

AGE FRIENDLY SASKATCHEWAN SURVEY RESULTS

1. Sidewalks, Pathways, Trails or Rest Areas

- *Results indicate the Town of Kipling has well maintained sidewalks, pathways, trails and rest areas and sidewalks at intersections are very accessible to all.*

- *The availability of benches in the community was found to be lacking.*

Focus Group Question: Where are additional benches required in the Town of Kipling?

Answer: Closer to Post Office

- *There is a lack of available public washrooms available, or signs indicating that public washrooms are available.*

Focus Group Question: Where are additional washrooms needed, or where are signs needed for existing washrooms that may be available to the public?

Answer: Drugstores, Library, Kipling Professional Building

- *It was noted that ramps for wheelchairs were lacking.*

Focus Group Question: Where are ramps needed in the community, and/or are there ramps that need adjustments to make them more user friendly?

Answer: Optometrist; eavestrough at the Post Office drips onto the ramp; Kipling Arena

- *It was suggested that there needs to be additional and/or improved handrails in the community.*

Focus Group Question: Where do handrails need to be added or replaced?

Answer: Hallway at Kipling Community Centre; Kipling Arena

2. Transportation and Roads

- *It was noted that roads and streets in the Town of Kipling are well maintained and appropriately lit.*

- *There seems to be some concerns or confusion over disabled parking spots.*

Focus Group Question: Is there adequate disabled parking spots? Are they open to those who require them, or are they used by people with full mobility?

Answer: Parking spots are needed in at least two locations downtown for Handivan to successfully unload riders.

- *It was noted that there is appropriate transportation for those who need it, with volunteer drivers.*

3. Housing

- *Senior housing is available and close to services and affordable supports are in place to facilitate aging in place. As well, affordable long-term care options are available.*
- *There does seem to be a lack of awareness of affordable Handi man services.*
- ***If there are any programs for financial assistance for home modification available, there is little or no awareness of such.***

4. Respect and Social Inclusion / Participation

- *Overall, community activities bring together different generations and there is a very good range of social events for older adults of all ages.*
- *There appears to be adequate satisfaction of activities that include physical, recreational, indoor, outdoor, educational and cultural.*
- ***Overall, locations in which activities are held are accessible to all. There was definite concern expressed regarding to the lack of accessibility of the Kipling Arena and Kipling Curling Club.***
- *It was unknown if organizations contact Seniors to attend events.*

Focus Group Question: Would Seniors attend events if organizations were to contact them and personally invite them to attend?

- *It was noted that some organizations provide help to Seniors to attend events, however, unknown if all do.*

Focus Group Question: Would Seniors attendance at events increase if sponsoring organizations provided help to attend the event?

5. Communication and Information

- *Over 50% of respondents felt that community event info is not always posted where older adults do their daily activities.*

Focus Group Question: Where should community event info be posted/shared to engage the older adult community?

Answer: Kipling Friendship Club; Rudyard Manor bulletin board; many miss the absence of the former local newspaper

- *The majority of respondents noted that achievements of older adults were not adequately highlighted in local media.*

Focus Group Question: In what ways can the community of Kipling improve on this?

- *It was noted that the majority of respondents use computers and the internet.*

6. Civic Participation and Employment Opportunities

- *There was a lack of awareness as to whether older adults are encouraged to volunteer and remain engaged in the community.*

Focus Group Question: Do organizations in our community actively recruit volunteers of all ages?

7. Community Supports and Health Services

- *Respondents feel physicians, nurse practitioners, public health nurses are very available in our community.*
- *Availability and affordability of meal delivery was acknowledged, although awareness of such could be enhanced.*
- ***Availability of the delivery of groceries and medications and affordability of such was not well known.***
- *It was acknowledged that transportation to medical appointments is available within the community, but noted that out of town medical appointments transportation is not well known.*
- *Occupational, physio therapy, vision, dental and foot care is adequately provided in the community.*
- *Support for mental health, mammograms, diabetes clinics and cancer patients was lacking or awareness of such was lacking.*