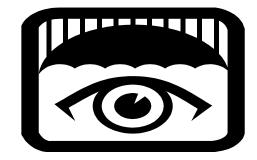


### Seniors Advisory Panel to Mayor & Council



# Mandate



- Advise and respond to Mayor & Council requests on Senior's Issues
- Promote development of continuum of services for seniors.

### Mandate Continued...



- Committee represents the diversity of seniors within CGS.
- Enhance the sense of self-worth of seniors.

## **Primary Objectives**

- Address needs of an aging population.
- Ensure seniors are actively involved in planning for their well-being.
- Assist with the sharing of information for seniors for through various referral mechanisms.
- Advise on creation of advocacy channels for seniors.



### Panel Members

- Barbara Nott, Robert Kirwan, Chairpersons
- Councillor Evelyn Dutrisac
- Dr. Birgit Pianosi
- Barb Eles
- Jo-Anne Palkovits
- Laurie Fraser
- Fran McMillan
- Gord Key
- Sandra Desjardins
- Pirjo Tastula
- Sherri Moroso, City Liaison



### **Resource Members**

 Resource Members: GSPS, NELHIN, Rockview Older Adults, Elder Abuse Ontario, Laurentian University, Huntington University, Parkside OAC, SDHU, MCI, NESGC, Home Instead for Seniors & CGS



## Seniors Community Network

#### **Mission Statement**

 Networking to effectively communicate and respond to seniors' issues/needs within the CGS.

#### **Vision Statement**

• Provide easy access to information on available programs and/or services to service providers and to seniors at risk.

#### **Goals/Objectives**

- Work towards improving/maintaining communication and working relations amongst Seniors' Service Providers.
- Effectively collaborate on issues affecting seniors.
- Develop/deliver educational forums which focus on issues related to seniors



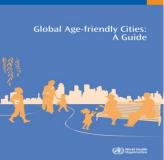
### Keeping Seniors Warm – Oct. 6

- Volunteers worked with 52 local older adults from within CGS gathering for an early Christmas celebration
- Warm soup & fresh sandwiches were served at Lockerby Legion while the Tremonics entertained.
- Shopping took place at Giant Tiger and all returned for High Tea
- Event was a great success!



### Age Friendly Communities

- Priority across not only province but in Canada as well.
- Panel hosted two community forums to obtain community feedback regarding the planning of the CGS in receiving designation.
- Steering Committee for AFC was formed reporting directly to SAP



### **Ontario's Age Friendly Initiative**

- An age-friendly community (AFC) is a community where policies, services and physical spaces are designed to Planning Grant Program.
- Established by Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, to offer assistance to Ontario communities in the planning process.
- AFCs contribute to good health and allow people to continue to participate fully in society throughout their lifetime.

(Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, 2015a)

### Age Friendly Community Planning

#### Greater Sudbury's Age-Friendly Profile

- A profile has been developed as a resource in supporting the CGS.
- Over 50 organizations from within the community provided information regarding programs and services offered to older adults.
- Information collected has been categorized into the 8 World Health Organization (WHO) <u>age-friendly dimensions.</u>
- Each pillar outlines a specific age-friendly dimension along with current resources available within Greater Sudbury for that dimension. The WHO's checklist for each age-friendly was used as a reference.



### The Community Survey!

- AFC Steering Committee formed.
- AFC Survey distribution has already started.
- Researchers from Laurentian University took the information gathered from two community forums to compile the survey.
- Approximately 7 Community Forums have been held to-date gathering over 100+ in-person surveys, as well as, over150 On line surveys have been completed.



