



Youth for Safety Project

Community Feedback Survey Results

Executive Summary

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6. Please share any other comments.

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This report summarizes the overall trending in responses, while highlighting key quotes/sentiments shared by community members.



A summary of key findings is as follows:

- Community members who attended the Youth presentation learned that Youth are awesome, strong leaders in community safety (24% of responses), learned about the YFS program itself (20%) and the importance of working together as a community to combat violence (17%).
- Community members are very proud of Youth for their work with YFS, with 95% of respondents rating their level of pride at 8 out of 10 or higher. Specifically, community members were proud that Youth are leading change in the community (34%), of the hard work that went into YFS programs and activities (26%), and of how Youth have been raising awareness/speaking out against violence within the community (23%).
- Respondents were divided in terms of how safe they rate their community. Just over a quarter (28%) gave a high measure of perceived safety (8 out of 10 or higher), while almost half (47%) gave a medium safety rating (between 5 and 7 out of 10), and the remaining quarter (24%) gave a low safety rating (4 out of 10 or lower). When asked why they picked their score, respondents either mentioned dangers/threats in the community (52%) or highlighted positive/protective factors that promote safety in the community (48%).
- Community members feel safety in the community can be improved primarily through education and awareness programs (22%), followed by community safety initiatives (21%) and by working together/protecting one another to build respect and trust (19%).
- Respondents saw community education programs, events and communication as a primary means to getting community members involved in promoting safety (39%), followed by awareness campaigns and educational/promotional material (23%).
- When asked to share any additional comments, most community members offered support for the program/congratulations (50%), while others offered thanks (19%) and suggestions for/observations regarding safety and the YFS program (17%) or made comments about the food provided (14%).



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Survey date: May 17, 2017

Introduction

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Methods

Responses for all 61 surveys were recorded in Excel, organized by question. Responses were then sorted according to themes that emerged (i.e. Question 1: What did you learn tonight? Responses fell into 9 general categories). It should be noted that some responses fit under more than one category, and were therefore counted in both/all relevant categories (making total responses different for each question and sometimes higher than the total number of surveys – i.e. 69 responses even though there were 61 surveys completed). See Appendix B for a full listing of categorized responses.



After sorting responses, graphs were produced showing the number of responses by category/theme for each question.

Questions 2 and 3 were a little different because, rather than open ended questions, community members were asked to rate two items on a scale of 1 to 10: how proud they are of Youth and how safe they think their community is. In both cases, the total was counted for each ranking (1 through 10) and a graph was produced showing the number of times each number was selected. In addition, respondents were asked follow up questions to explain their ranking (i.e. "Explain why" and "Why did you pick this score?"). As with the other open-ended questions, these responses were categorized and graphed to highlight themes in responses.

For each question, sample responses/quotes from the survey are provided to illustrate and contextualize responses by providing direct community voices.

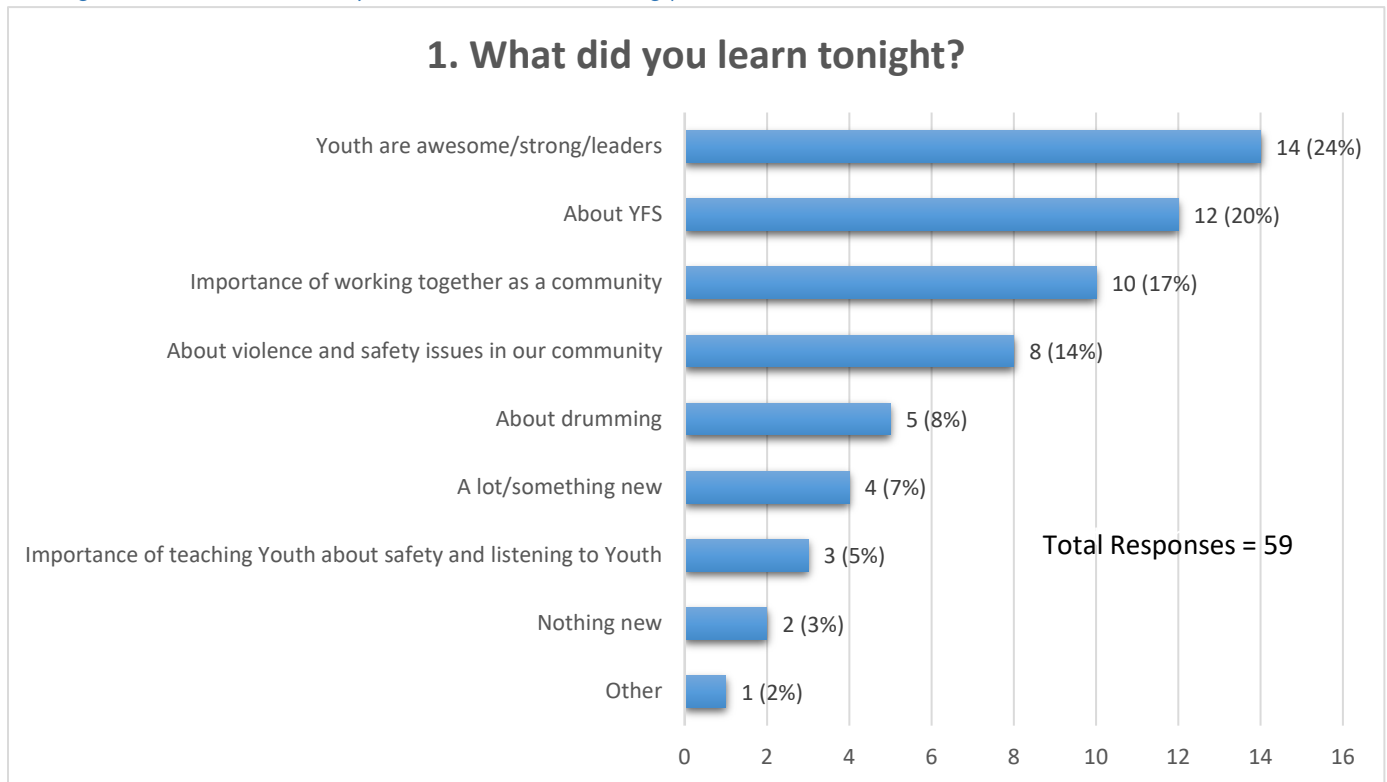


1: What did you learn tonight?

The comment that “Youth are awesome” came up a number of times in the community survey responses. The top area of learning for community members (24% of respondents) was that Youth in the community are strong, dedicated and powerful leaders in safety. The next largest area of learning (20%) was about Youth for Safety (YFS) programs and initiatives, including the impact it has had within the community, how it operates and involves Youth, and what the program has to offer. Some (17%) learned the importance of working together as a community, describing safety and justice as “everyone’s responsibility” and feeling encouraged to see that community members were able to come together to make the community safer and support women and Youth. Other areas of learning were violence and safety issues in the community (14%), traditional drumming (8%), “something new” (7%), and the importance of teaching Youth about safety/listening to Youth (5%). Two people of the 61 who filled out a survey said they did not learn anything new from the presentation.



