



Director's Report
Sechelt Public Library

March 27, 2022 – April 30, 2022

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1. Cover Photo

Creative felt creatures made with our much used Cricut machine. Sam did a school library tour on April 28 and these fun felt animals will be used as storytelling aides (see photo below). Thank-you again Friends of the Library for purchasing us this Cricut machine!



2. Grants 2022

Canada Healthy Communities Grant

This is the grant we applied for and received from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative for \$7541. Our current cost calculations for materials and labor for cataloguing and packaging have allowed us to purchase a total of 30 Playaway Launchpads consoles, all geared towards Brain Games:

Status: Grant Awarded for \$7541 / Grant received / still waiting arrival of ordered product.

CVITP (Community Volunteer Income Tax Program) Grant

Status: Grant Awarded / Received / purchased printer and paper etc to assist Terri in her tax preparation

Provincial Funding (one time)

As you know, that despite serious advocacy by all libraries and library advocate groups for over 12 years for increased **ongoing** library funding for **operational** requirements, the Province of BC has once again not increased library funding for 2022. It will remain at \$77,183 as it has been for 12 years. The Province has to give us **one-time** funding for emergency preparedness (\$10,395.21) and COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Grant (\$31,185.64).

Status: Grant Awarded / Grant received / working on how best to apply to needs

Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary Grant

Our grant application to the Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary focused on “initiatives that focus on a health benefit for the residents of the Sunshine Coast”. Our request was for funding for the incredible adult Chair Yoga program we started in 2021 as well as an intergenerational 10-week course we would like to have in the summer. As our library funds will be much more limited this year (last year we had some extra grants), we have already had to cancel the Spanish classes and do not want to have to cancel the chair yoga as well.

Status: Grant Awarded for \$3503 / Grant Received / spending it now!



3. Funding Payments

The Funding Agreement indicates the following dates for payment to the Sechelt Library:

	Beginning of Q1	Beginning of Q2	Beginning of Q3	Beginning of Q4
DOS	30%	30%	20%	20%
SCRD	25%	25%	25%	25%
SIGD	50% January 5	50% May 31	0%	0%

Funding received to date:

	Q1 pmt	Q2 pmt	Q3 pmt	Q4 pmt
DOS	Received	Received		
SCRD	Received	Received		
SIGD	Received	N/A		

4. Provincial Health Officer – Orders and Restrictions

New official Orders delivered Wednesday April 8, 2022 (at 12:01) did indeed remove the requirement for mask wearing and vaccine passports in public spaces. Our library signage indicates masks are optional. We will continue to supply masks to any public member that requests one.

5. Staffing

We have officially signed a contract with Gail Norman, one of our current Casual staff, to work as a permanent part time staff. Gail has been with us for a few years as a Casual and we are very pleased to have her continue in a permanent capacity.

MJ's last official day was Friday April 29. We have all appreciated the contribution she has made to us and to the library.

6. Volunteer Income Tax Clinic

Sechelt Library is still hosting the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) with Terri Fjaagesund as the CVITP volunteer. Patrons are so very grateful that we host this service and that is offered to them for free.

7. Books for Babies

As part of our work with the **Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition**, we are using a generous donation from them to support the purchase of **100 Books for Babies** packages in 2022!

In our Books for Babies bags this year we will have:


Book: We Sang You Home by Richard Van

CD: Just Imagine by Will's Jams.

Bags: by Eco

The “swag” should be arriving in Summer 2022 and be ready for distribution and promotion by each library in the fall. Pender Harbour residents can also collect at Sechelt Library and we will, of course, be coordinating the Pender Harbour Reading Center.

8. Program Guides – April 2022



SECHELT LIBRARY
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REGISTRATION

All programs are **FREE!**
Call (604) 885-3260 or drop by the library to register.
***Masks are Optional**

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10-5 May 23 Closed
Tuesday: 10-5
Wednesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-5
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-3
Sunday: Closed

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MOTHER'S DAY

Mother
By
Madison Julius Cawein

Oh, I am going home again,
Back to the old house in the lane,
And mother! who still sits and sews,
With cheeks, each one, a winter rose,
A-watching for her boy, you know,
Who left so many years ago,
To face the world, its stress and strain
Oh, I am going home again.

