



Nelson & Area Age Friendly Community Initiative

Nelson & Area AFC Initiative:

Phase I & II

Progress & Next Steps

Presentation to

Golden Age Friendly Community Initiative

Wednesday, September 16th, 2015

Initiative Vision: Phase I



- To work collaboratively as a community to ensure there exists a vibrant network of services to meet the increasingly complex needs of a growing seniors population in the region
- To create a Model of Community Collaboration that describes our journey

Early days...

- Research - defining Age Friendly in a local context
- Consultation - getting community input
- Gathering a Community Advisory Committee
- Priority setting - distilling issues and identifying priority needs



Advisory Committee Meeting - September 2013

Standing/L to R: Bob Adams, Lynn Adams, Cindy Fairs, Beryl Clayton, Ramona Faust, Pegasis McGauley, Francine Brown, Bette Craig, Joan Reichardt, Jenny Robinson. Seated/L to R: Debby Zeeben, Janice Murphy, Heather von Ilberg, Maggy, Blommaert, Corrine Younie

Setting Priorities

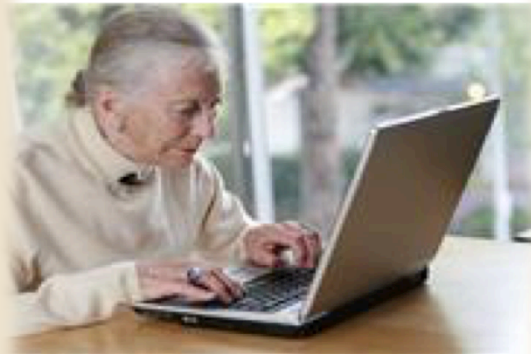
- Community Support Services
- Health Services
- Transportation
- Communication & Information
- Housing Supply & Services
- Social Participation Opportunities
- Outdoor Spaces & Public Facilities
- Respect & Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation & Volunteer Opportunities
- Income Gaps & Employment Opportunities

Project development - areas of focus

□ Information & Service Coordination

□ Kootenay Seniors Pilot Projects

- Kootenay Seniors website, a hub for information on seniors services, activities and resources
- Kootenay Seniors Service Coordination project strengthens service provider collaboration and develops service protocols, enhancing service delivery



Project development continued...

❑ Outreach to Isolated Rural Seniors

- ❑ Reaching Out: identifying isolated rural seniors & determining their priority needs
 - ❑ Student Internship, partnership with Nelson & District Seniors Coordinating Society and Age-Friendly Kaslo



Project development continued...

- ❑ Seniors' Transportation Barriers
 - ❑ Moving Together: A Collaborative Approach to Addressing Seniors' Transportation Barriers
 - ❑ Brings stakeholders together to improve seniors access to adequate and appropriate transportation options



What we've accomplished



- Moving Together
- Kootenay Seniors Website
- Kootenay Seniors Service Provider Group
- Outreach to Isolated Rural Seniors

Evaluation



- Evaluating the Initiative
 - ▣ Collective Impact
- Evaluating the Pilot Projects
 - ▣ Measuring Outcomes

Sustainability



- Engage community in the work
- Prove your worth - measure outcomes
- Service coordination & fund development

Initiative Vision: Phase II



- Continue Community Collaboration
- Sustain the Pilot Projects
- Seek Age Friendly Designation
- Communications Plan
- Basin-Wide Collaboration Among AFC's

What's Next?

- Foster collaboration among senior-serving organizations and other relevant stakeholders
- Enable collective response and action on emerging seniors issues
- Facilitate the development of effective services that address priority issues
- Strengthen seniors organizations' ability to evaluate their services
- Work towards an Age Friendly Community designation for the City of Nelson

Envision Age Friendly Community...