Figure 1: What community members learned during presentation



Sample Responses:

"Safety and justice is everyone's responsibility"

"The youth in Watson Lake have positively impressed in safety and opportunities to influence positive change"

"That my community has young people who have a voice, want a change and are willing to provide others with the guidance and leadership to make that change"

"I learned that the LAWS program is a great program in getting the youth involved"

"Youth for Safety is a way for students to talk about difficult sensitive topics in a safe environment"

"How awesome the youth are in Watson Lake. Thank you for teaching me."

"Youth need to be trusted to lead and be involved with change. Their concerns and words are strong and need to be heard. They are our leaders."

"I learned that we need to help stop violence against women"

"Our kids are more fabulous than I ever imagined"

"It takes a community to support one another and make change"

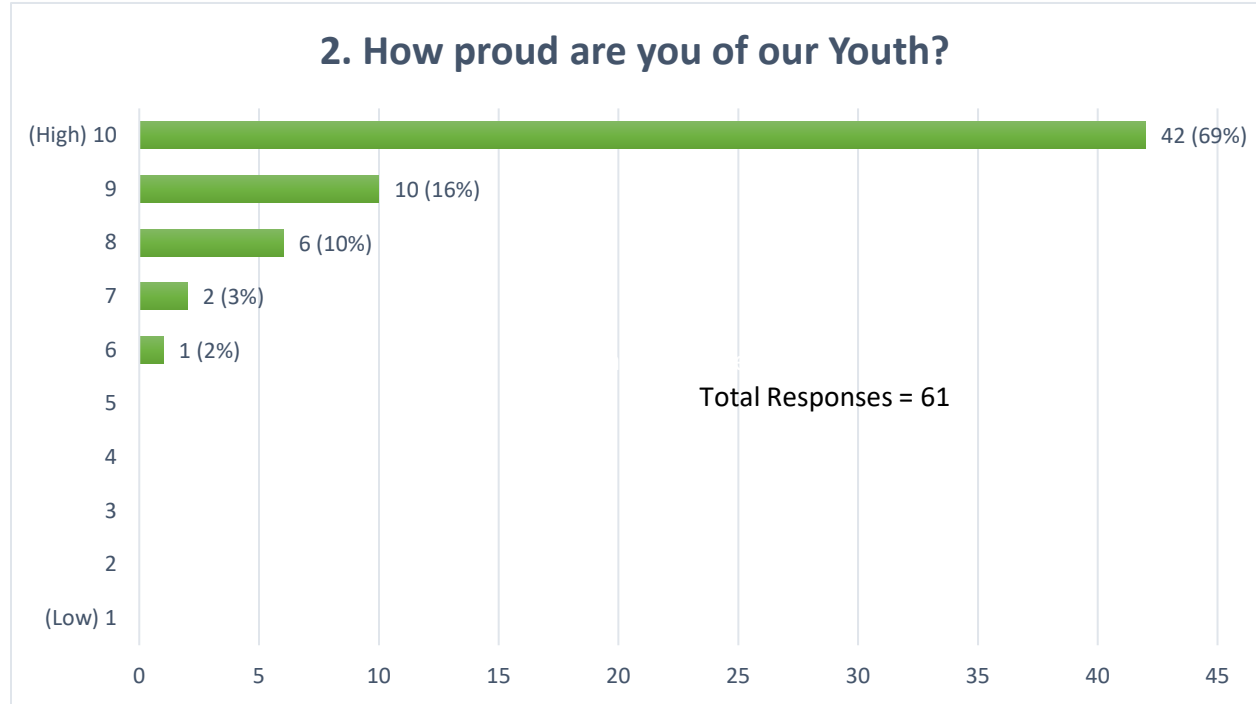
"That youth are amazing and empowered youth are awesome"



2: How proud are you of our Youth? Please circle on a scale of 1 to 10.

Overall, community members who attended the YFS presentation were very proud of Youth, with 95% of respondents selecting 8 out of 10 or higher when ranking their level of pride.

Figure 2: Ranking community member pride in Youth

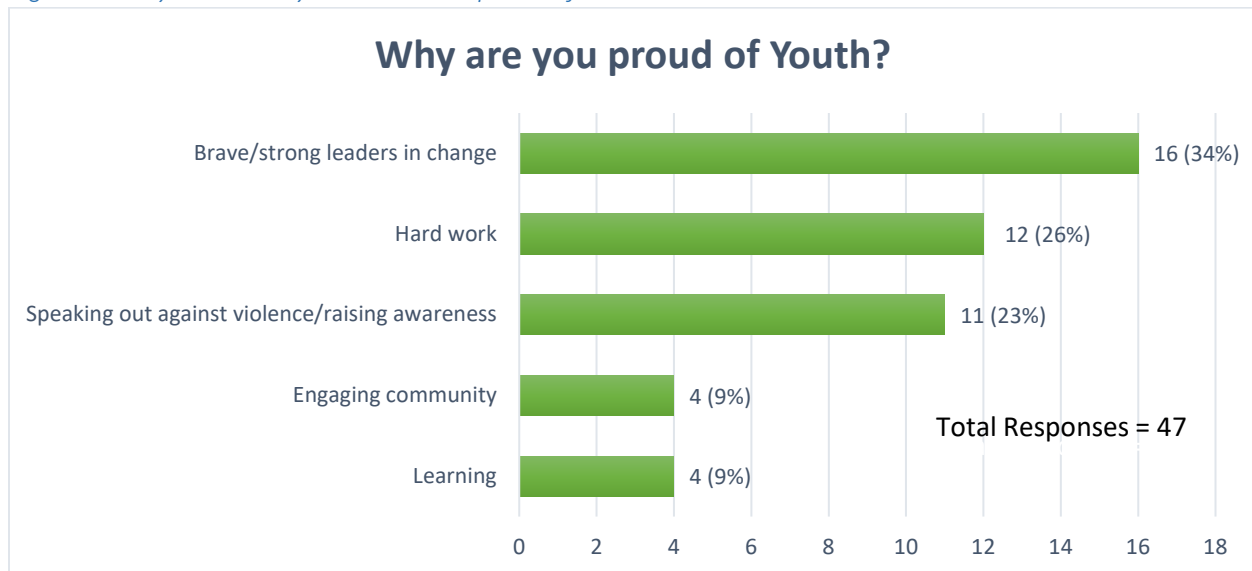


Explain why:

When explaining why they are proud, respondents were primarily proud that Youth are leading change in the community in a courageous and positive (34% of responses). They also appreciated the hard work put forth by students and the large amount of effort that went in to the YFS project, including the presentation and drumming performance (26%). Respondents were proud that Youth were raising awareness within the community by speaking out against violence (23%), and that Youth engaged the community (9%) and learned about safety and traditional Kaska ways (9%).



