

Wood Buffalo Age-Friendly Work Plan



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

**Celebrating Seniors
2022
(ACoA)**



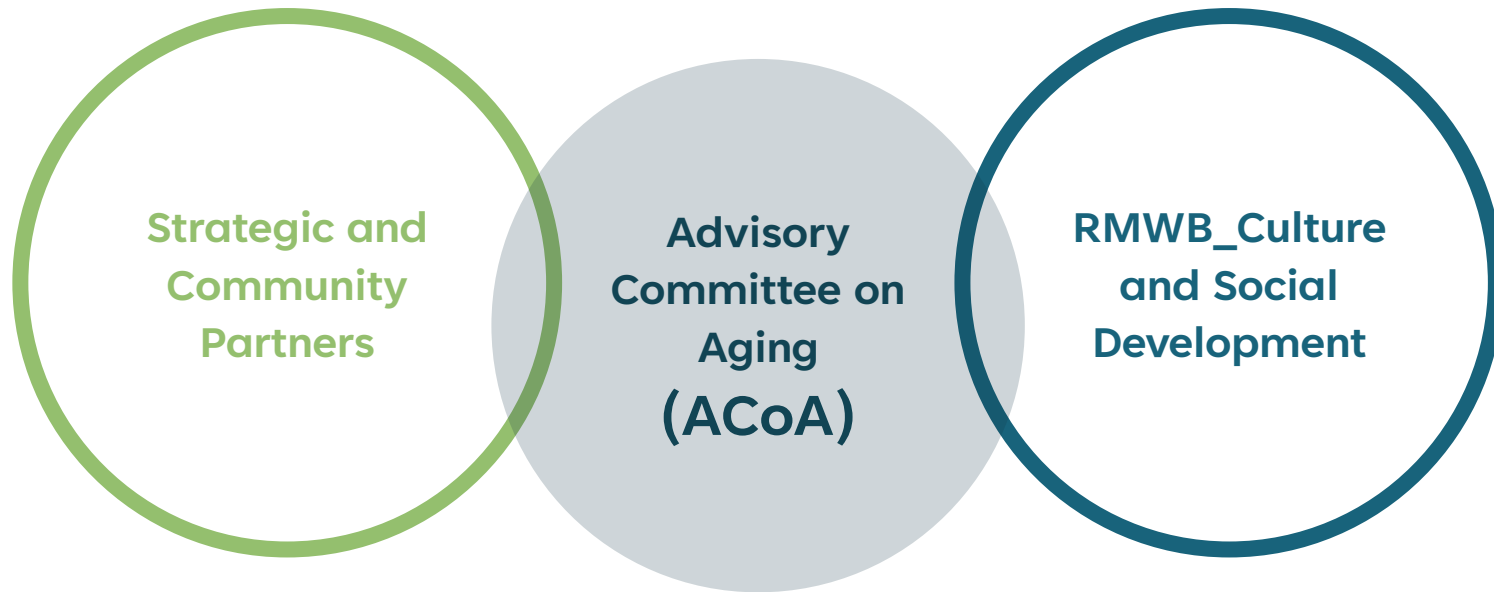
What is an Age-Friendly Community?



An Age-Friendly community adapts its structures and services to be accessible to and inclusive of older people with varying needs and capacities.



Who is the Lead?



This is a community plan, and it is dependent on the whole region to achieve **our** goals. It's going to take all of us to help improve what's available for seniors in **our** community.





World Health Organization

The WHO Age-Friendly Designation



WHO-Eight Domains



Why is this important?

This is for everyone.

“The thing about ageism, is that the group we see as different from ourselves, is our own future selves.”

~Ashton Applewhite

This is for our parents.

“We don’t have access to home care in rural areas. A public nurse will come to visit, but we cannot access services that will allow us to stay in our homes.”

~Age-Friendly Needs Assessment –
RMWB (2017)

This is for those we serve.

“It is widely acknowledged that a community that addresses its senior population’s needs is a community that is friendlier to all ages.”

~WHO 2007.

This is for our community.

