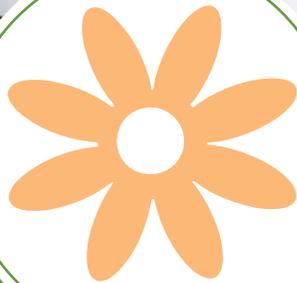




An Age-Friendly Simcoe County

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Do you have questions about the survey?

Let us know.

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Welcome!

Welcome to the County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Community Initiative monthly newsletter!

We are all getting older, and the County of Simcoe is taking steps to make our community a better place to age together. It's called the Age-Friendly Community Initiative, which will improve the quality of life for older adults by making our community safe, inspiring, healthy and accessible for everyone. The County will work with residents and local leaders to develop an age-friendly plan in eight key areas:

- Outdoor spaces and public buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social participation
- Respect/social inclusion
- Civic participation and employment



- Communication/information
- Community support and health services

With your help, the County of Simcoe can build an active and inclusive future for all.

A monthly newsletter will be published to keep people informed as we develop the plan. This newsletter will provide you with progress updates and share findings from our research and community engagement along the way.

You can access the newsletter anytime online at simcoe.ca/age-friendly.



Age-Friendly Community Steering Committee

A group of 30 volunteers comprised of community members from varying backgrounds and experience including government, health services, social services,

education, disability-related organizations and seniors' and local business representatives has been engaged to serve as on the Steering Committee. They will meet monthly to

provide strategic direction, review data, provide insight and assist with outreach to community members, ensuring that as many voices are heard as possible.

Upcoming project activities

The County will be hosting several activities in the coming months to offer residents and researchers a chance to explore age-friendliness across the region. The structure and timelines have been developed to gather information and feedback from diverse populations and to get the best picture possible of how aging is experienced in the community.

Survey

Beginning in February, the County will be posting an Age-Friendly Survey for residents to provide input. This survey, which takes between 20 to 25 minutes, can be completed by hand, online, over the phone, in person or in groups, by request and can be returned to varying locations in your community. This survey will ask about your experience in

important aspects of your community, such as housing, transportation, health and community services, respect by community members, and employment opportunities. These topics have been highlighted by the World Health Organization to be the most important dimensions of what makes an age-friendly community.

Do you live in the Township of Oro-Medonte?

We are also completing a study specific to Oro-Medonte. To learn more about the Township of Oro-Medonte's Age-Friendly Community Initiative, contact Marie Brissette at 705-487-2171 ext. 2135 or mbrissette@oro-medonte.ca

