

City of Port Townsend Healthier Together Comment Log

Comment	Date	Comment Via	Comment Summary	Response to Comment
1	1/9/2023	Engage PT	I am one of many Port Townsend and JeffCo residents who rely upon Mountainview Pool for exercise essential for my health and rehabilitation from several illnesses and surgeries. Although the pool has helped me recuperate from four major surgeries over the past three years I have struggled to be able to find a lane to swim in, and also have had to wait through many cancellations. Our pool has been limited to a few hours three days a week which has caused even more congestion in coveted swim lanes. Whether we use the PT Golf Course campus for our aquatics center or the JeffCo fairgrounds, or some other site is less important to me than having a viable pool facility with adequate trained staff to maintain it.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together   City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
2	1/9/2023	Engage PT	I use the swimming pool for my physical health. I cannot jog or do strenuous exercises due to joint pain so the pool is the best way for me to exercise. I am strongly in favor of having the pool be top priority for the city. There is no alternative for me and many others. Thank you.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together   City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
3	1/9/2023	Engage PT	I 100% support the health/pool complex and while I could see some townhomes on the golf course, I'd much rather see it as a large multi-use park and would envision mountain view to be connected to it by a nice bridge.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together   City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
4	1/12/2023	Engage PT	I wonder if the majority of residents in P.T. would be in favor of a new facility if they were aware of what its impact would be on taxes? I am not for it in any way. No matter what the pool costs the city in maintenance every year it is insignificant compared to what a new facility would cost. Think of repairing a used car compared to buying a new one. And I would bet the taxpayers would be on the hook for the facility. I am not in favor of this new facility.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together   City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
5	1/11/2023	Engage PT	I support the current Mt View staying open with expanded hours And building a new pool complex with 3 pools: 8 plus lap lanes, shallow kids pool and Aqua exercise pool, the latter two being warmer so logically. Problem with YMCA pool finding and retaining staff is the pay grade for lifeguards needs to start at \$20 per hour, not the current \$16. Who would take all the training when McDonalds starts at \$18/hour! Mt View is extremely busy and we want more hours not less, more facilities not less. Golfing is an activity for a small fraction of population whereas swimming appeals to all ages, all bodies	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together   City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
6	1/11/2023	Engage PT	WE DESPRATELY NEED A NEW POOL. ONE CONNECTED TO THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE PREFERABLE. I HAVE LIVED HERE 25 YEARS AND THE POOL HAS KEPT ME GOING. I WILL BE 87 NEXT MONTH AND I DO WATER AEROBICS 3 TIMES A WEEK. PLEASE LET ME SEE A NEW POOL IN MY LIFE TIME.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together   City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
7	1/11/2023	Engage	I am able to receive medicine in my knees because I am continuing to build muscle. I do this at the pool. This allows me to continue to walk even if with a cane. The camaraderie at the pool helps with depression and builds friendship. I want to continue to walk. I like having friends at the pool. The pool is a very simple physical therapy. Anyone of any skill level or age can do it. Don't want to retreat to a wheel chair. Then I won't be able to live in my home. The pool is a very simple solution to my problem. I buy a membership a year in advance so I will have another year to walk and be with friendly people. Please have a pool in Port Townsend. The time of Covid was very bad and I lost mobility. Don't make it another bad time. I am not allow to drive at night so this is my plea.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together   City of Port Townsend Washington (cityofpt.us). Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments.
8	1/11/2023	Engage	I strongly support building a new swimming pool in Port Townsend. The subject has been debated for as long as I have lived here, about 15 years or more, and now is the time to get something done! I depend greatly on being able to go to the pool to exercise my 4 artificial joints, 2 shoulders and 2 hips. My physician said that the reason I recovered so well from surgeries was because I had been exercising in the pool with water aerobics, and continuing to do so helps my overall health. I suggest the new pool be built where the dog park is now. The dogs can exercise at the fairgrounds. We need to continue to use the old pool while a new one is being built so as to keep up our health, and keep the artificial joints working! I also strongly suggest keeping the golf course as a place for golfers to have exercise and to keep the green space.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.
9	1/11/2023	engage	A community pool is important and I would like to see a better pool (full size). This would benefit community members who swim laps, the PT swim team and community members who simply enjoy pools. Pools provide a place for healthy exercise and are a lot of fun! Additionally, I think pickle ball courts are an important community asset that keep people healthy at a low cost. I do not have a strong opinion on the golf course. I know a lot of community members love golfing at it! Both teens and adults use it. I think it is important to have places people can gather and engage in a healthy activity so golf is one great option!	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.
10	1/12/2023	engage	I would love an expanded pool!	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.
11	1/16/2023	engage	I have been a long time user of the Mountain View pool. It has been the best low impact exercise available for me. Unfortunately during Covid, I stopped using the pool because of restricted hours and maintenance issues leading to unexpected closures. I really support The building of a modern facility to promote the health and well-being of all of our citizens.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.
12	1/16/2023		Thanks for the opportunity to send comments regarding the pool discussion. I have been a regular at the Mt View pool for eight years since I retired from Jefferson Healthcare in 2015. I started taking the deep water aerobics class at that time. I have been at the pool 2-3 times a week since then, except for trips or Covid closures. I really appreciate having a pool and those who work there for our benefit. The pool was built around the year I was 11 years old. I went to my pool in eastern Washington as a kid and I took swimming lessons there. I now have an 8 year old grandson in town. I would love to have a new facility that kids would love to go to. I want these kids to have a nice fun pool that can also have lessons. I agree partnering with healthcare and the schools. I do not have an opinion about the location but want something to be built that looks forward for the next generation. We can do this as a community! Again thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.
13	1/12/2023	engage	Thoughts about a Wellness/Aquatic Center: Large enough to host swim meets. Perhaps a walking/running track above basketball/pickle ball courts. Adult Day Care. Workout equipment.. Non-Chlorine water treatment.	Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.

