

**West Kootenay Women's
Association**
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To The Women Of The Household;

The Women's Advocacy Programme (WA Programme) would like to hear your thoughts, ideas, ideals, and gripes about your life. The programme has been designed to find out what your lives in Nelson are like. We want to know what your needs are, what your hopes and dreams are and what should or could be improved to make Nelson a better place for you to live.

This survey has been distributed throughout Nelson and it is set up for you to answer, in your own words and with your own opinions.

The questionnaire is confidential and you are welcome to answer it anonymously.

Please fill out the questionnaire as completely and as honestly as you possibly can. It is a long survey so your patience in answering will be greatly appreciated. Answer all the questions to the best of your ability and use the back of pages if more writing space is needed.

The WA Programme hopes to get some ideas and direction, from you, the women we were organized to assist, on how to better Nelson for you now and for our future women residents.

If you feel we have omitted a major question or would just like to write more, feel free to do so. Or come down to the Nelson Women's Centre, 307 Vernon Street and discuss the survey.

Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible, then place it in a mailbox. It is self addressed and pre-stamped for your convenience.

Thank you all for your time.

If you do not wish to answer our survey, we would appreciate knowing why.

SECTION ONE: You and the People You Live With:

- 1/ Do You Live Alone? _____ or with others? _____ (Please check one)
2/ If you live alone, please describe what you like or don't like about living alone: _____

Do you think you will live alone permanently? Yes _____ No _____

If not, what do you foresee, or hope for, in the future? _____

- 3/ If you live with others, how many other people do you live with? _____

What is your relationship with them?(ie. friend, husband, daughter, son)? _____

Please describe the kinds of problems you encounter living with other people? _____

How have you, or how do you think these problems might be resolved? _____

SECTION TWO: Your Home and Neighbourhood

4/ Do you: Rent _____ Own _____ Board _____ Other (please explain) _____

5/ Is your home a : House _____ Trailer _____ Apartment _____ Other _____

6/ If you own your home, is it in: Your name _____ Your husband's name _____
Other _____ Please explain _____

7/ Describe your neighbourhood _____

SECTION THREE: Finances

8/ Are you the only one in your household with an income? _____

9/ Do you financially support yourself? Yes _____ NO _____

10/ Do you financially support others? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, do you totally or partially support the others? Totally _____

Partially _____

11/ If you share financial responsibility for your household, please explain
how that is done _____

12/ How are you financially supported now? _____

Are you satisfied with your present means of support? Yes _____ No _____

Please explain _____

Are your finances adequate: Yes _____ No _____

If no what things do you need more money for? _____

SECTION FOUR: Work

13/ Are you employed outside the home? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, are you employed Full time _____ Part time _____

14/ If you are not employed outside the home, would you like to be:

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is keeping you from being employed? Please explain _____

15/ Do you work inside the home? Yes _____ No _____

Please explain _____

Describe in detail the work you do, (ie. a typical day) _____

16/ How do you feel about this work? _____

In your opinion, how do the other members of your household feel about it?

17/ Do you do unpaid work outside the home? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe the work you do _____

Describe a typical day at work _____

18/ How do you feel about this work? And in your opinion, how do the other members of your household feel about it? _____

19/ Do you get along with your employer? Please EXplain. _____

Do you get along with the others you work with? Please explain. _____

Are you satisfied with your job? _____

If you could have ANY job, what would it be? _____

Please explain why _____

SECTION FOUR: Social Life

20/ With whom do you spend most of your spare time with? (family, friends, work associates, etc) _____

Who are your closest friends? (Old school mates, married friends, family, work associates, etc.) _____

21/ What do you do in your spare time? _____

Are there things you would like to be doing in your spare time, but can't do or don't do? Please explain _____

SECTION FIVE: Nelson

22/ How long have you lived in Nelson? _____

Why did you move to Nelson? _____

Does Nelson have adequate facilities and services? (government offices, medical, schools, shopping, recreation facilities, etc.) _____

Do you like living here? _____

Why or why not? _____

What things could be improved to make Nelson a better place to live, for you? _____

SECTION SIX: Women

23/ How do you think life in Nelson is different for women than for men? _____

What do you think is the most important issue for women in Nelson? Why? _____

Do you think the position of women in society has improved over the last twenty (20) years? Yes _____ No _____ How? _____

24/ Have you ever used the services of the NELSON WOMEN'S CENTRE? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, which services? _____

Were you satisfied with the help you received? _____

If not, are there circumstances under which you would go to the CENTRE?

Yes ___ No ___ Please explain _____

Do you know the services that the NELSON WOMEN'S CENTRE offers? _____
