



## THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

We are looking for a Working Group of 20-25 Lions Bay residents who fall into three categories;

1. People who are older, and actively looking (or soon to be looking) for housing options different from what they have now
2. People likely to be contemplating a change as above, within about five years
3. General community members of any age who are interested in housing for aging citizens

**Background:** The Village of Lions Bay has engaged a consultant to develop policy recommendations to enhance age-friendly housing options in Lions Bay. Research has clearly shown that there are positive social and health benefits when older citizens in a community are able to address their changing housing needs while remaining in the community in which they have resided. “Age-friendly” can mean not only new types of housing, but programs that would allow people to stay in their own homes as long as possible.

**Process:** Council will take the names of prospective volunteers and make the selection for the Working Group. Then a community consultation process will begin, to foster a sense of Village mission and purpose around the creation of age-friendly housing for seniors.

**What’s involved:** the Working Group would attend two morning workshops, on March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>, to input to a community survey, and also be present at a public meeting in May, held to consider draft recommendations. These would be policy recommendations with regard to zoning and building by-laws to enhance housing options for aging or physically challenged citizens, as well as possible support programs that might work for Lions Bay.

Please indicate your interest to Rory Mandryk, Village Manager, at [admin@lionsbay.ca](mailto:admin@lionsbay.ca) or 604-921-9333 by February 24th, 2010. Please tell us how old you are and how long you have resided in Lions Bay, as well as which of the three categories above you consider yourself to fall into.