14	1/16/2023 1/16/2023	<p>I would like to see the golf course used for open green space, parks and recreation for ALL AGES! Perhaps mini golf (grass), climbing wall, picnic area, open park area and trails, cross-training trail running course, a small events yurt, etc. The golf course would also be an excellent place for a new modern, health and wellness center. It doesn't matter what happens to the MV campus but it is essential that we invest in a REAL AQUATICS FACILITY for this community. Check out the Recreation Center in Newport Oregon. This is an amazing facility that fits the needs of that community and is well-attended. We need a facility like that here in this town! Newport is a small community, very similar to the size of Port Townsend. In raising kids in the small town of Newport Oregon, the rec center was the lifeblood of our Search 1/16/23, 5:25 PM Submission #215   City of Port Townsend Washington <a href="https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43626">https://cityofpt.us/node/21717/submission/43626</a> 2/2 250 Madison Street Port Townsend WA 98368 Phone (360) 385-3000 Home   Dashboard   Sitemap   Logout   Webmail   Employee   Linking Policy   town - we hosted birthday parties, attended summer camps, participated in swimming lessons, swim team, dance classes, aerobics classes, worked out, attended community events and so much more.... I have missed having this resource accessible to me every day since I moved to Port Townsend with my young family. WE NEED THIS FOR OUR COMMUNITY URGENTLY.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
15	1/17/2023	<p>the Mountain View swimming-pool definitely is a life line for me. It contributes so much to my well being and my ability to move.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
16		<p>I hope that those of us most concerned about the pool will not be discouraged from participating after we put in so much time and energy in the past. Thanks for your awareness of this problem. There are many of us who care deeply about the pool, and need it in our lives, but who have given a great deal of our time and energy before with no result. Please continue to prod us and let us know this time it is serious.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
17	1/17/2023 1/18/2023	<p>I am a Jefferson County resident and I use the Mountain View Pool three times a week for their water aerobics program, I do this for medical benefits. I would like to see the golf course redesigned and make room for a multipurpose community building which would contain a pool. If this is not possible I would recommend finding a new location for the pool as many seniors use the pool for medical purposes, it is also used by lap swimmers and swimming lessons. The pool is a health and wellness center and is used by many more residence of the community, then the golf course. I just saw a nextdoor post about the City needing input from more voices. Here's my view: Port Townsend needs a nice indoor public pool!!! Please please make that happen. As far as the golf course: It is AWESOME having open space in the middle of the city but the golf course really isn't public space and I am not a golfer. I say POOL POOL POOL - especially one that is long enough for lap swimming! Thanks for reading!</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
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19	1/19/2023	<p>Mountain View: Demolish the Pool Building and build another. Make room for a nice playground with adjacent splash park. Locate dog park elsewhere with sandy turf, maybe Kai Tai. The dog park is a mud hole. Estimate usage and provide parking for swimmers and other people using the facility. Maybe some of the parking could be on the edge of the golf course property.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
20	1/20/2023	<p>Addendum to my 1st email of Jan 20th. I forgot about the pool. I would support the building of a new pool anywhere on the 2 properties. Having a pool that allows for recreation any time of the year is a huge asset for this community, so I hope that you can find the funding to replace the current one.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
21	1/20/2023	<p>Regarding Mt View commons: My main interest is upgrading or expanding the MountainView pool. The current facility is both under-sized and of inadequate &amp; antiquated design for a community of our size.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
22	2/3/2023	<p>Well it is pretty obvious after reading the Health and Wellness insert in the February 1 Leader that we do not need a Health and Wellness Center because we already have one. Our whole town is a health and wellness center. All we need is a swimming pool. The \$175,000 the city recently gave to a company to figure out how to do a H&amp;W center is a waste of the company's time and your money. Tell them to shift gears and just build a pool. Don't make it complicated</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
23	3/6/2023	<p>Please consider salt water or something other than chlorine.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
24	2/28/2023	<p>The area desperately needs a modern community center, with physical activities for all ages and spaces for the variety of wellness needs. However, Port Townsend cannot bear further tax burdens or dead-end bonds (see Cherry Street). Funding is the most elemental part of this process. I would also suggest we look at the Fairgrounds as a possibility as it is underused in meeting the community's needs throughout the year.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
25	3/5/2023	<p>I was born on Port Townsend in 1941, lived here until I was 9 and returned every summer to visit my grandparents until I went off to college. After that I continued to visit but not as often. When I decided to retire here, the first thing I did was to check whether there was a water aerobics program here. Had there not have been one. I would not have come here. I am in good health, have not been in the hospital since the age of six and attribute most of that to my water aerobics program.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
26	3/14/2023	<p>The current pool is described as being "on its last legs". It would be helpful if published materials specify and quantify what this means, using clear and concise metrics. Thanks.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>