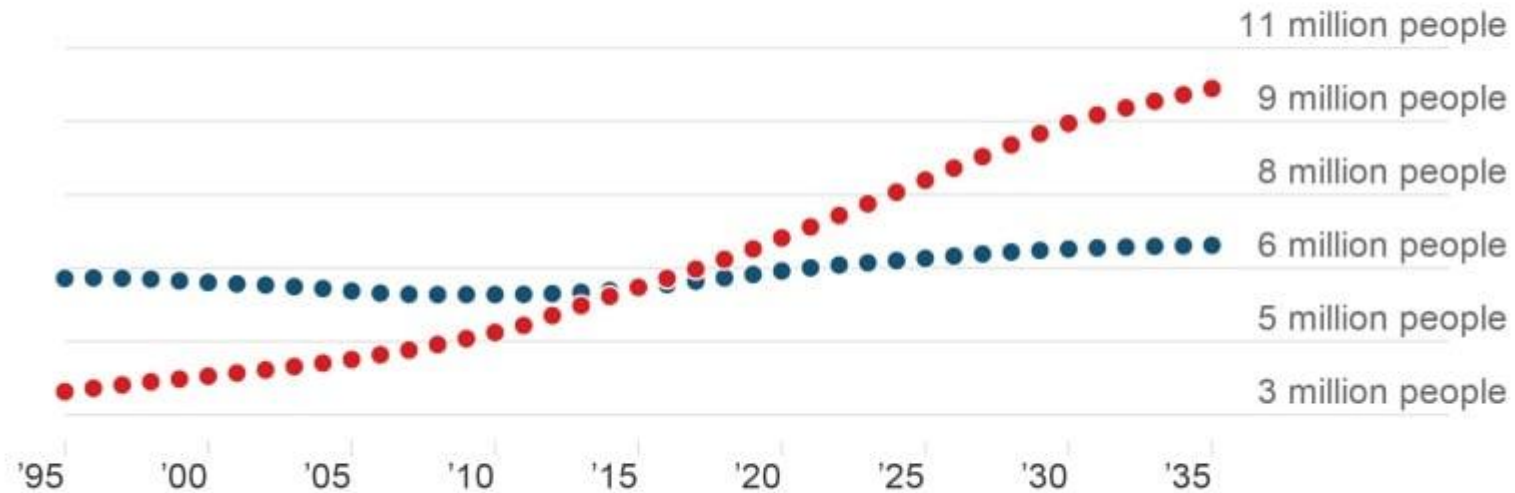
“When we build for older adults, we are being an inclusive community.”

~Community Partner



Canada now has more seniors than kids under 15

■ Under 15 ■ Over 64



Source: Statistics Canada

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Wood Buffalo Older Adults – by the numbers

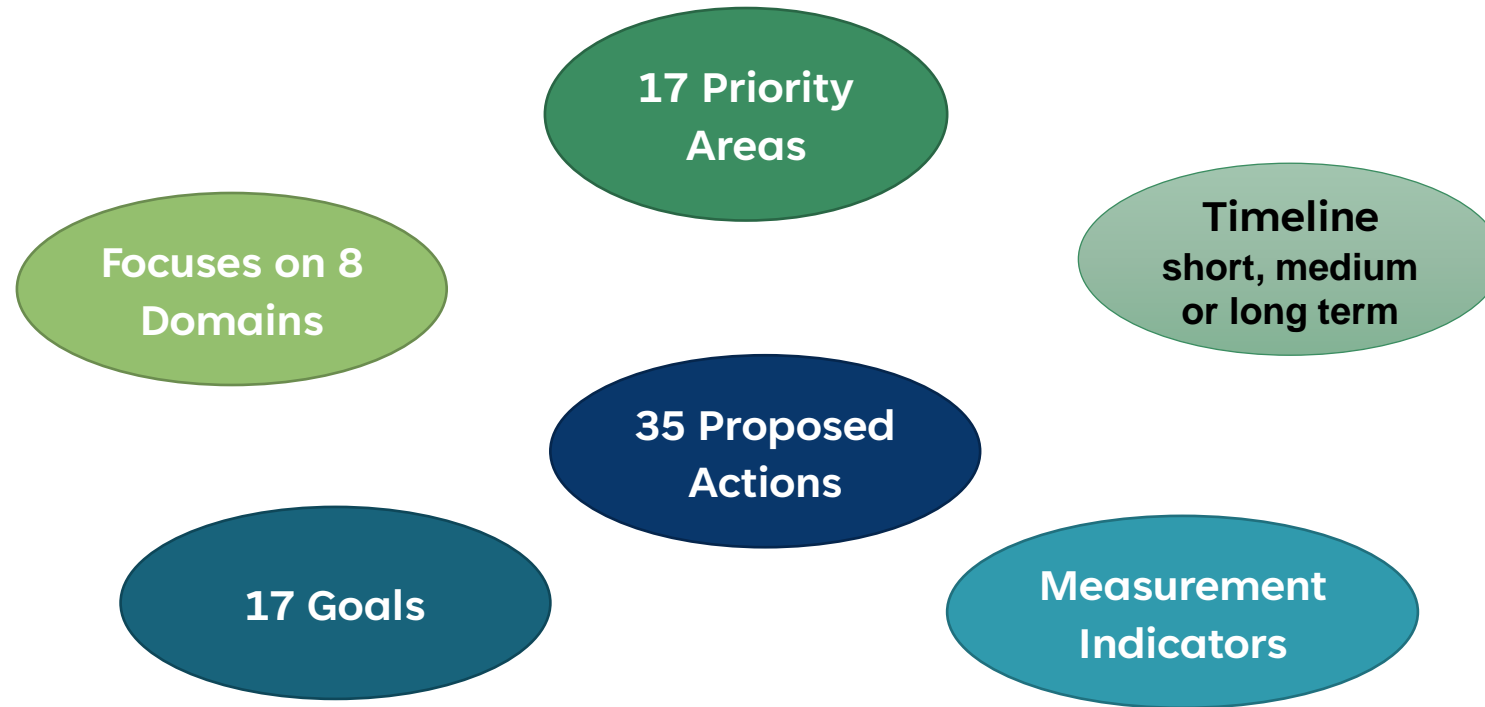
RMWB population among the 50 - 59 age group increased from 16.3% in 2012 to 17% in 2018

