

Summary of Age-Friendly Initiatives in Revelstoke

In 2009 the City of Revelstoke completed an Age-Friendly Plan for Revelstoke & Area. The plan was a first step in responding to the over-arching community goal of supporting seniors to meet their needs and enabling seniors to continue to stay and live out their lives in Revelstoke. The process involved striking a Senior's Planning Steering Committee as well as the delivery of a senior-specific survey, and other in-person consultation events. At the time, targeted engagement with seniors was timely and empowering. With the opening of RMR in 2007, seniors were feeling 'left behind'. Since then, the plan has been effective in guiding implementation of a number of key recommendations, including:

- Successful support and capacity-building for the Revelstoke Senior Citizens Association, which is thriving, with an increased number of activities available at the Seniors Centre
- Development and delivery of the Seniors Volunteer Coordinator programs, including the Volunteer Medical Transportation Program
- Development and distribution of 2 editions of the Revelstoke Seniors Resource Guide
- Integration of senior-specific goals in the 2009 OCP update
- Increased number of accessible parking spots around town; better parking signage at the Seniors Centre; increased number of curb cuts throughout the downtown core
- Automatic doors installed at numerous locations throughout the community
- Construction of a bus stop at the Seniors Centre; improvement of transit services in 2012; continuation and improvement of HandyDart services
- Numerous upgrades to the Seniors Centre facility
- Grit Box Program established in partnership with City Public Works continues to date
- Targeted educational workshops specific to seniors delivered at the Seniors Centre over many years
- Development and delivery of senior-specific programs and facilities (e.g. TIME program, seniors exercise equipment at Kovach Park) by City Parks, Recreation & Culture
- Construction of 24 new affordable housing units for seniors & those with diverse abilities
- Age-Friendly Business information distributed by Chamber of Commerce
- Implementation of PALS home-support program by Revelstoke Hospice Society
- Interior Health – implementation of Nurse Practitioner position specific to the frail elderly, and Seniors Wellness Centre (expansion of senior-specific health services); active partnership between IH and Okanagan College in delivery of Home Care Aid education and certification programs on a bi-annual basis
- Expanded hours at Selkirk Medical Clinic
- Revelstoke Community Response Network and other organizations taking the lead on intergenerational activities
- Recent announcement of Happipad (inter-generational home-sharing) pilot project to be delivered in Revelstoke in 2020.

As well, the City of Revelstoke was one of the first 9 communities in BC to receive Age-Friendly Achievement Recognition by the province (2012), and is highlighted on the Ministry website in both a [video](#), an '[Age-Friendly Action Summary](#)', as well as Revelstoke-specific examples in the provincial toolkit.