27	3/14/2023	<p>I travel to Sequim twice a week to swim at the "Y" as it is definitely a notch above what is available in PT. I would be ecstatic to have a similar facility closer to home. As a retired nurse I can't tell you what you already know re: the health benefits of exercise. I've been waiting for perhaps a decade ? with all the false starts and detours to have a larger well maintained facility. I am hopeful that this time it will be a successful endeavor.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
28	3/14/2023	<p>This needs to happen in the current space the pool is located not on the golf course property. I have lived here 25 years and raised three children in this community and am always appalled at the failure by any organization to take the youth of this community seriously. Possibly by bundling it in with proven statistics and demographics it will be more achievable. Unfortunately the county just voted to substantially increase property taxes for our overpaid fire department and ems. I have a feeling that homeowners are tired of carrying the burden for things the county and city should be able to get grants for. So be cautious in how you plan to pay for this especially when the county has spent over 2.5 million on 20 homeless people over the last 3 years. Wouldn't that have been nice for our community to invest in parks and pools instead.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
29	3/14/2023	<p>I would like to hear about all of the priorities that need investment rather than just one at a time. Just increased taxes for Salish Elementary and now EJFR. It's no secret that the roads are beyond repair and utility infrastructure has failed and is in need of major investment. So this isn't going to be the last tax or rate increase "ask". Let's be honest about that with everyone. A pool is a new shiny object for people to focus on but don't downplay all the other things they are going to need to pay for that are more important but don't have that "new car smell". The study correctly assigns significant costs for O&amp;M to this facility and shows that there is a large funding gap between fees revenue and expenses which will require a large subsidy. Where is that money going to come from while existing facilities fall apart? If it was only a pool that I was being asked to pay for at \$200/yr I might support it. But there are a lot of higher priorities in this community that are not discretionary. There's a lot of talk about affordability of housing. How does this high tax and fee facility align with that goal? 1. The Desired Outcomes described on this website includes "steps for implementation" as a forgone conclusion. It appears the decision has been made. 2. "Healthier Together" suggests we're all somehow unhealthy and that our only path to become healthier is to tax ourselves for a \$30M to \$60M facility. I'd like to think there are other ways to stay healthy and that we can each figure this out for ourselves. There are already private gyms available if that's what people want to do. And there is already a pool.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
30	3/15/2023	<p>For the new pool, be sure to include a warm-water exercise pool, even a small one. For us arthritic old folks, it will be a valuable and important feature. A hot-tub spa would be nice too.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. We are just getting started on this project, so I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>
31	3/23/2023	<p>Thanks for sending out the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study. I assume that you will be sending out similar ones in the future as this initiative moves forward. I have 2 comments regarding the questions. There is a large population that is not really represented in the question of which area you live in or are closest to. I suppose that many of the respondents who live in the Port Townsend School district put Port Townsend, even if they are closer to Port Hadlock. There are at least 2 housing clusters that fit this category; Kala Point and Discovery Bay Heights. There are quite a few residents that live along Discovery Bay, South Discovery Road and Cape George Road that are not really represented in any of the categories. I mention this because when we start soliciting support for the Health and Wellness Center we should not lump them with people who live in Port Townsend city limits and listen to their concerns also. The second item is that a friend who uses the pool for aerobics said that she did not vote for the warm water rec pool because it was a kids play pool and was wondering why a regular rec pool where aerobics classes could be held was not an option. For future photos, could you provide one that shows the rec pool having a large enough space for adult exercise? Thanks for all you are doing to get this initiative moving!</p>	<p>Thanks so much for your input. I will pass it along to our planning team so we can make note of it. The idea behind having two tanks, is that one can be for lap swimming/competition, and the warm water one can be for rehab, pt, aerobics, swim lessons, etc. It would have a zero depth entry, so easier to enter if one has mobility issues. The potential conflicts of kids and adults in the warm water together would need to be considered when programming the pool, but it is meant for all. Thanks again.</p>
32	4/5/2023 email	<p>now. I wanted to reach out to voice my strong support for building a state-of-the-art community pool in Port Townsend. Although I live in California, my wife and I plan to move to Port Townsend around 2027 (we are currently planning a home on a small piece of property purchased in North Beach, hence the delay). I am also a swim coach, and my wife is a long time competitive swimmer. We heartily support the construction of a community pool. The pool will allow Port Townsend citizens to learn the life-long skill of swimming, ideally from a young age. Swimming is a critical life skill that even adults can and do successfully learn in order to be safe in the water. Being water safe is so important given the numerous water activities around Port Townsend. For Port Townsend adults who are former swimmers, the pool will be a new resource for staying active, healthy, and creating a supportive swimming community. There are numerous low-cost programs that can be run at the pool teaching all types of citizens regardless of their background how to swim and stay active in the pool. I currently run an Adult Learn to Swim (for brand new swimmers), a Pre-Masters class (beginner-intermediate swimmers), and Masters swimming (intermediate-advanced) in Davis, CA. It would be such a pleasure to contribute to the Port Townsend swimming community by setting up a variety of adult swim classes like this. Programs like this, especially in the winter when going outside for a walk or hike is difficult in the rain, can be an amazing outlet and community-building opportunity. If we can answer any questions about our love of swimming and our desire to have a community pool in Port Townsend, please let us</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <a href="https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together">https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together</a> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.</p>