Yes, I am going home once more,
And mother 'll meet me at the door
With smiles that rainbow tears of joy,
And arms that reach out for her boy,
And draw him to her happy breast,
On which awhile his head he 'll rest,
And care no more, if rich or poor,
At home with her, at home once more.

Yes, I am going home to her,
Whose welcome evermore is sure:
I have been thinking, night and day,
How tired I am of being away!
How homesick for her gentle face,
And welcome of the oldtime place,
And memories of the days that were
Oh, I am going home to her.

Oh, just to see her face again
A-smiling at the windowpane!
To see her standing at the door
And offering her arms once more,
As oft she did when, just a child,
She took me to her heart and smiled,
And hushed my cry and cured my pain
I'm going home to her again.

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ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

Genealogy Tutoring **FREE**
Curious about your history? Want to discover your family tree?
Appointment required.


Tech Education **FREE**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
30 minute one-on-one sessions with our local tech expert. **Appointment required.**


Repair Café **FREE**
Saturday, May 14, 10:30-2:30
Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café.

Accessibility Services **FREE**
One on one assistance with Daisy audio players, and other accessibility programs and resources for individuals with visual impairments. **Appointment Required.**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY


Book Faire
Fri, May 6 & 20 12:00 - 5:00 **Community Room**
Sat, May 7 & 21 10:00 - 5:00 **Community Room**
Sun, May 8 & 22 10:00 - 3:00 **Community Room**
Hosted by *Friends of the Library*.
Donations are limited to 1 box of great books on Friday and Saturday only, during Book Faire hours. Flash Sale On Sunday.





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May 2022 Program Guide



ADULTS

Adult Card Making

Thursday, May 12, 26, 11:00-12:00 **Zoom & In Person**
Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! All supplies provided. **Registration Required.**

Astronomy Group Meeting

Friday May 13, 7:00PM-9:00PM **Via Zoom & In Person**
Presentation by Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club. **Registration Required.**

Bear Aware

Saturday, May 28, 11:00-12:30 **Community Room**
Learn more about what you can do to live safely and peacefully with our bear population. Presentation by the Sunshine Coast Bear Alliance.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 10:45-11:30 **Zoom & In Person**
Join Julie Morgan for this gentle form of yoga. **Registration Required.** *No Class May 23

Chronic Pain Education & Support Group

Tuesday, May 17, 11:00 - 12:45 **Community Room**
Regular education and support group for people experiencing unrelieved pain. **Registration Required.**

Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 **Sechelt Library**
Adventure begins at the library! Come and delve into the fantastic stories of Dungeons and Dragons and take part in creative story gaming. Join the party for exciting adventures in imagination every Tuesday. Call or email the library to join the waitlist for when a new table is set up. **Registration Required.**

General Fiction Book Club

Tuesday May 10, 1:00-2:30 **Zoom**
Read *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in May. **Registration Required.**

Income Tax Preparation

Tuesday May 3, 10, 10:00 - 4:00 **Room Of Requirement**
Free for qualifying individuals and couples. Please see the website for more details. **Appointment Required.**

Mystery Book Club

Tuesday May 17, 15, 1:00-2:30 **Zoom**
Read *Where the Shadows Lie* by Michael Ridpath in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 3rd Tuesday in May. **Registration Required.**

Sechelt Family History Group

Monday, May 30, 6:30 - 8:30 **Community Room**
Interested in your family history? Come and join this group of dedicated ancestor hunters. **Registration Required.**

Stitchin'

Mondays, 11:30-1:00 **Community Room**
Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters. **Registration Required.** *No Class May 23

Ukulele

Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 **Community Room or Outside**
Fun ukulele jam for all levels. **Drop In - Limited Seating.**

Victory Celebration

Wednesday, May 4
Grand Moff Tarkin will be hosting a feast celebrating the end of the Rebellion upon his return from the Yavin system. Lord Vader will be in attendance.

Authors Talk

Saturday May, 28, 1:00 - 2:30 **Community Room**
Join local author Nadia Serry for Book Two of her *Reflections of a Wondering Mystic - Contemplation into Awareness.*

Writers Group

Tuesday May 10 & 24, 10:00 - 12:30 **Rockwood**
Come join your fellow writers in reading and critiquing each others work in a friendly and constructive manner. Limited to 8 seats. **Registration Required.**

Writer's Studio Writing Consults

Saturday, May 14, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00
Room of Requirement
Need an opinion on your writing? Free 45 min consultation with Jocelyne Gregory MFA, on seven pages of your poetry or prose. Please provide the sample of your work 1-2 weeks prior to your appointment. **Registration Required.**

CHILDREN & TEENS

Author Reading

Saturday, May 28, 1:00 **Children's Area or outside**
Local author Deborah Greaves will be reading from her picture book *Dalton and the Teddy Bear Repair* at this Storytime for kids. Recommended for families with children ten and under. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**

Babytime

Friday, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 - 11:00 **Children's Area or outside**
Recommended for families with children under 2. Join us on Fridays for a relaxed drop-in Babytime with books, songs, and play. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**

StoryTime

Saturday, May 7, 14, 28, 10:30 - 11:00
Children's Area or outside.
Recommended for families with children 5 and under. Join us on Saturday for a drop-in Family Storytime for books, songs, and play. **Drop-Ins Welcome.** *No Session May 21.

Kids Card Making

Thursday, May 5, 3:30 - 4:30 **Community Room**
Ruth Moore will be leading this free workshop on card making and design. All Supplies provided. **Registration Required.** Ages 4-8.

Teen Book Club

Thursday, May 12, 3:30-4:30 **Teen Area**
Read *A Good Girls Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 13-19. **Registration Required.**

Teen Anime Club

Friday, May 13, 27, 3:00-5:00 **Community Room**
Join us to watch anime and discuss manga. Snacks provided. Ages 9-18. The content is rated PG13 or TV14A. **Registration Required.**

Dungeons & Dragons

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Teen Advisory Group & Teen Book Reviews

Have a say in what Teen programs we offer, review books and earn volunteer hours. Ages 13-19. Email sam.jversen@secheltlibrary.ca to join our Discord Server.

