'decorative' house lights.

Wastes energy, and takes away our former "dark skies".

big lights on newer boxy homes

We are concerned of light pollution	With the new wineries and large houses being built. We do not want street lights.
Light pollution	It impacts our enjoyment of the beautiful natural setting of Naramata.
bright lights on many new homes	eyesore for evening views
Light pollution from new subdivisions	So many new houses have an excess of exterior lighting and continuously leave them on all night. This has really changed our ability to see the night sky.
too much commercialization	
Don't like commercial mizatiin of our village	Growing too fast without considering infrastructure impact.
commercializatiom	I like the village atmosphere as is
To many commercial winery in Naramata took away space that was were allocate to the farming	
commercialization	
commercialization	
commercialization	
I do not like commercialization	we need to grow our businesses carefully in Naramata.
Growing commercialization	
Commercialized	
On the one hand I think it's wonderful that the Naramata Inn seems to be flourishing and that we have the new tea house, Neverland, and that the new owners of the Naramata Store have plans to upgrade it. My worry is where will it all lead? Is our village and our region going to become the next jet set hot spot? Having a small village that is rural, quiet and idyllic is a delicate balance to maintain when development starts happening. I guess my concern is that this is inevitable and that the village of Naramata is about to change irrevocably.	
commercialization	
commercialization	

commercialization

I have a huge concern regarding the protection of maintaining Naramata's spirit. I have noticed that some properties are being renovated or built that aren't in character with the village or even up the hill. Vancouver style homes that take up most of the property or have the ability for the owners to look into another persons yard do not belong here. They will absolutely kill the Naramata character that us locals love and cherish so much

Commercialization, need to grow food and less grapes

traffic/congestion

Vehicle traffic on KVR (above the Little Tunnel)

The KVR is a very special asset to the region. Its one of the few trails that is relatively easy to navigate for beginners. I would like to be able to cycle from Naramata to Chute Lake with having to worry about encountering vehicles or quads .

Drive to Naramata

Way to congested and long line of cars going 20 to 30 under the speed limit and no one pulls over

Too much traffic, Naramata Road is becoming too congested. It's difficult to make a left turn making it dangerous.

increased volumes of people and traffic during 6 months of the year

getting out of control and destroying the charm and peace of the environment

traffic

Too much traffic on Naramata road.Much of this created by construction contractors.
Also many drivers are well above the speed limit,including the village area

Need to ensure road system are sufficient to handle future development in the Naramata area.

Wednesday market

too much traffic, locals cannot get to the beach or park areas. I thought this was a lesson learned when after 30 years the August Faire was cancelled. It should be kept small with local items only.

The increasing traffic and future traffic as a result of further development.

In our area, the intersection of Naramata Road and Arawana has seen increased traffic. Not to mention our smaller roads and potential near collisions particularly around our many corners. This is the case now even after the summer visitor season. With many more vehicles due to the construction workers in our area we get more and more a sense of what is to come when all these developments are complete and the wave of new occupants take residence here.

Traffic

It's getting more congested

traffic

too many accidents danger on road

traffic getting worse

only 1 road in / out ... can only have so many cars

inadequate number of roads for the vehicles coming down Arawana and Gammon to the Naramata road	Leaves us so vulnerable
Increased traffic from all of the new developments	Dangerous, one way in, one way out, losing the small town feel. etc..
I don't like the traffic increasing and that not enough traffic calming measures are not put in place.	Especially by the school and narrow residential roads.
Traffic	Increase of traffic noise and more dangerous on roads in general
Naramata road gets busy during the summer	some drivers get aggressive and impatient, going way over the speed limit
Too much traffic on Gawne/Gammon	Unsafe drivers, dangerous for walkers and children
Summer traffic	Don't know what can be done, other than bicyclist bylaws to keep them single file and to the shoulder, and maybe car pullouts for slow drivers and string enforcement of slow driver laws.
Traffic density and few routes.	Again related to traffic in our area we have Arawana and Gawne and the only main access point to Naramata road. Both steep and curving roads that must be driven with caution and attention. I can't imagine what this would be like in the (worst) case of an evacuation order for all Naramata ... true ciao! Once again I sense the development process does not accurately capture the full future impact of all this traffic in the context of our area.
Traffic from new developments	
Increased traffic from trades and rapidly growing residential.	Lack of stopping at stop signs , speed should be reduced in residential areas, more safety for walkers and cyclists on the road sides.
traffic	site seeing on Naramata road
number of huge transports driving fast on mountain roads (in zigzag)	
Sprawl and traffic	I worry about stacks of houses on the bench. I think naramata road is getting too busy, and alternative or active transport should encouraged. I would love a separated bike lane (that can be used by evokes etc) and more on demand small shuttle service.
Lack of traffic planning	We are a community with one road in and out which is a safety and access issue
Traffic	Summer is nuts, speed limits too high, noisy trucks and motorcycles racing with open pipes, surely bylaw can put a stop to this
getting alittle too congested	
Traffic on Naramata road	Speeding ,noisy vehicles
trail use conflict	

KVR - use of motorized vehicles

I'd like to see all motorized vehicles barred from using the entire KVR, with the exception of disabled people, who could be issued permits for use of quads, etc if needed.