I, just by chance, became aware of a survey regarding a plan for a facility titled Healthier Together Aquatic Center or HTAC. I don't know if the City provided a notice of such a survey in the monthly utility bill, I hope so. The survey appeared to be a web app, inexpensive but dubious in many aspects: One link to the survey popped up as a 404 message, which may have ended participation by some people. The introduction statement to the survey stated "the HTAC" as if this concept idea was already adopted. Is it? One question showed photos of possible activities such as multiple pools, play areas, energy intensive whirlpools and saunas similar to super YMCA facilities located in dense urban population areas. Is little Port Townsend expected to afford such a facility? On some questions the responder was directed to make multiple choices with no option for "none of the above". The Healthier Together Aquatic Center, a very clunky title with no local relevance, is being promoted as a feel good project with something for everyone but, so far, there has been little practical information: A general idea for each scenario of a cost to build, a projected annual budget to maintain and staff; the basic mineral mining for materials and technologies with concomitant greenhouse/CO2 footprint of such a facility from concrete to techno/digital appliances and heating. It is essential to survey local private businesses that already provide many of the services this HTAC plan envisions to understand the commercial impacts. Does the council intend to allow the taxpayers to vote on such a plan? Overall it appears the HTAC is a refreshed version of the 2015 study funded by the Olympic YMCA for a \$25M facility; a full service super Y aquatic center, with FEMA as one funding source. Port Townsend, in collaboration with junior taxing districts and with the possibility of tapping medicare funds, is reviving this multi-million dollar project. A more realistic plan would be to conserve and maintain the existing Mt View pool: upgrading and repairing the facility; installing heat pumps to move away from propane; remodeling to install individual shower/dressing areas; repairing the pool/natatorium area; and redesigning the parking area. The well built Mt View facility, a community-owned asset, could have a significantly lower greenhouse/CO2 footprint and many more uses of space for recreation and sports. It should be taken into