9. CUPE 391 Union Job Reclassification

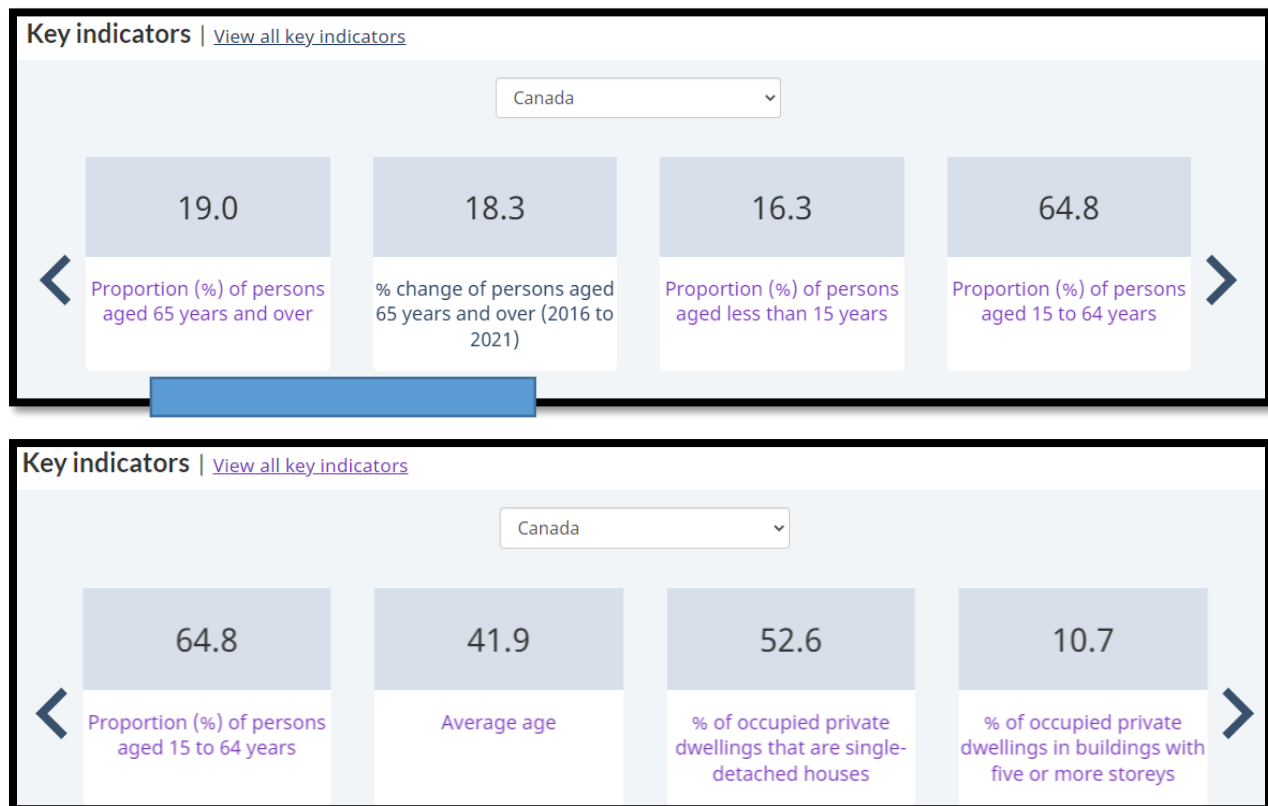
Some tough decisions were made this month regarding the involvement of CUPE 391 National in this process. My decision was supported by both our staff Union Representative and the staff Union Alternate. We are now moving forward and are at a point where I need to work on a process to adequately relate correct wages to the weights and points each staff member now has associated with their job description in this 5 Factor Process. Again, this is a very separate consideration to any overall negotiated wage increase and only involves how each internal union job description relates to all other internal union job descriptions.

Although I had to make an educated guess at the outcome prior to the budget negotiations in 2020 and 2021, I would estimate that there will be more salary increases necessary than previously predicted. As I mentioned to our Funders in prior budget negotiations, this “educated guess vs actual outcome” was always a concern in terms of being potentially underestimated.

10. Statistics Canada – New demographic data

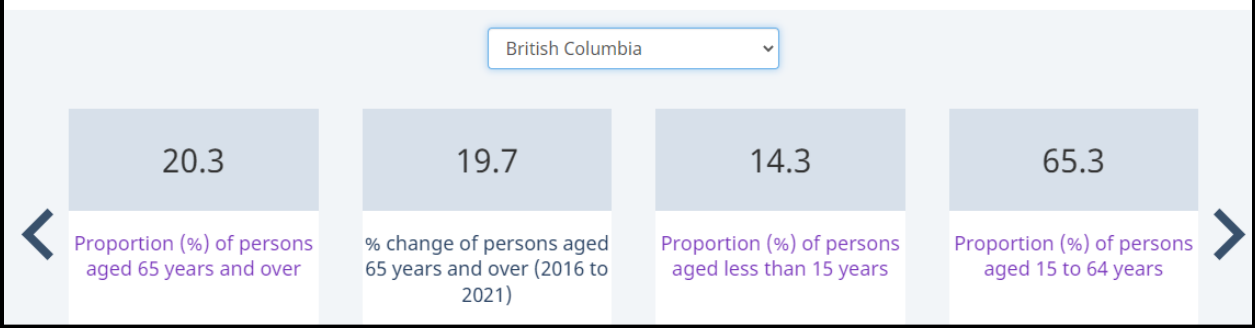
Statistics Canada released their new demographic data on Wednesday April 27th. Here are some of the outcomes for Canada, British Columbia and Sechelt:

CANADA

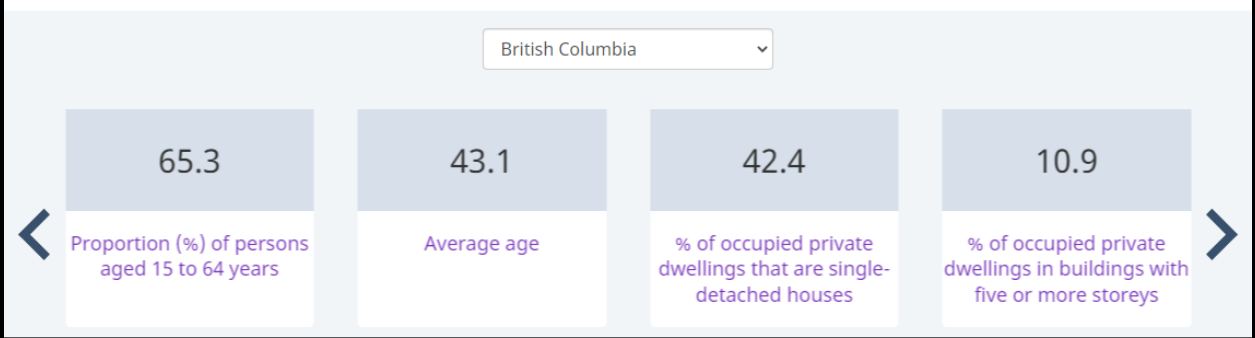


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Sechelt, District municipality [Data quality](#)

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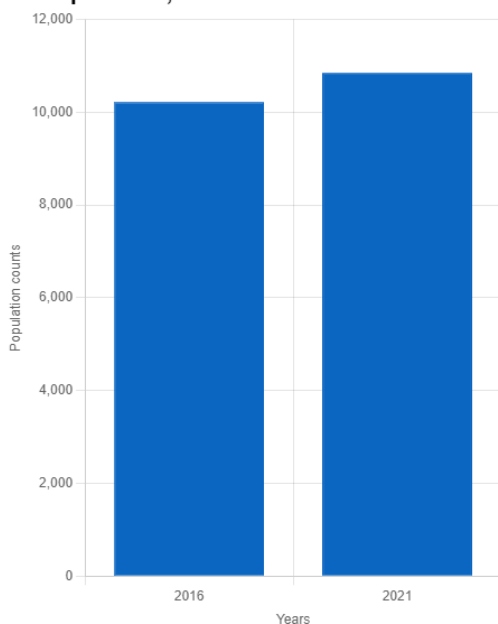
Population and dwelling counts

Geographic name:

Sechelt, District municipality (Census subdivision), British Columbia

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Population, 2021 and 2016 censuses



61

Provincial population rank: 61

National population rank: 403 of 4,831

6.2%

In 2021, the enumerated population of Sechelt, District municipality (CSD) was 10,847, which represents a change of 6.2% from 2016. This compares to the provincial average of 7.6% and the national average of 5.2%.

5.6%

In 2021, there were 5,128 private dwellings occupied in Sechelt, which represent a change of 5.6% from 2016.

278.0

The land area of Sechelt is 39.02 square kilometres and the population density was 278.0 people per square kilometre.

Sechelt – Age distribution by broad age groups and gender, 2021 Census

Age groups	Total - Gender ¹	Men+ ²	Women+ ³
0 to 14	11.9%	13.3%	10.6%
15 to 64	51.5%	51.5%	51.4%
65 and over	36.7%	35.2%	38.0%