RMWB population among the 65 and above age group increased from 1.2% in 2012 to 3% in 2018

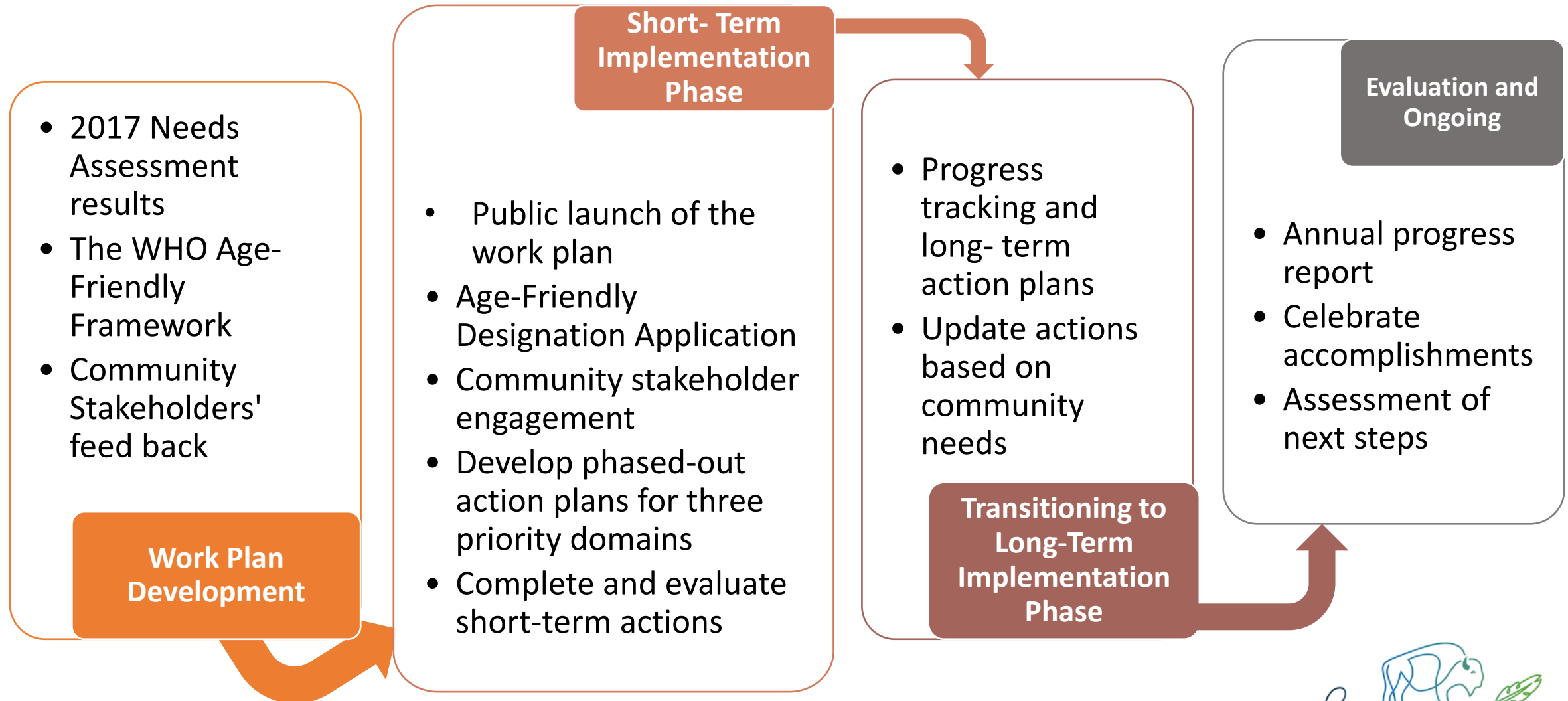
11.6% of the 65 and above age group reside in rural communities