Figure 3: Why community members are proud of Youth



Sample Responses:

"They showed pride, respect, leadership, strength"

"The Youth gave 100% on this project. They have aced it. Good job!"

"They took leadership roles in the community to promote Justice"

"The youth are taking initiative to create more awareness to prevent violence against women"

"They spoke well, drummed great and were very polite and friendly to guests. They obviously worked hard"

"It takes tremendous courage and leadership for the youth to carry out this mission."

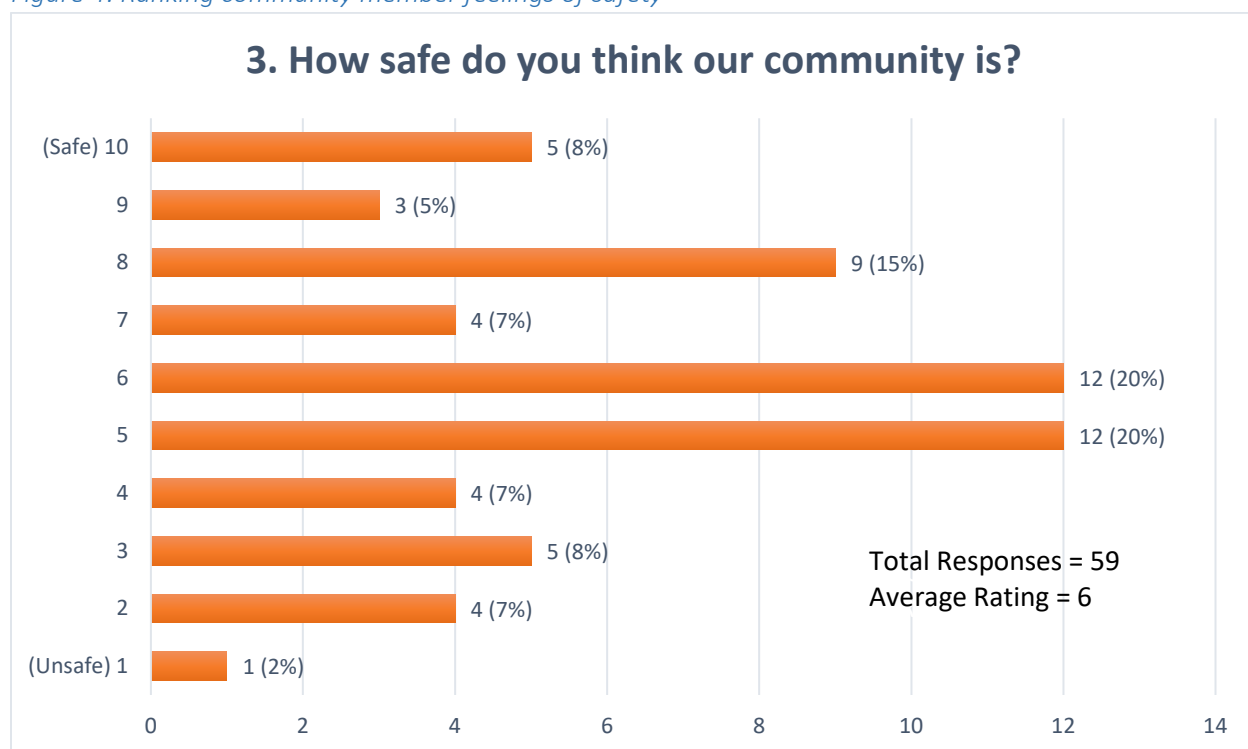
"They got the chance to express themselves and we listened to them. They are changing their present and their future."



3: How safe do you think our community is? Please circle on a scale of 1 to 10.

There were very mixed results when community members were asked how safe they think their community is. About 28% of respondents ranked the safety of their community 8 out of 10 or higher, a relatively high measure of safety, while 47% gave a medium safety rating between 5 and 7, and the remaining 24% ranked safety levels as low (1 to 4 out of 10). The average safety rating overall was medium at 6 out of 10.

Figure 4: Ranking community member feelings of safety



Why did you pick this score?

When asked why they selected the rating they did, responses fell in to one of two groups: those that discussed danger and threats within the community, and those that highlighted positive/protective factors that exist to promote safety. As you can see from Figure 5 (next page), responses were nearly evenly divided between positive and negative factors, at 48% and 52% of responses, respectively. This reflects what is seen in Figure 4 above: some respondents feel their community is safe, while others feel it is unsafe. It is interesting to note that some discuss working well with the RCMP, while others say the RCMP is offering “no protection”. Overall, responses show mixed feelings within the community regarding current levels of safety.



Sample Positive/Protective Factors:

"The community is doing and putting on workshops in school and community, for awareness and lifestyle"

"I feel completely safe in my community but am aware that others do not"

"I believe we still have much work to do but I see steps being taken, such as this initiative"

"I feel safe walking around. I find people openly friendly and kind."

"Because youth are there and speaking out on resisting violence"

"Because we are working well with RCMP"

"Because Watson Lake is peaceful"

"People really look out for each other"



Figure 5: Positive vs negative responses about feelings of safety



Sample Dangers/Threats:

"Because youth continue not to have freedom to go places and work in the community free of fear and/or intimidation"

"Not very safe, no protection from the RCMP"

"The potential for violence is there 24/7"

"People do not speak up to what they see or know to help others suffering because they are related"

"We have various 'danger' zones and behaviours"

"Continued violence against women and girls and other adults in the community"

"Highest rate of violence in the territory. Lack of resources for men. Legacy of residential school abuse"

"The high rate of alcohol and drugs, suicide. Our community is lost and hurting."

"The extent and scope of violence is obvious"

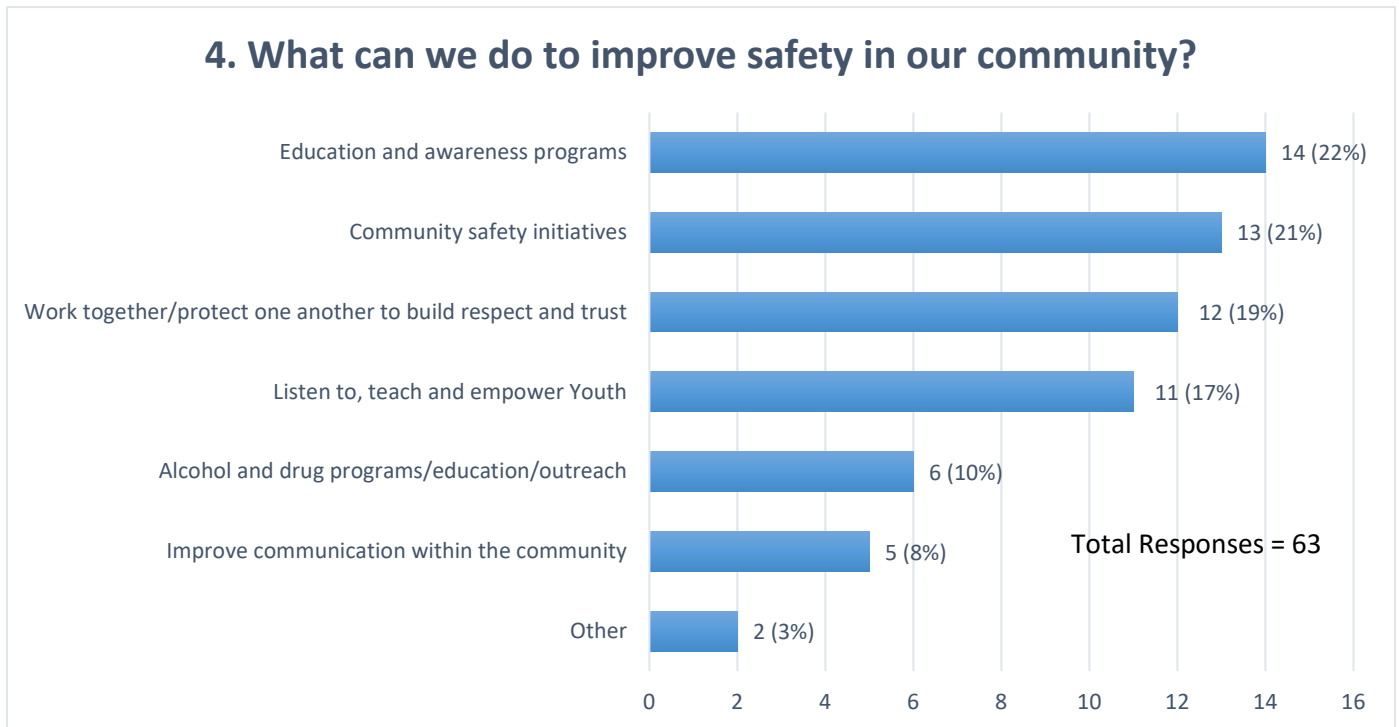


4: What can we do to improve safety in our community?

The top 3 ways the community sees improving safety are through education and awareness programs (22%), safety initiatives (21%) and by working together/protecting each other to build respect and trust in the community (19%). Education and awareness programs include workshops, Youth circles, community meetings and awareness raising through posters, school plays and cultural teachings. Community safety initiatives mentioned included neighbourhood watch, 24 hour safe places, and more police patrolling/an increased police presence. A theme of working together and building trust also emerged when discussing how to improve safety. One respondent said they could “watch out for each other”, while another said the community could “Build trust, create safe places and continue to support and protect each other” to improve safety. Some (17%) provided Youth-based solutions to improving safety, such as listening to what Youth need to feel safe and empowering Youth to lead safety programs. A need for alcohol/drug education and outreach programs was also identified (10% of responses), as was a need for improved communication within the community (8%).



Figure 6: Community member ideas on how to improve safety



Sample Responses:

"Empower our youth and heed their advice on what they need to feel safe in our community."

"Everyone needs to get involved!! Our leaders must get involved and our governments (both YTG and our First Nations governments)"

"Work together"

"Assertiveness training for girls"

*"Increase our awareness of dangers. Teach our children to be safe and aware of dangers
"and to protect themselves and each other."*

"Talk about it! Stop being spectators of violence!"

"Neighbourhood watch. More police patrolling."

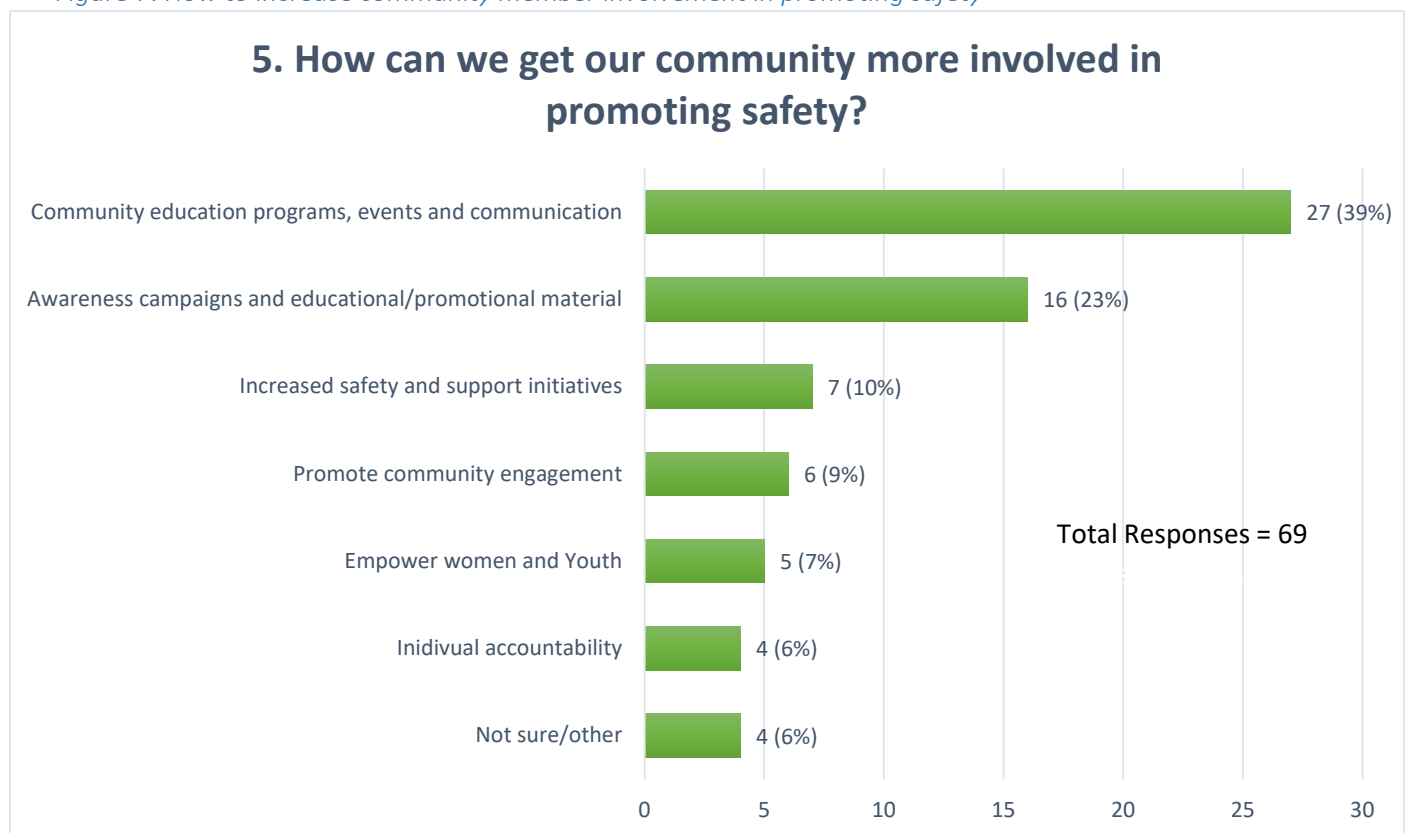


5: How can we get our community more involved in promoting safety?

Respondents saw community-wide education programs, events and communication about safety as key to increasing community member involvement in promoting safety (39% of respondents). Education programs and events included community workshops, educational events, hands-on learning, and Youth-driven events like the YFS presentation. Awareness campaigns that used a variety of promotional methods such as posters, videos, surveys, feasts, flyers, word-of-mouth, t-shirts and “Take Back the Night” walks were second, accounting for 23% of responses. Other responses on how to promote community involvement in safety promotion included increasing safety and support initiatives (10%), promoting community engagement (9%), individual accountability (6%) and not sure/other (6%).



Figure 7: How to increase community member involvement in promoting safety



Sample Responses:

"Be honest and accountable and address the issues together"

*"Nights like tonight. Facebook posts/page. More community events. Posters, shirts.
Women 'Take Back the Night' walks."*

*"Empower youth and women to have voice. Videos were great! Make more and share
them on social media!"*

*"More community knowledge and engaged activities. More Youth driven events, people
will come out to support the Youth."*

"More police involvement"

"Get involved with the community, not only Watson Lake but also outlying communities"

"Educate and be a role model"

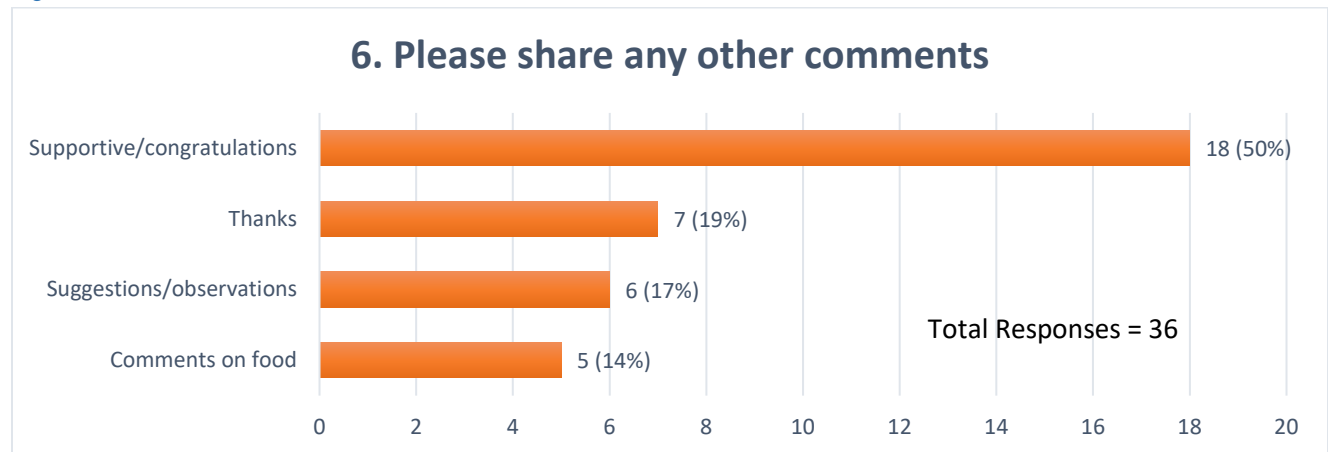
"Be accountable for your own actions"



6: Please share any other comments.

When asked to share any additional comments, many community members (50%) offered words of support for the YFS program/LAWS and congratulations to the students who presented. Others (19%) offered thanks for the increased awareness/information on safety issues, the presentation and the YFS program. Some (17%) offered individual observations and suggestions they felt would be helpful to the program or the community in general. Finally, 14% of responses were about the food provided at the presentation, which was well-received.

Figure 8: Other comments



Sample Responses:

"This program continues to bring opportunity, information, awareness, and build capacity among youth and community. Excellent!"

"Great work by LAWS and school and students"

"Great Job! Dinner was awesome!"

"This is awesome. I was touched and blessed to be here and share in the projects' accomplishments and teachings."

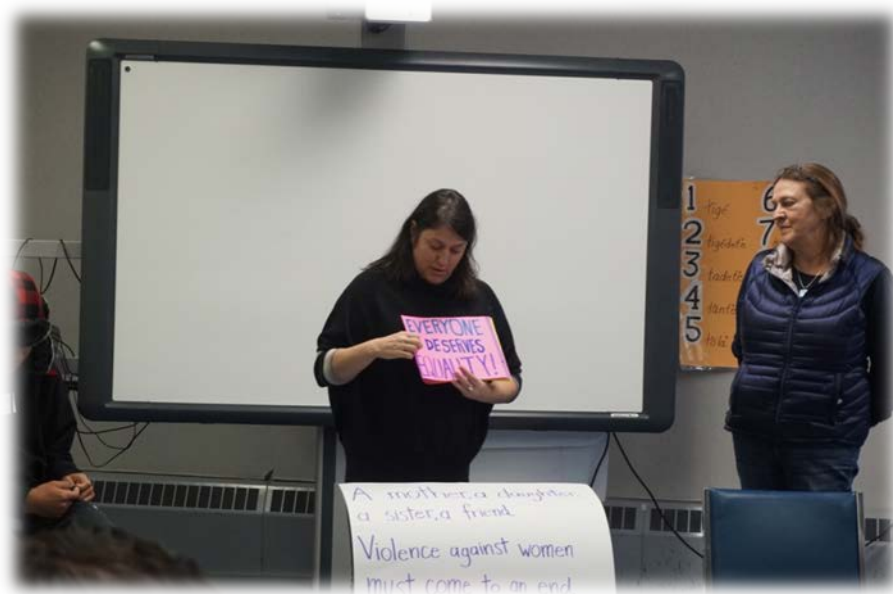
"The other result of this project is renewed hope and confidence in a future without violence."

"Parents need to be involved in their children's activities, school, do weekend camping, etc."

"Thank you for the opportunity to see the strength of your youth and the adults that support them in their journey in leadership of our next generation."

"Thanks LAWs for bringing awareness to light."

"The food was awesome"



Summary

Overall, the response from the community toward the YFS program and the Youth presentation was overwhelmingly positive. Community members were very proud of the Youth for what they are doing to improve safety and for their hard work, and identified Youth as leaders within the community. Support for the YFS program is evident in the comments, whereby many supported the YFS program and offered appreciation/thanks to LAWS and the Youth for the program and presentation. Many also stated that what the community needs to improve community involvement in promoting safety is more “nights like tonight” and “more initiatives like this” and “more events starting with our Youth”.

Education and awareness programs and safety initiatives were seen as key to improving safety in the community and also to improving community member involvement in promoting safety. Education programs such as assertiveness training for girls, workshops, and education on lateral violence and good/bad relationships are examples of ideas community members had about public safety education and training. Awareness about violence was also seen as an important step toward improving and promoting safety. Awareness tools mentioned included posters, school plays, campaigns, surveys, public speaking, flyers, public signs/message boards, t-shirts and community events. Community safety initiatives such as neighbourhood watch, 24 hour safe places, more police patrolling/presence, and more gatherings, honouring circles and suppers were seen as ways to increase safety and public involvement in promoting safety.

It is clear that many members do not feel entirely safe in the community. Overall, 71% of respondents rated the safety of their community low to medium (7 out of 10 or less). Many identified existing threats/dangers within the community, such as a high potential for violence, high rates of drug and alcohol use and suicide, continued violence against women and girls, and the legacy of residential school abuse. However, there were also many positive factors identified that may be helping to promote safety in the community, such as working together with RCMP, people looking out for one another, and Youth speaking out against violence through the YFS program.



Appendix A: YFS Community Feedback Survey – May 17, 2017

Dear Community Member:

Thank you for coming out to our Youth for Safety event and showing your support for our amazing Youth. We would like to take this opportunity to gather some feedback from community members about the Youth for Safety Project to help the Youth understand the impact of their work. Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

What did you learn tonight?

How proud are you of our Youth? Please circle on a scale of 1-10:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Explain why:

How safe do you think our community is? Please circle on a scale of 1-10:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why did you pick this score?

What can we do to improve safety in our community?

How can we get our community more involved in promoting safety?

Please share any other comments:

Appendix B: Survey Responses by Question

Question 1: What did you learn tonight?

Youth are awesome/strong/leaders (14)

- Our youth are making an impact
- The strength of our youth, a dedicated group
- We can get the message across, our youth are awesome
- Great thoughts from our young people
- The youth in Watson Lake have positively impressed in safety and opportunities to influence positive change
- We have strong young people. It gives me hope for the future
- That the youth are awesome
- That my community has young people who have a voice, want a change and are willing to provide others with the guidance and leadership to make that change
- Our youth are awesome. Taking initiative
- How awesome the youth are in Watson Lake. Thank you for teaching me.
- Dena Au Nazen. We have very powerful youth and we have many leaders among us.
- Youth need to be trusted to lead and be involved with change. Their concerns and words are strong and need to be heard. They are our leaders.
- Our kids are more fabulous than I ever imagined
- That youth are amazing and empowered youth are awesome

About YFS (12)

- That this program is proof that initiatives taken to shift ingrained societal archaic beliefs and behaviours/ entrenched beliefs about women and how men can help make this change in a positive way and bring the light of equality a little bit closer into view.
- We have a youth group for safety
- About the program and initiatives undertaken so impressed.
- I didn't know exactly what Youth for Safety was about and doing but now I do. Great job!!
- I learned that the LAWS program is a great program in getting the youth involved
- Youth for Safety is a way for students to talk about difficult sensitive topics in a safe environment
- I learned about the Youth for Safety Initiative. I hope this initiative will be the beginning of other chapters in other communities.
- Heard about Youth for Safety in the school.
- That this is a 3 year project and 16 youth participated
- Good to see what the youth are doing in the community regarding safety
- More about the Youth for Safety Project
- That Youth for Safety is an awesome program other communities should do

Importance of working together as a community (10)

- What an awesome community we have
- Safety and justice is everyone's responsibility
- That we can work together
- It's great to see our youth getting involved with the wellbeing of our community
- A lot of people involved in community safety
- That the community can work together
- Really glad to see the number of Youth continually to partake in the program. The amazing support of Elders to commit their time to the students.
- How the community came together for the Youth
- It takes a community to support one another and make change
- Women rock and are important

About violence and safety issues in our community (8)

- Youth learning to drum and learn cultural ways. Violence; discrimination sexuality. Gender-violence
- A different group of students with different lots of problems
- Kids matter. Stop violence.
- That women need to be sure
- I learned that we need to help stop violence against women.
- Non-violence can improve community. Getting the youth to become aware for their future
- Good and excellent drumming and good facts about safety and funny gags.
- About the issues that are important in the community and our youth

About drumming (5)

- Kids learning to sing and drum
- Youth learning to sing and drum
- About drums
- How to care for a drum
- Good and excellent drumming and good facts about safety and funny gags.

A lot/something new (4)

- Everything
- Something new
- A lot of info that I didn't know
- A lot

Importance of teaching Youth about safety and listening to Youth (3)

- How valuable it is to teach the youth and children about the importance of safety
- Take care of the youth. Do not fool around they are not stupid, they never forget
- Listen to the youth

Nothing new (2)

- Nothing
- Nothing I didn't already know

Other (1)

- I learned that vegan salad is good

Question 2: How proud are you of our Youth? Explain Why.

Brave/strong leaders in change (16)

- Because they are becoming leaders before our very eyes
- Brave and strong
- Positive youth
- Kind, smart, gentle, leader
- It takes tremendous courage and leadership for the youth to carry out this mission.
- 2 years have watched Youth for Safety and attended events. They are taking steps to being future positive leaders
- These youth are showing how engaged and driven they are to have a voice and have a say about their community. I don't think we students are given the credit they deserve
- They showed pride, respect, leadership, strength
- It takes a lot of courage to stand up in public and present
- Because some of our youth are shy
- They are the next generation of proud Natives
- I picked this because the youth in this community are a lot smarter than I thought
- They took leadership roles in the community to promote Justice
- They are the change and now an example
- Because they are involved to start to change. It all begins with the youth
- I recall the youth problems from 20 years ago and I see positive and lasting change

Hard work (12)

- They did their best
- Asking for help, coming up with projects to address problems as they see it.
- There is a huge amount of work that went into planning this and it is 100% student driven
- They all work hard because they believe in what they are doing.
- They are working hard on it. They are working all together in the school I'm proud of all of them.
- They care, they worked hard and were creative. Both boys and girls participated
- Because they tried, worked hard and succeeded!
- Made great progress
- The Youth gave 100% on this project. They have aced it. Good job!
- Because I am Youth. They've worked so hard