33 4/18/2023 email

My name is Sarah! I saw that you were doing some work with addressing Mountain View Pool and this makes me super excited! I wanted to touch base because I worked there from 2009-2011 and then from 2012-2016 and was part of 2 renovations and was one of maybe 2-3 full time employees. I was a CPO, the lead lifeguard and lead swim instructor there and created the in house swimming lesson curriculum as well as coached the swim team for several years both as a volunteer and paid coach. If you need any input or information about any of that or anything swimming/aquatics related at all please let me know! I was very passionate and attached to that facility and swimming in general. I did a whole study in high school for how it and swimming in general benefited our community. This facility is incredibly important for so many reasons! When I worked there the city didn't seem to want to invest in that place, so it means a lot to see this addressed. Thank you for doing this— I apologize for the super random message! I hope you have a wonderful Friday and fantastic weekend! Take Care!

34 4/28/2023 email

I read the front page article in yesterday's Leader about the proposed new swimming pool and wellness center. I have two questions about that proposal. Is this a done deal, or will local residents be able to vote on whether or not to go forward with this project at all, and if so, which option we prefer? For the sake of this question, suppose that the project is approved, with a \$52,000,000 cost. I assume that there will be overruns (because there always are) and that there will be financing costs. Who, EXACTLY, pays for all that and, EXACTLY, how much? The reason that I ask this question so pointedly is that, to date, almost all projects previously proposed and then completed in Port Townsend have gone over budget and put a significantly greater financial burden on all of us than was promised. Thank you for reading this and for what you do for all of us. I really appreciate it.

35 5/11/2023

[Thank you so much for your input for the community discussion about Healthier Together, and the rebuild of the Port Townsend Pool. The Healthier Together initiative began in September, 2022. It was presented to the City Council, School Board, County Council, Port of Port Townsend, Jefferson Healthcare Hospital Commission, Olympic Peninsula Y Board meeting, and Jefferson Aquatic Coalition for approval, adoption throughout September and October, and to join a collaborative effort to rebuild the failing pool. There was a notice in the utility billing, a conversation on KPTZ, it has been featured in the Leader and PDN, it has been on social media and a first open house was at Fort Warden on March 16, 2023, followed by a virtual open house on March 20th, 2023. Over 100 people attended. There was a survey that we noticed and launched for 2 weeks to query the community. The architect team was selected unanimously, and they are charged with working with the community to determine various needs, with the main goal to rebuild the aquatics functionality for this community that is surrounded by water. I will pass your input along to our planning team and add your comments to the planning process for consideration. In the meantime, please visit this webpage at <https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together> for other ways you can stay involved in the conversation Healthier Together. Thanks again for taking the time to send your comments. I also added your comments to the Port Townsend and Mountain View Commons discussion. Thank you for sending your thoughts.](#)

[Thanks so much for your email! Quick answers to your questions: 1. This is not a done deal. We are in a planning process to determine the interests and will of the community. You can go here to take a survey. The survey closes tomorrow at 5: <https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/healthier-together>. 2. I don't and will not have EXACT costs until we get to a community driven decision and can cost it out. The numbers you see do include both escalation and discretionary costs...so if we still experience overruns, the options are to reduce and do some value engineering or come up with some general funds. Thanks for the questions. Please let me know if you have further questions.](#)