11.9%

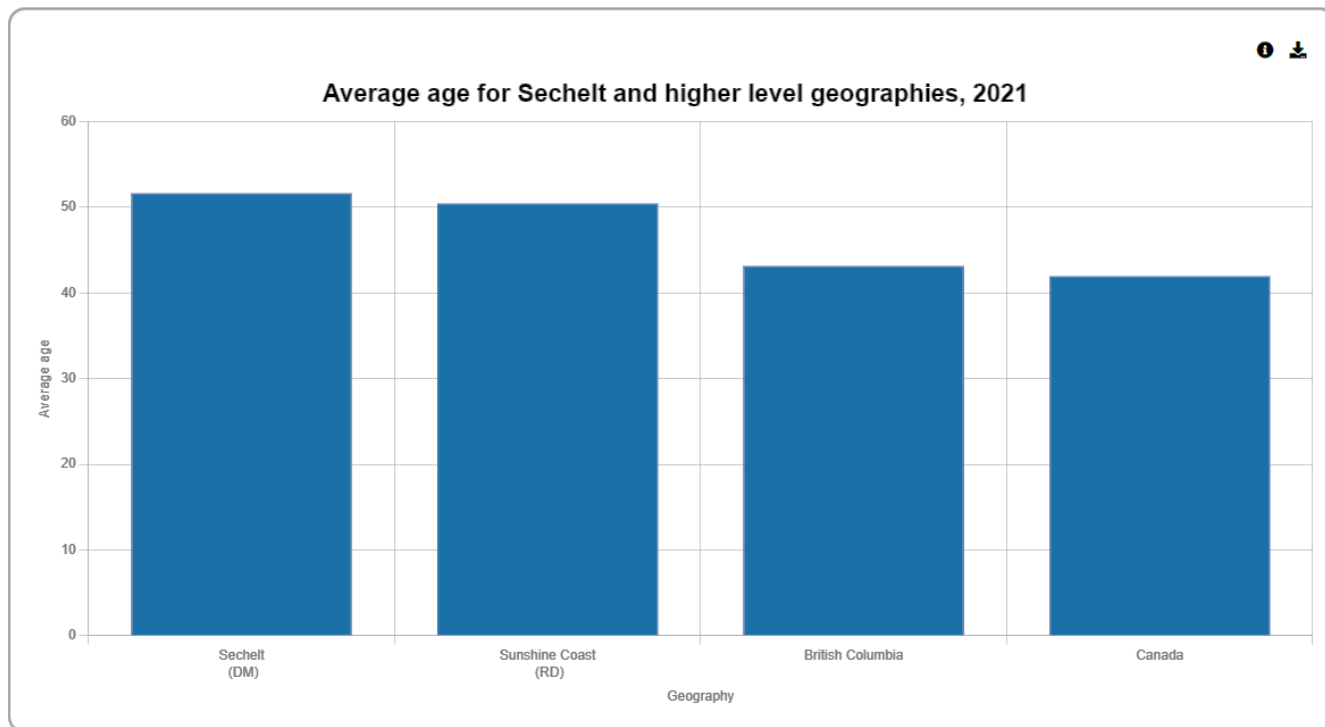
In 2021, 1,290 children aged 0 to 14 were enumerated in Sechelt, representing respectively 11.9% of the total population. In comparison, for Canada, the proportion of children was 16.3% in 2021.

51.5%

The working age population (15 to 64) represented 51.5% of the total population. In comparison, for Canada, the proportion of the population aged 15 to 64 was 64.8% in 2021.

36.7%

In 2021, 3,975 persons aged 65 and over were enumerated in Sechelt, representing respectively 36.7% of the total population. In comparison, for Canada, the proportion of seniors was 19.0% in 2021.



