**Age Friendly Committee’s Terms of Reference**

*Mandate of Committee*

The Committee mandate is to:

* Serve as the age friendly champion for the community be developing a vision, gathering momentum for change and encouraging action;
* Develop a coordinated approach between local government, citizens, service providers and community organizations to make the community age friendly;
* Promote awareness of age-friendly principles to residents, local agencies and businesses;
* Encourage the community to view policies, projects and programs with an age-friendly lens;
* Connect with the Age-friendly British Columbia coordinator (email: AgeFriendlyBC@gov.bc.ca), and explore resources and tools available through the coordinator;
* Obtain formal local government commitment and public support for age-friendly initiatives;
* Monitor funding available for age-friendly initiatives, encourage local government or other eligible agencies to apply for this funding, and provide input on funding applications;
* Organize, promote and/or lead an age-friendly assessment of the community;
* Review the results of the age-friendly assessment and develop recommendations for priority actions;
* Oversee, promote and encourage implementation of the action plan and/or specific items in the action plan;
* Monitor changes to age-friendliness, with consideration of the impact on people of all generations and abilities; and
* Make recommendations to local government on a regular basis to continue age-friendly initiatives.

*Reporting*

The Committee will be comprised of between 5 and 11 individuals, serving as volunteers, including:

* Member(s) of Council appointed by the Council;
* Director of CSRD Electoral Area A (or appointed alternate);
* Older individuals who have an active interest and awareness of concerns of residents in their age group; and
* Individuals involved with one or more of the eight age-friendly categories (outdoor spaces and building, transportation, housing, respect and inclusion of seniors, social participation, communication and information, civic volunteerism and employment, health and community support), who have been nominated by their affiliated organizations

*Term, Responsibility and Authority*

* Chair;
* Vice-chair (or co-chairs);
* Secretary;
* Community Team Representative/Coordinator;
* Members of the committee are advisory to council; provide public relations or promotion of age-friendly initiatives; and, in some cases, lead implementation.
* Members will strive to represent the interests of older residents.
* Members will keep the media informed of age-friendly concerns and initiatives.
* Members will make recommendations to relevant organizations and to the Town of Golden Council and/or Town of Golden Council and CSRD Area A Director (and/or Community Team, should it be created).