- To see my son drunk and work hard makes me feel proud and knowing I as a single parent did it.
- They spoke well, drummed great and were very polite and friendly to guests. They obviously worked hard

Speaking out against violence/raising awareness (11)

- Willing to speak up and learn about keeping safe. We need to have more students-youth to get involved
- speaking what you feel and loud
- taking the initiative to do positive in the community
- Because they spoke about safety
- It takes great courage to speak out and be heard especially on the topics that youth safety is targeting. I am so proud of each and every one of them
- I think our youth in many unfortunate circumstances are determined to move forward and make a difference. They are kind
- They got the chance to express themselves and we listened to them. They are changing their present and their future.
- I'm proud of the youth involved for raising awareness among their peers
- They taught dignity, response-based practice and sexualized health.
- It is encouraging to see the youth engaged in projects promoting safety and social justice in the community.
- The youth are taking initiative to create more awareness to prevent violence against women

Engaging community (4)

- It is great to see our students involved in social events. It is these events that bring a community together and bring a strong community.
- They are so involved. That's great that they are so engaged
- They came a long way to helping the community
- Lots of people came out

Learning (4)

- Not only are they learning but they are teaching others about what they are learning
- Willing to learn even though they are shy they do their best to participate
- they learn about the traditional ways
- They are demonstrating how capable they are with all they have learned

Question 3: How safe do you think our community is? Why did you pick this score?

Danger/Threats (28)

- Because youth continue not to have freedom to go places and work in the community free of fear and/ or intimidation
- Nine RCMP members tells something about our community. We need to teach our children to be safe
- Much work, education and tolerance is still required before safety becomes a concept not a theory
- Not very safe, no protection from the RCMP
- Still feeling unsafe in the community
- The potential for violence is there 24/7
- Because of the alcohol and drugs kids are starting younger and younger. We need to get to the problem, start helping their parents and peers
- Needs more community involvement. Youth and adults need to be respectful to each other
- We have to address all of the unspoken wrong
- it's bad
- People do not speak up to what they see or know to help others suffering because they are related
- There have been good changes but substance abuse and violence in relationships is still a big issue
- The youth that start drugs and other poison are falling fast
- Lots of violence/ deaths
- Still there's a Lucky Lake without phone signal
- We have various "danger" zones and behaviours
- There is a lot of drug and alcohol abuse. The police are active in the community
- Continued violence against women and girls and other adults in the community
- It's in the middle because there are a lot of drunks and people who do drugs
- Highest rate of violence in the territory. Lack of resources for men. Legacy of residential school abuse
- I think in many ways Watson Lake is safe but in many other ways unsafe behaviours have become social norms and we need to change them.
- Two mile - it's getting bad with violence and drugs/ alcohol
- Too much alcohol
- Too much drinking. We should be more aware on how much we consume when drinking.
- A lot of drugs going on
- The high rate of alcohol and drugs, suicide. Our community is lost and hurting
- I picked it because although our community is safe, there is also drug and alcohol abuse
- The extent and scope of violence is obvious

Positive/Protective Factors (26)

- The community is doing and putting on workshops in school and community, for awareness and lifestyle
- because grandma stays home
- don't go out very much
- community is safe but more people need to report crimes against people and be willing to stand up and be non-anonymous for the victim
- There have been good changes but substance abuse and violence in relationships is still a big issue
- I feel completely safe in my community but am aware that others do not
- I think safety means a lot of things. It means having a safe home, a safe school, safe people to lean on. Resources to step in and help
- I believe we still have much work to do but I see steps being taken, such as this initiative.
- There is always room for improvement
- There is a lot of drug and alcohol abuse. The police are active in the community
- I believe our community needs more events such as this. Our First Nations government needs to get involved with community wellness and healing.
- I feel safe walking around. I find people openly friendly and kind
- Because nobody is mean
- Safer than some aspects of a large city. Improvement can always be made
- Because with youth working this hard they will work towards making a safer community
- Because youth are there and speaking out on resisting violence
- Feeling more safe today but more for others' safety. I feel very safe personally.
- I cannot answer this as I am new to the community, but what I have seen is a community moving towards making it safer.
- Because we are working well with RCMP
- I feel safe in the community but know not everyone in the community is safe after reading surveys completed by youth
- Because we have 911 now
- Being around family
- Because there's no bombing in Canada
- Because nothing has happened to my house or to me or my family.
- Because Watson Lake is peaceful
- People really look out for each other

*Question 4: What can we do to improve safety in our community?***Education and awareness programs (14)**

- Assertiveness training for girls
- Start changing attitudes moving forward and educating tout le monde [everyone] and youth
- Keep teaching people about community
- Workshops, people speaking out, create options catered to youth, youth circles
- Doing what we are doing now (meetings) and more if it. It takes a whole community to raise a child
- Watch out for each other and education
- Awareness three posters, school plays, cultural teachings, etc.
- Improve awareness, remove the stigma of the mental health and addiction. Increase the understanding of consent and women to come forward and teach our young.
- Be safety aware
- Increase our awareness of dangers. Teach our children to be safe and aware of dangers and to protect themselves and each other.
- Increase opportunities for learning like Youth for Safety to give Youth focus, improve supports for people who are suffering from trauma and for victims. Have more resources for offenders.
- More supports in community. Working together. Identify safe places. Education
- Workshop
- Create more awareness and teach our youth about respecting others as well as themselves

Community safety initiatives (13)

- Circles, neighbourhood watch
- neighbourhood watch
- You're doing a great job keeping the program running
- 24 hour place for safety, promote healthy relationships
- Neighbourhood watch. More police patrolling
- Continue doing what we are doing.
- Have RCMP parking in town and 2 mile, 2.5 miles and Liard and Alberta Creek
- Having events like this to remind people, we all play a part in keeping our community safe.
- Better police presence
- Get after programs for the ill
- Clean up garbage
- Always look both ways. Listen to the signal signs and stop when told
- Continue to promote safety and reach out to community members in the community and during work hours

Work together/protect one another to build respect and trust (12)

- Be respectful of others. Be more aware of hazards and teach to our children and others. How to protect ourselves. Provide a safe environment for our family and others
- Watch out for each other and education
- Stop bullying, be respectful to each other
- work together
- work together, make reports and support victims
- Keep moving forward in a positive way. Rome was not built in a day
- Teach respect. Practice respect
- Everyone needs to get involved!! Our leaders must get involved and our governments (both YTG and our First Nations governments)
- Build trust, create safe places and continue to support and protect each other.
- Work harder and think smarter. If you can dream it, you can achieve it.
- More supports in community. Working together. Identify safe places. Education
- Work together. Reach out to everyone, not have families hurdle to themselves. Break the cycle.

Listen to, teach and empower Youth (11)

- Listen to what the youth are saying and needing to feel safe and to strategize and work together to fill those gaps
- Be respectful of others. Be more aware of hazards and teach to our children and others. How to protect ourselves. Provide a safe environment for our family and others
- Empower our youth and heed their advice on what they need to feel safe in our community.
- Respond and act when we are told of student concerns
- Increase our awareness of dangers. Teach our children to be safe and aware of dangers and to protect themselves and each other.
- Work hard and help the youth.
- Participation from the youth
- Support the youth.
- Keeping having great programs led by youth!
- Continue to invest in our youth
- Create more awareness and teach our youth about respecting others as well as themselves

Alcohol and drug programs/education/outreach (6)

- Quit alcohol and drugs
- Teach the young generation about side effects of alcohol. Teach them not to celebrate their birthdays in a public place where they go without strangers
- Less inebriating substances
- No drunk driving, no fights, no drugs
- Less drugs
- Stop the drugs and alcohol

Improve communication within the community (5)

- More communication e.g. conversation within the community also outlying villages
- talk about it
- speak up no matter who you are related to
- Talk about it! Stop being spectators of violence!
- Encourage dialogue through programs such as Youth for Safety and raising awareness to issues that threaten safety.

Other (2)

- It is already safe
- keep trying

Question 5: How can we get our community more involved in promoting safety?

Community education programs, events and communication (27)

- Through programs such as Safety and Youth
- "Workshops in community
- Get people more involved
- Understanding about lateral violence"
- Having workshops and teaching the kids about being safe on the street
- Education and events
- Hands on learning; on-the-land survival skills
- Be honest and accountable and address the issues together. Door to door/ feasts, posters
- continue with community, youth learning
- I think a continuation of the program Youth for Safety and an addition of a Junior Program are certainly a good start
- Girls and men our boys. Nights like tonight. Facebook posts/ page. More community events. Posters, shirts. Women 'Take Back the Night' walks.
- More initiatives like this! More conversation to bring it out of the dark
- Awareness, a safe place to hang out and go to. Educate on good/ bad relationships.
- More community events.
- More events starting with our Youth. Hopefully we are on our way.
- More community dinners
- Activities like this evening. Presence at other community events.
- Network, door to door, community events, communication strategies.
- More community knowledge and engaged activities. More Youth driven events, people will come out to support the Youth.
- From what I have seen is events like this one. Education, strong community leaders like LAWS
- Having community meeting once a month. Working together.
- More nights like tonight!

- Having events like this, and bringing events to the school. Bringing parents, Elders and Students together.
- I think events that foster a sense of community paired with educational and awareness components such as the evening are great opportunities
- Programs like this
- Communication
- More presentations, workshops, more police involvement.
- Reach out to organizations
- More community events

Awareness campaigns and educational/promotional material (16)

- Awareness campaigns
- Volunteers
- Have an established organization adopt the initiative and promote it"
- Advertising with story messages, posters, etc.
- "Awareness
- Speaking up
- Shock factor"
- Survey the youth-community members to know what is needed
- surveys, community, Elders, youth
- Be honest and accountable and address the issues together. Door to door/ feasts, posters
- flyers and word of mouth
- talking and flyers
- Girls and men our boys. Nights like tonight. Facebook posts/ page. More community events. Posters, shirts. Women 'Take Back the Night' walks.
- Information sharing. Raising awareness
- Awareness, a safe place to hang out and go to. Educate on good/ bad relationships.
- Public signs, message boards, food at gatherings is always helpful
- I think events that foster a sense of community paired with educational and awareness components such as the evening are great opportunities
- Signs/billboards, a program
- Advertising
- Empower youth and women to have voice. Videos were great! Make more and share them on social media!

Increased safety and support initiatives (7)

- help the people
- Awareness, a safe place to hang out and go to. Educate on good/ bad relationships.
- Stop alcoholism
- More police involvement
- More presentations, workshops, more police involvement.
- Have presentation with the RCMP
- Reach out to the hurting ones. More gatherings, honouring circles and supper. Potlucks.

Promote community engagement (6)

- Workshops in community
- Get people more involved
- Understanding about lateral violence"
- Door prizes; dinners
- Get everyone involved
- Involve more members
- Get them involved
- Get involved with the community, not only Watson Lake but also outlying communities

Empower women and Youth (5)

- Having workshops and teaching the kids about being safe on the street
- More events starting with our Youth. Hopefully we are on our way.
- More community knowledge and engaged activities. More Youth driven events, people will come out to support the Youth.
- Empower youth and women to have voice. Videos were great! Make more and share them on social media!
- Invest in our youth. They will lead others

Individual accountability (4)

- Be accountable for your own actions
- Be honest and accountable and address the issues together. Door to door/ feasts, posters
- Not the Police Forces, not closing the liquor store. It's the human's mind set. Respect the female.
- Educate and be a role model

Not sure/other (4)

- Nothing. It is already growing but slowly.
- Keep trying
- I don't know
- I do not recall

Question 6: Please share any other comments.

Supportive/congratulations (18)

- This program continues to bring opportunity, information, awareness, and build capacity among youth and community. Excellent!
- Great work by LAWS and school and students
- Good support!
- Great program
- everything good
- everything is ok
- Awesome informative and great food. Young people have it all around in what they are getting across
- Very pleased to see all the positive love. Keep it up
- Great Job! Dinner was awesome!
- This is awesome. I was touched and blessed to be here and share in the projects' accomplishments and teachings.
- Love Youth for Safety! Great Job!
- Great event!
- I liked it.
- Good job!
- Great Job!
- How awesome you are to all youth. Thank you.
- Great work youth. Great food
- Great job Youth for Safety.
- Well done!
- I loved the performance. It was the best playing in the world. PS I loved the Youth for Safety
- It's good
- 😊
- N/A. Great job!

Thanks (7)

- Thanks to L. McDonald who started it all and insisted to continue
- How awesome you are to all youth. Thank you.
- Thank you for the opportunity to see the strength of your youth and the adults that support them in their journey in leadership of our next generation.
- Thanks LAWS for bringing awareness to light.
- Thank you for the presentation
- Mussi cho. Lots of information
- Thank you for having me as a guest to your wonderful show case event. Gizhe Miiigwech. Many thanks.

Suggestions/observations (6)

- By taking small steps forward continuously, we can achieve greatness and total EQUALITY
- Parents need to be involved in their children's activities, school, do weekend camping, etc.
- Getting our youth started is great. You want respect we must teach our children when they are developing into adults.
- We need more meetings on Safety in community.
- Continue the work with our youth. They are our future.
- The other result of this project is renewed hope and confidence in a future without violence.

Comments on food (5)

- Great food
- Great Job! Dinner was awesome!
- Great work youth. Great food
- The food was awesome
- None at all. More food