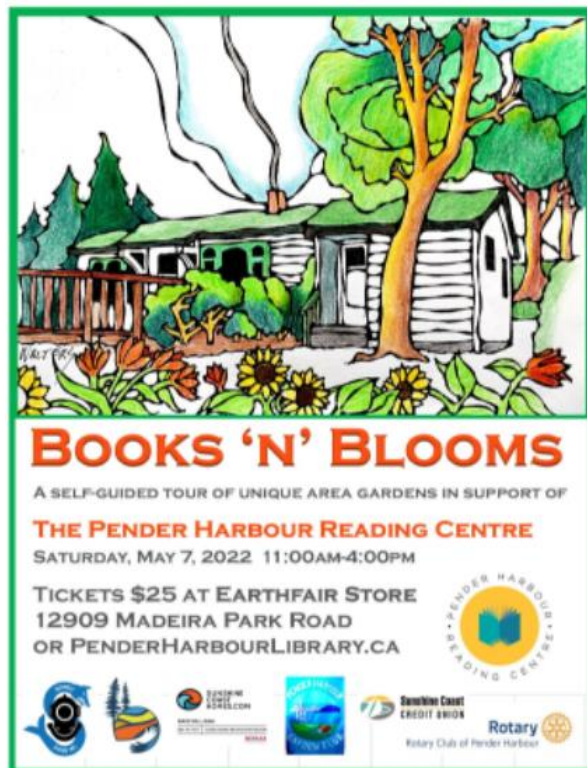
Here is a excel chart I put together from a large data dump from Stats Canada. I thought you may find interesting:

	census yr	total population	Age 65+	Age 65+	Age 15-64	Age 15-64	Age 0-14	Age 0-14	average age	median age
Sunshine Coast										
SCRD A (Pender)	2021	3039	1220	40.14%	1585	52.15%	230	7.56%	55.3	61.2
SCRD B (HMB)	2021	2969	940	31.66%	1670	56.25%	360	12.12%	50.1	56.4
SCRD D (RC)	2021	3523	995	28.24%	2030	57.62%	495	14.05%	47.3	51.2
Sechelt	2021	10847	3975	36.65%	5580	51.44%	1290	11.89%	51.6	57.6
SIGD	2021	not avail								
Sunshine Coast										
Sunshine Coast	2021	32170	10695	33.20%	17660	54.90%	3810	11.80%	50.4	56.0
Gibsons										
Gibsons	2021	4758	1640	34.46%	2605	54.75%	510	10.72%	51.2	56.0
Other:										
Qualicum	2021	9303	5235	56.27%	3430	36.86%	635	6.80%	61.2	67.5
Parksville	2021	13642	6045	44.31%	6335	46.44%	1260	9.23%	55.0	62.0

11. Pender Harbour Reading Centre

Books N Blooms

To assist the Pender Harbour reading Center, we have been advertising the Books N Blooms Event on our library social media platforms to assist the reading center with promotion. Still time for you to pick up your tickets and go! :



“Join the Pender Harbour Reading Centre for “BOOKS ‘N’ BLOOMS” a self-guided garden tour fundraiser for the Reading Centre on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 11 am to 4 pm. Visit six very different gardens, ranging from a unique waterfront property to a sculptor’s garden and then a woodland retreat with many native, wild and speciality plants. Tickets are \$25, available from the EarthFair Store in Madeira Park or through www.penderharbourlibrary.ca “

WIFI:

As most of you know, Sechelt Library pays the WIFI costs for the Pender Harbour Reading Center each year (\$500). But there is more benefit than just to the Reading Center! Now the Pender Harbour Art Gallery also utilizes the Reading Center WIFI as well as the Pender Harbour School of Music!

12. Kisses for Sechelt Library



13. Online Access to Historical Newspapers

For quite some time, libraries were working on how to fund the huge cost of being able to access three of BC's historical newspapers: the Vancouver Sun, the Province and The Times-Colonist. When we initially inquired our proportional costs was, well, very cost prohibitive. Since then, larger benefactors have stepped in and libraries now have access to this wonderful resource with information dating back to the late 1800's. Free access can be found on our Library website – from numerous locations. Here is one of our current website banners:

The screenshot shows the Sechelt Library website. At the top right is a 'My Account' link. The main header features the Sechelt Library logo with the tagline 'Space to think'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, Find Books & More, Online Resources, Using the Library, News & Events, Kids & Teens, Services & Programs, and About Us. A search bar is located on the right, with options for 'Catalogue' (selected) and 'Website', a search input field with the placeholder 'author, title or keyword', and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a blue button that says 'Download Books and Magazines'. The main content area features a large banner for 'BC libraries now provide access to British Columbia Historical Newspapers'. The banner includes three sub-banners for 'Access The Province (1894-2010)', 'Access The Times-Colonist (1884-2010)', and 'Access The Vancouver Sun (1912-2010)'. Below these is the text 'thanks to the sponsorship of' followed by logos for BCELN, BCLibraries COOPERATIVE, and FOCUSED. At the bottom of the banner is a button that says 'click to begin your search'. To the right of the banner is a section titled 'Key features:' with a list of bullet points: 'use from home', 'full access', 'create a "My Research" account', 'download to your computer', 'create citations', and 'email a full-text copy complete with citation, full publication information, and document link'. Below the list is a note: 'For more information, call the library (604-885-3260). To learn more about about using this collection, book an appointment with Teresa.'

14. Medical Emergency

“The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library” Albert Einstein

People always know there will be someone at the library who can help and a library is exactly where they go for assistance. Teresa and Janette, not for the first time, assisted with a medical emergency outside the library on the grounds of the visitors centre. Their actions made have prevented a more serious medical emergency.

Another example of the things library staff do everywhere.

15. UNDRIP

United Nations declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

BC has released the Declaration Act Action Plan, developed in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous Peoples, outlining 89 specific actions every ministry in government will take to create a better province for Indigenous Peoples in B.C. We will be working with the BC provincial government on the impact of this action plan and government's approach as it relates to public library services.

[Historic action plan guides UNDRIP implementation in B.C.](#)

[News Release](#)

[Victoria](#)

[Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:39 PM](#)

The Province is releasing the Declaration Act Action Plan, developed in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous Peoples, outlining 89 specific actions every ministry in government will take to create a better province for Indigenous Peoples in B.C.

"This plan is a first for any government in the world. It will drive transformative change in the relationship with Indigenous Peoples and help us build a brighter future for everyone," said Premier John Horgan. "By working together in partnership, we are creating more opportunities, better jobs and stronger environment protections. This is a roadmap that builds on the progress we have made – a new way forward and another important step towards meaningful reconciliation."

British Columbia is the first province to release an action plan dedicated to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UN Declaration) in Canada. The plan was developed with Indigenous Peoples, First Nations and organizations through intensive consultation. This significant engagement ensures the plan reflects the priorities of Indigenous Peoples – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – living in B.C.

It's about a better future.

The *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Declaration Act)* became law in B.C. on November 28, 2019. Through this act, the Province formally adopted the internationally recognized standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration).

The [Declaration Act Action Plan](#) (3.9MB PDF), released on March 30, 2022, outlines how we will bring the UN Declaration into harmony with our work over the next five years.

Together, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous Peoples, we will advance reconciliation in tangible and measurable ways in B.C. – today and into the future.



Union of
British Columbia
Indian Chiefs

Action Plan goals



Self-Determination and Inherent Right of Self-Government

Indigenous Peoples exercise and have full enjoyment of their rights to self-determination and self-government, including developing, maintaining and implementing their own institutions, laws, governing bodies, and political, economic and social structures related to Indigenous communities.



Title and Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Peoples exercise and have full enjoyment of their inherent rights, including the rights of First Nations to own, use, develop and control lands and resources within their territories in B.C.



Ending Indigenous-Specific Racism and Discrimination

Indigenous Peoples fully express and exercise their distinct rights, and enjoy living in B.C. without interpersonal, systemic and institutional interference, oppression or other inequities associated with Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination, wherever they reside.



Social, Cultural and Economic Well-Being

Indigenous Peoples in B.C. fully enjoy and exercise their distinct rights to maintain, control, develop, protect and transmit their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, languages, food systems, sciences and technologies. They are supported by initiatives that promote connection, development, access and improvement, as well as full participation in all aspects of B.C.'s economy. This includes particular focus on ensuring the rights of Indigenous women, youth, Elders, children, persons with disabilities and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are upheld.