Older Persons Strategic Framework and 2025 Early Actions

Foundations:

Vancouver is a city where older persons **Vision:** are valued, engaged and supported

Mission:

- We integrate a strategic aging lens in all our work to ensure that older persons can live well in Vancouver
- We deliver and enable programs, services, facilities and built environments that are inclusive and supportive of older persons to make Vancouver a great place to age
- We work with partners to become a city equitable for the aging population

Diversity, equity and inclusion

- Persons with dementia
- Indigenous Elders and older persons from the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and urban Indigenous communities
- Intersections with other equity-impacted identities

Community connections

- Family and friend caregivers
- Intergenerational relationships

Whole City Approach Cross-sectoral collaboration and advocacy

- Community organizations and private businesses
- Provincial and federal governments and BC Seniors Advocate
- Metro Vancouver and other municipalities
- Vancouver Coastal Health, Providence Health and TransLink
- Research institutions and funders

Older nersons in Vancouver

are engaged and included	are connected and informed	live in a home that supports aging in the right place	can get around with dignity	have access to spaces and places that meet their needs	are supported by programs and servic that enable health and wellbeing
reduce and prevent isolation and loneliness B. Participation in elections, public engagements, and other civic activities are supported C. Volunteer and employment opportunities enable meaningful	information supports overcome digital and connectivity barriers	 A. Sufficient affordable and appropriate housing for older persons exists in all neighbourhoods B. Homes are safe, designed to accessibility standards and foster connections with neighbours C. Multi-unit residential buildings with a high proportion of older persons include integrated programs and services 	 A. Transportation services facilitate community participation B. Infrastructure investments and wayfinding enable mobility, access, safety and active transportation 	 A. Spaces and facilities for older persons of all abilities are in place around the city B. Public realm improvements consider the needs of older persons and foster social and community connections for all ages C. Public washrooms are available and accessible D. Local businesses are accessible to, and supportive of, older persons 	 A. Community-engaged programs and service are enhanced through City sites B. Community organizations are coordinated supported to collaborate C. City grants continue to support community organizations to deliver key programs, serviced and infrastructure for older persons D. Community and health services are aligned E. Supports are in place to prepare for emergencies and climate change impacts
Work with partners to carry out awareness campaigns focused on ageism and older persons [new]	Support older persons to overcome digital literacy barriers by enabling digital connection to ensure access to critical services [ongoing] Update content about programs, services and resources for older persons on the City website to ensure access to accurate information [new] Celebrate aging and raise awareness of issues impacting older persons by recognizing significant dates [ongoing]	 Continue implementation of the Seniors Housing Strategy by carrying out early actions: Streamline the development of seniors social housing within neighbourhoods throughout the city through pre-zoning within Vancouver's Social Housing Initiative [new] Improve the knowledge of older persons who rent and organizations that support them through a renter awareness campaign focused on the City's Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy [ongoing] 	 Integrate a strategic aging lens to continue delivering transportation infrastructure and programs, including new and widened sidewalks, sidewalk repairs, curb ramps, traffic signals, bus stops, bike lanes and greenways [ongoing] Accelerate programs to increase safety for older pedestrians, including more leading pedestrian intervals, flashing beacons and longer pedestrian walk times [ongoing] Integrate a strategic aging lens in the delivery of new public plazas [ongoing] Update transportation safety strategy with a focus on people who face higher risk of serious injury or death from incidents involving motor vehicles, including older persons [new] 	 Continue to ensure progress on new spaces for older persons (e.g., 55+ Seniors Centre at Oakridge Civic Centre, Sunset Seniors Centre) [ongoing] Integrate a strategic aging lens in community and citywide planning (e.g., Villages planning program) [ongoing] Identify opportunities to support implementation of the Older Persons Strategic Framework in the 2026-2030 Capital Plan [new] Explore how to better support Vancouver Coastal Health to deliver facilities for older persons [new] 	 Establish and convene the Network of Organizations in Vancouver on Aging (NOV encourage coordination and collaboration community organizations working in aging [new] Explore the expansion of multi-year fundin select organizations with a mandate to serolder persons [new] Re-constitute the Vancouver Older Persons Funders Table to better coordinate financia resources with partners [new] Complete an analysis of current programs a services for older persons at community centres to help identify strengths and gaps [new] Liaise with Providence Health Care on the launch of the Centre for Healthy Aging at the New St. Paul's Hospital [new]
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- include a life course approach
- Maintain ongoing liaison with senior governments on issues of importance to older persons
- Work with BC Healthy Communities and potentially the Union of BC Municipalities to activate a network of Age-Friendly BC Communities to learn from one another and support broader advocacy efforts
- Formalize a cross-departmental approach to support delivery of priorities for the aging population
- Provide regular updates about progress on the Older Persons Strategic Framework and Early Actions to the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee
- · Apply to join the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities