

YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT

Lions Bay Age-Friendly Transitional Housing Community Survey

Why *we need your input* - The Village of Lions Bay is assessing how our community is situated to address the housing needs of our more senior citizens. 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 by remaining in the community in which they have resided. This survey is intended to gauge what our situation is with regards to meeting these needs and to help guide Council in making decisions with regard to age-friendly transitional housing in Lions Bay. For this study, the following definitions apply:

Age-friendly housing – Housing that incorporates design features to accommodate physical challenges that are often associated with aging. These can include (but don't necessarily include all) elements such as flat entrances, door widths that will accommodate wheelchairs, levers for easier opening of doors, kitchen and washroom accessibility for those in wheelchairs, single level or assisted lifts (e.g. elevators, stair lifts) etc.

Transitional housing – Housing options for seniors other than a single-family dwelling that incorporate age-friendly features; options range from secondary living quarters on a property currently zoned single family (included or separate from the principle structure), multi-unit structures or care facilities.

Gathering information- There is no presumption of what, if any, particular options or support for the housing needs of seniors might be suitable for Lions Bay. Council will be considering community survey results in making any subsequent decisions that impact housing options for seniors. Every resident of voting age is encouraged to complete a survey.

Completion - To help in this, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the following survey, if possible electronically (available on-line www.lionsbay.ca), and send to strategicactiongroup@telus.net (we have engaged the Strategic Action Group to help us with this research). Alternatively, you can fill this in manually and drop it off at the Village Office in a sealed envelope marked "LIONS BAY AGE-FRIENDLY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SURVEY". Extra print copies are available at the Village Office.

Submission deadline -Monday, May 3, 2010

Please note – the following information is required to ensure survey security; if this section is not completed, the survey form will be not be included in the study. Your survey form will only be seen by the consultant so your responses will be anonymous to everyone else.

E-mail address (if you have one): _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

PO Box: _____

1. Age a) under 55 b) 55-59 c) 60-64 d) 65-69 e) 70-74 f) 75 or over

2. Number of years as a resident of Lions Bay _____

3. Residency in Lions Bay a) year round b) part time

4. Home ownership in Lions Bay a) owner b) renter

5. Do you plan to move in the next 5 years a) Yes b) No c) Undecided

a) **If** you are planning on moving **OR** are undecided, which of the following reasons apply (indicate all that apply)?

- i. Our home is or will be too large for our needs
- ii. We are or will be unable to keep up with the physical demands to maintain our home
- iii. Our home has or will become more difficult for us to live in (e.g. stairs, other features)
- iv. Financial reasons
- v. Other (please indicate reason) _____

b) **If** you are planning on moving in the next 5 years, would you like to be able to stay in Lions Bay?

- i. Yes
- ii. No
- iii. Undecided

Please note your level of agreement with the following statements by circling the response that is most appropriate using the scale that ranges from 1 (Strongly Agree) to 5 (Strongly Disagree) or DK (Don't Know) if you feel that you do not have sufficient information.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
6. If possible, I would like to stay in my current home well into my senior years.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
7. Lions Bay should remain as it is, age-friendly transitional housing should not take the form of a multi-unit building.	1	2	3	4	5	DK

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
8. If there were age-friendly housing options in Lions Bay, I would prefer them to my current living arrangements in my senior years.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
9. Single family residences should be allowed to construct or convert a separate secondary structure (i.e. not connected to the main structure) to provide an age-friendly housing option.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
10. Lions Bay should encourage the inclusion of age-friendly design elements for new construction.	1	2	3	4	5	DK

Please note your level of support for the following options for Lions Bay related to age-friendly housing by circling the response that is most appropriate using the scale that ranges from 1 (Strongly Support) to 5 (Strongly Do Not Support) or DK (Don't Know) if you feel that you do not have sufficient information.

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Do Not Support	Strongly Do Not Support	Don't Know
11. Increased density zoning to support multi-unit developments for age friendly housing options.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
12. Please indicate the level of support (supplied by the private sector) that should be provided for any age-friendly housing.						
a) Supportive housing facilities (basically independent – with some meal support, light housekeeping and social activities).	1	2	3	4	5	DK
b) Assisted living facilities (as per supportive housing with additional personal services such as dressing, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	DK
c) Full care facilities	1	2	3	4	5	DK

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Do Not Support	Strongly Do Not Support	Don't Know
13. Type of multi-unit development	1	2	3	4	5	DK
a) Cottage style development of separated, self-contained single units.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
b) Smaller single or duplex units within a larger development with a central communal facility (dining room, lounge, entertainment area, fitness area and possibly other amenities).	1	2	3	4	5	DK
c) Multi-unit residence (duplex to quadraplex) on a lot currently zoned for single family.	1	2	3	4	5	DK
d) Self-contained condominiums within a single apartment-type building (i.e. no central communal facilities).	1	2	3	4	5	DK
e) Condominiums within a single apartment-type building with a central communal facility (dining room, lounge, entertainment area, fitness area and possibly other amenities).	1	2	3	4	5	DK
14. Location						
a) Dispersed through the Village	1	2	3	4	5	DK
b) Existing central Lions Bay	1	2	3	4	5	DK
c) New peripheral area	1	2	3	4	5	DK
d) Other (please note) _____						

For the following, please provide **BRIEF** points for your responses.

15. **If you agree** that the Village should facilitate our older citizens having the right types of housing to accommodate them in Lions Bay in their senior years, note your top three recommendations for the Village in how to bring this about. Please use brief, point format.

a)

b)

c)

16. Other than housing, note the top recommendations you have to increase the age-friendliness of the Village. Please use brief, point format.

a)

b)

c)

17. Other comments relevant to age-friendly transitional housing for Lions Bay. Please use brief, point format.

a)

b)

c)

THANK YOU for taking the time to record your thoughts about age-friendly transitional housing in Lions Bay!

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