No dirt bikes on KVR

What is the problem with dirt bikes on KVR like we will just go slow

Horse

Why are horse aloud on KVR even when they make a bigger mess than dirt bikes

Dirt bikers and hunters allowed to go unchecked.

I do not like the paving of the KVR trail.

It's a trail, it should be grated and maintained to keep with the natural landscape, not paved.

hikers taking away access to the hills for everyone else

getting dirty looks from hikers that dont live here. KVR is slowly being transferred to hikers only by people that should learn to SHARE the hills with everyone else

Motorized vehicle use at Chute Lake and on the KVR

Motorized vehicles like ATVs and Quads cause noise and air pollution in otherwise quiet wilderness area

cyclists not giving warning to pedestrians on KVR trail

no time to leash up one's dog or jump out of the way

The closure of the KVR to motorized traffic.

Recreational motorized vehicles were a part of the rural and country feel that attracted me to the area. The decision to stop motorized traffic on the KVR suited only part of the community and not many long time residents who appreciated the freedom to share our public space with everyone not only a select few. Unfortunately I am not sure why I am no longer allowed to enjoy my recreational space the way I have for many years but am expected to accept horse and dog feces on my street. I couldn't imagine forcing people to stop riding horses or walking their dogs just because I don't relate to their particular hobby or interest. Rant over, thank you.

transient workers

Transient workers sometimes

They are vital to the community but sometimes they don't look after the parks and other places they have to camp/stay while they are here.

Transient workers

It's gotten a bit better but transient workers are parking and camping on the beach, so drugs in our parks and generally leave things messy. They often have dogs that don't follow on leach / beach/ park rules

underused elementary school

Elementary school

Waste of money for how few students attend, and considering how close Penticton schools are. Surely there is a better use for this land and tax our dollars.

vacant lots in town

Dead Center of village

Both the empty Wine Vault property and the Naramata Centre property creates and activity and economic vacuum in the centre of the village

Vacant lots around town.

water supply/governance

Lack of follow through with the water management plan for the area

A plan was developed close to a decade ago and it was never executed which has resulted in flooding of properties. The environment continues to change and Naramata needs to be proactive in developing a forward thinking plan and take action immediately.

Inadequate water governance

We already experience frequent droughts and restrictions, yet we continue to allow construction of massive houses that will gobble up huge amounts of water

Water use

We spend a lot of time in the mountains surrounding Naramata, right now Chute Lk, Elinor Lk and Naramata Lk all are very low, mere puddles compared to what they normally are, leave the lakes alone, very little thought to the fish and wild life in the area.

Inadequate water governance

Ag water and drinking water on same system

inadequate water governance

Water reticulation.

Treated potable water for agricultural irrigation is not ideal. Cost and inconvenience of twinning to separate domestic and irrigation supplies might even offset future capital costs just to satisfy increased demand of potable water to new developments."User pays": reckless and irresponsible water consumption could be curtailed by the implementation of water consumption metering.

Water ? instability

There has to be a stable water source that is clean

Inadequate water governance

Crucial for sustainable growth

Lack of water governance

Water quality problems

Occasional water safety issues are concerning.

drinking the lake water

the lake water is much less pleasant than mountain water

Concerned about adequate , and clean water, what with increased demand from continual expansion of homebuilding

Inadequate water governance.

Chlorinated water for agriculture is not ideal. Boil water notices are too frequent. Water is bad tasting.

wildfire risk

Fire season

fire risk

poor forestry management

Fear of wildfires

Forests close to Naramata are a definite risk during the summer heatwaves.

Forest fires :(

smoke and forest fires

our town needs a voice on the provincial / federal plan and actions to combat/prevent and protect against forest fires

Fires and smoke

Self explanatory

Lack of Fire Smart management of forested areas in Naramata.

Fire danger.

I think the property maintenance education for fire safety is adequate, but I think there should be more of a push to make a community event day once or twice a year for wood debris clean up and chipping.

Increased risk of forest fires

Our house is increasingly at risk of burning by a forest fire as a result of forest lands management, climate change and lack of local forest fighting resources

The sense of dread when fire season approaches

I live next to the forest, and especially in drought years the worry of losing our house is significant

Worrying about fires in the summer.

wineries

Too many wineries

loss of small town feel too much business (wineries)

commercial interest seems to trump residents every time

too many wineries/distilleries

increase traffic, increase noise ie parties and weddings and pa systems disrupt and erode quality of life, no peace, increase drunk driving and hazardous driving and distracted driving in Naramata, lack of diversity creates vulnerability in market, does not really produce good jobs, loss of food land to alcohol crops is terrifying

Orchards are now wineries. Sad.

Wineries

This land could be used to grow food and create food security in Naramata

Too many wineries

Loss of character as a small community;
Encourages too much commerce especially In The summer .
People driving around dangerously after tasting at several establishments .
Breeds loud, rowdy, party atmosphere.