



Seniors Task Force Meeting Notes
September 15, 2020
Via Zoom

1. Councillor Isitt welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. The Task Force worked through Topic Area 5 (Social Participation) to set top priorities and reframe recommendations to ensure they are pertinent to seniors issues
3. Closing comments
 - a. Set additional meeting dates
 - i. September 29, 2-3:30pm
 - ii. Oct 6, 2-3:30 pm
 - iii. Oct 13, 2-3:30

Preparation for September 29th meeting

1. Read through **Topic Area 5 – Social Participation** (attached as page 2) and send any changes or edits to Kimberley
2. Read through **Draft Action Plan Items to Work On** for the remaining 3 topic areas (Communication & Information; Civic Participation & Employment; Community Support & Health Services)
 - a. prioritize within each topic area and make suggestions for clarification as needed
 - b. stick to seniors related issues

Social Participation		
<p><i>Do older persons have opportunities for developing and maintaining meaningful social networks in their neighbourhoods?</i></p> <p><i>Are the needs and preferences of older persons considered in planning by a diverse range of agencies and institutions?</i></p>	1. Seniors Centres Operations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review core funding and operating agreements of City-owned seniors centres to sustain operations both during and after the pandemic 	City
	2. Seniors Programming	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop accessible and diverse programs to build stronger connections between seniors and Indigenous Old Ones 	Partners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diversify outreach through expanded partnerships to deliver more neighbourhood-based programs at seniors rental housing facilities 	Partners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop programs that focus on reducing isolation of men and LGBTQ2S e.g. Men's Sheds, carving sheds 	Partners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider the distinct abilities and capacities of seniors when creating programs 	Partners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support organizations to develop partnerships to deliver multiple services e.g. health, food security, housing etc 	Partners
	Transportation Needs	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expand transportation programs to get seniors to/from specific activities and events. Examine strategies to provide mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers 	Partners
	Other Recommendations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage more inclusive age-friendly performances at public events 	City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Purchase a new bus for use at the Crystal Pool prioritized for the existing seniors excursions program 	City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase intergenerational engagement by encouraging youth volunteerism in a variety of seniors organizations 	Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a seniors Social Access Pass or Gold Card program for use at museums, galleries, music events etc 	City/Partners	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage companion services for seniors 		