

NIAGARA AGING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Community Forum
September 11, 2014

AGENDA

Morning	Afternoon
Project Update Environmental Scan Visioning Idea generation	Goal Setting Discussion Next Steps Wrap-up by 3:30

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

April	Start-up and information review
May	Project launch Planning Team meetings
June	Provider survey Focus groups
July/ Aug.	Key informant interviews Additional focus groups Data analysis
Sept.	Community Forum

NEXT STEPS IN WORK PLAN

Oct.	Planning team meetings Discussion paper issued
Nov.	Strategy report
Dec.	Goal mapping Partner recruitment
Jan.	Implementation planning Finalized toolkit
Feb.	Sustainability model Final report

DELIVERABLES

1. Comprehensive aging strategy and action plan
2. Tool kit to enable implementation
3. Sustainability model

TARGET GROUPS

Based on abilities, not age:

- Well and fit seniors
- Seniors requiring some assistance with activities of daily living
- Seniors requiring 24-hour supports

WHERE WE WENT

West Lincoln	Thorold	Niagara Falls (2)
Welland (2)	Grimsby	St. Catharines
Fort Erie	Pelham	Pt. Colborne
Francophones	NOTL	Chateau Gardens

200+ seniors across 14 sessions

WHAT WE HEARD

Transportation

Housing

Social and Recreational

Health Care

Community

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation between communities
- Expanded public transit
- More special transit
- Sidewalk and lane improvements
- Scooter accessibility
- Volunteer, shuttle, pooled driving options
- Improved parking
- Cost relief

HOUSING

- Affordable retirement homes, RGI units
- Appropriate housing – type, size, location
- Home renovation and maintenance supports
- Facilities with a continuum of supports
- More LTC facilities close to home
- Supportive housing
- Transition supports

SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL

- More, expanded recreation centres
- Youth engagement
- Home visiting/outreach
- Increased information and awareness

HEALTH CARE

- More home care
- Transportation to specialized services
- Cost relief – dental, vision, hearing
- Information and ease of navigation
- Dementia care
- Mental health supports
- Individual advocacy

COMMUNITY

- More retail in some areas
- Increased involvement of business
- Increased youth engagement
- Mitigate development
- Financial support/cost reduction

SURVEY OF PROVIDERS

- Conducted on-line
- Quantitative information on needs
- 53 replies – high response
- Good cross section of services
- Comprehensive and thoughtful answers

The Good News:

Providers' Views
= Seniors' Views

SYSTEM GAPS

Well/Fit	Affordable/accessible housing Health education/promotion System navigation
Some Assistance	In-home supports Special transit Affordable/accessible housing Caregiver supports
24 hour Support	Long-term care beds Primary care Special transit

SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS

Poor/Fair Ratings:

- Coordination: 91%
- Timeliness: 89%
- Communicating Information: 71%

Source: Survey of Providers

NEW FUNDING: Shopping Spree

Housing:	33%
Health Care:	28%
Transportation:	14%
Recreation:	9%
Other:	16%

Source: Survey of Providers

OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

Rated as a Major Problem:

- Wait lists: 75%
- Financial cost: 61%
- Transportation: 60%
- Lack of awareness of services: 52%

Source: Survey of Providers

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

15 so far, more to come ...

Corroborating findings from focus groups and provider survey

SWOT ANALYSIS

Present:	Strengths Weaknesses
Future:	Opportunities Threats

A “PREFERRED FUTURE”



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IDEA GENERATION

Ideas to address the SWOT and move us towards our vision

- Big or small
- Don't discuss or critique
- Anything goes!



Breakout Groups

1. Review the data
2. Discuss and expand
3. Create 5 to 7 broad strategies
4. Test against SWOT
5. Prepare report

Address local differences

Wrap-up

