Wood Buffalo Age-Friendly Work Plan





Celebrating Seniors 2022 (ACoA)



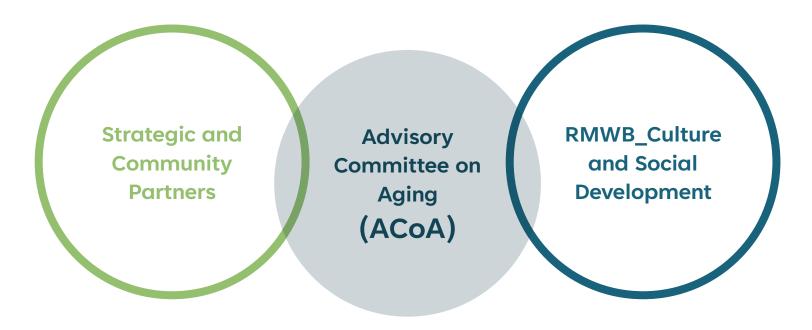
What is an Age-Friendly Community?



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.





The WHO Age-Friendly Designation World Health Organization

Age-Friendly Needs
Assessment
(2017)

WHO's
Global AgeFriendly
Cities
Framework

8 domains identified as local priorities



WHO-Eight Domains

Housing

Transportation

Social Participation

Respect and Social Inclusion

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Communication and Information

Community Supports and Health Services

Civic Participation and Employment Opportunities



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 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 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)

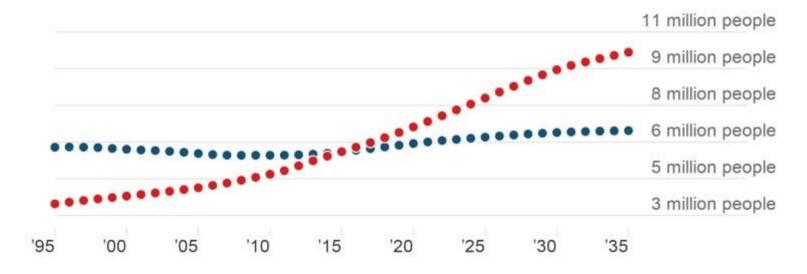
This is for our community.

"When we build for older adults, we are being an inclusive community."
~Community Partner



Canada now has more seniors than kids under 15





Source: Statistics Canada

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Wood Buffalo Older Adults – by the numbers

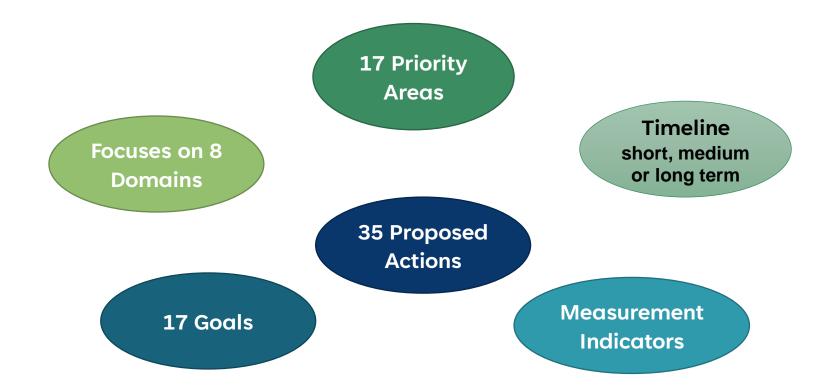
RMWB population among the 50 - 59 age group increased from 16.3% in 2012 to 17% in 2018

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

- 2017 Needs Assessment results
- The WHO Age-Friendly
 Framework
- Community
 Stakeholders'
 feed back

Work Plan Development

Short- Term Implementation Phase

- Public launch of the work plan
- Age-Friendly
 Designation Application
- Community stakeholder engagement
- Develop phased-out action plans for three priority domains
- Complete and evaluate short-term actions

- Progress tracking and long- term action plans
- Update actions based on community needs

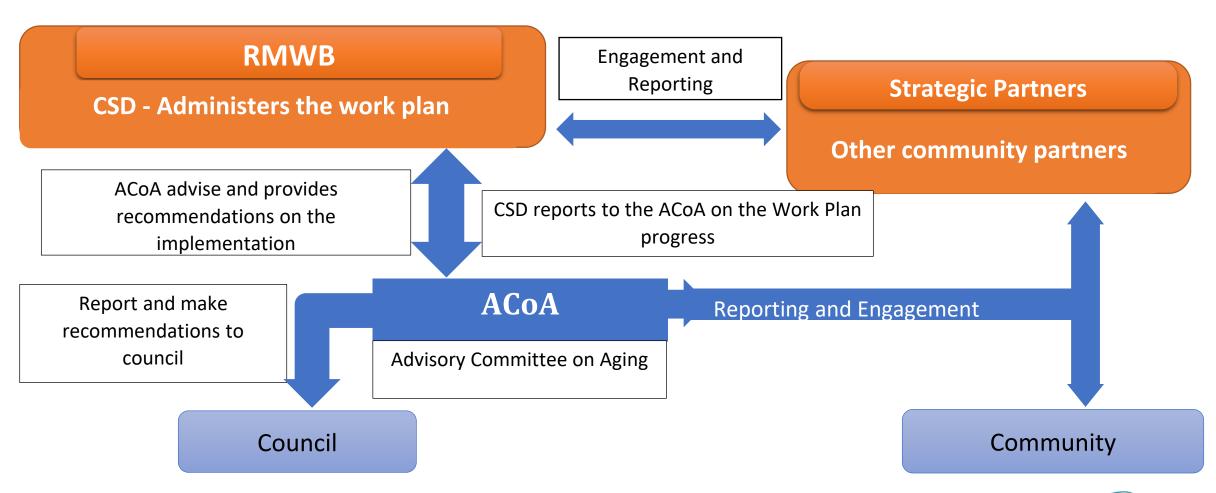
Transitioning to Long-Term Implementation Phase

Evaluation and Ongoing

- Annual progress report
- Celebrate accomplishments
- Assessment of next steps



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