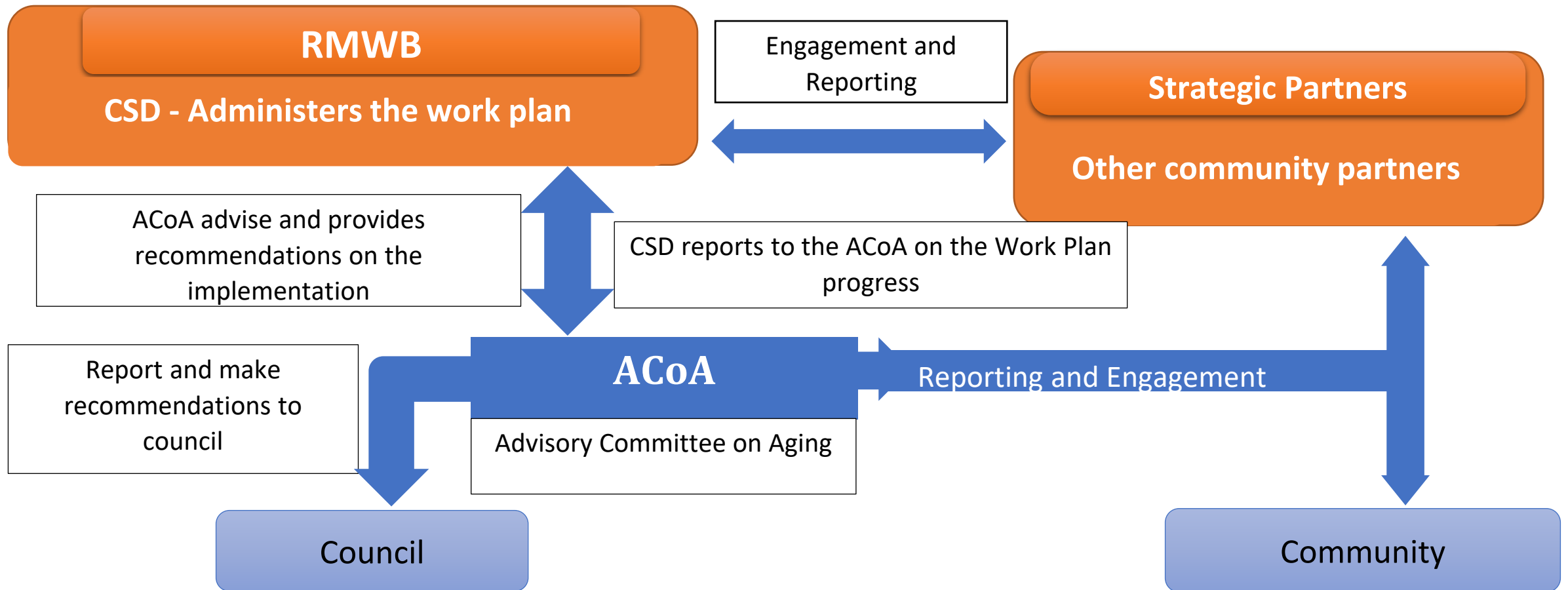
The Age-Friendly Wood Buffalo Work Plan highlights the ACoA's Vision of Aging with Dignity in Wood Buffalo.



Implementation Path



Tracking Progress



An Age-Friendly community doesn't happen overnight. It takes time and commitment to initiate real change. Let's recognize, appreciate and celebrate all the small successes we already have.

Questions

