









City of Rossland – 2018 Age-Friendly Plan on a Page

WHERE WE'RE GOING								
Vision	To become an age-friendly community and region where older adults can “age actively,” living in security, enjoy good health, and continuing to participate fully in society.							
Goals¹	Housing* 	Transportation* 	Community support + health services* 	Outdoor spaces + buildings 	Social participation 	Respect + social inclusion 	Civic participation + employment 	Communication + information 
	The community and region has a range of housing options that are affordable, appropriately located, well built, well designed and secure.	Public transportation and other mobility options exist, and they are accessible and affordable.	Community support and health services are accessible, affordable and meet the needs of seniors.	Outdoor spaces and buildings that are pleasant, clean, secure and physically accessible.	The community has opportunities for seniors to participate in a range of social, recreation, cultural and spiritual activities.	Older people are treated with respect and are included in all aspects of community and civic life.	Opportunities for employment and volunteering cater to older generational interests and abilities.	The community has accessible and available age-friendly information and communications.
HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ²								
Actions	<p>Encourage or incentivize new developments to include age-friendly features (e.g. elevators).</p> <p>Support regional efforts to increase the number of units of seniors' housing through: an attainable regional housing plan; coordination of housing providers; and strategic access to funding.**</p> <p>Grant tax-exemptions to developers of low-income housing.</p> <p>Address gaps in home repair, maintenance and other support services, by establishing a Better at Home program in the Lower Columbia to enable seniors to stay in their homes longer.**</p> <p>Support the recommendation made to the BC government to create a home maintenance/repair subsidy program for low-income homeowners, similar to the SAFER subsidy program for low-income renters.**</p> <p>Continue advocacy for supported and assisted living in Rossland.</p> <p><u>Lower Priority</u></p> <p>Encourage research and communications regarding shared housing opportunities by a community volunteer or organization.</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to enhance the use of excess capacity within current transportation operators (private and public) and apply a subsidy program to enable access for low-income community members.**</p> <p>Encourage BC Transit to improve regional routes and infrastructure (e.g. bus stop seating, weather protection), and re-examine the manner in which service utilization data is considered.**</p> <p>Support the expansion of the West Kootenay Volunteer Driver Program Coordinator to more days per week and to include non-medical needs.**</p> <p>Advocate to the RDKB to establish a subsidy program for regional transportation options for low-income residents.**</p> <p><u>Lower Priority</u></p> <p>Explore a 'gripper' campaign to promote pedestrian safety during the winter months.</p>	<p>Explore options for developing/re-introducing a meal delivery program for the region, ideally once per day for seniors in the region.**</p> <p>Address gaps in home repair, maintenance and other support services, by establishing a Better at Home program in the Lower Columbia to enable seniors to stay in their homes longer.** (repeated from Housing section)</p>	<p>Develop public washrooms in the downtown core.</p> <p>Install signage that meets the needs of seniors.</p> <p><u>Lower Priority</u></p> <p>Install shaded benches where possible.</p> <p>Install phone and Internet services at Seniors Hall. (Rossland Seniors Association)</p>	<p>Create a seniors' program for Rossland, Warfield and Trail that replicates the best practices of the Beaver Valley Seniors Program. (Rossland, Trail and Warfield)</p> <p>Encourage the creation of a secondary seniors group to complement the existing association, sharing the Seniors Centre space and covering costs. (City of Rossland, Seniors Association, volunteers)</p>	<p>Continue creating opportunities (events, programs, etc.) that are welcoming and inclusive of seniors. (City of Rossland and other community partners)</p>	<p><i>Rossland is doing fairly well in this area, therefore it is relatively lower priority compared to the other topics.</i></p> <p><u>Lower Priority</u></p> <p>Communicate volunteer and employment opportunities to seniors (future regional seniors' coordinator)</p>	<p>Support the ongoing production of the Closing the Gap seniors' guide for the Lower Columbia that provides all seniors' information in one place (online and on paper).**</p> <p>Regularly communicate the Closing the Gap seniors guide and elements of it (e.g. transportation, housing) to raise awareness about services available to seniors.</p> <p>Advocate for a Basin-wide Seniors Action Network coordinator following the Youth Action Network model whose responsibilities would include providing comprehensive information and advocacy services to seniors, and who would complement the coordinator(s) responsible for delivering seniors' programming in the region.**</p>

¹ These goals are summarized from the World Health Organization's (WHO) age-friendly check-list that is structured according to the eight age-friendly themes. For a more detailed description of the goals within each topic, see the WHO age-friendly guide or checklist.

²How we're moving forward is made up of actions that will be undertaken as resources permit and opportunities arise. They are prioritized on a relative basis, according to higher or lower priority.

*Topics that require regional perspective and solutions and cannot be addressed by each specific community alone. The other topics also have regional linkages, but they can and should be delivered by and within each community as much as possible.

**These are region-wide actions identified by the joint Age-Friendly Task Force. They reflect concerns shared by the three participating communities (Montrose, Rossland and Trail) and will require collaboration amongst regional partners to implement successfully.