



Council Presentation

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What is an Age-friendly Community(AFC)?



World Health Organization

GLOBALLY, AFCs encourage active ageing by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security to enhance the quality of life as people age.

~ WHO, *Age-friendly Cities*, 2007



IN ONTARIO, AFCs create more accessible physical and social spaces for people of all ages and abilities, particularly supporting older adults and those with disabilities to live independently, actively, and inclusively. AFC communities [in Ontario] respond to the challenges of an aging population by fostering safe, inclusive policies, programs, and services that enable contributions to community life while aligning with the province's accessibility goals.

~ Ministry for Seniors' & Accessibility



Age-friendly communities focus their efforts on policies and programs that support EIGHT (8) Community Domains

HOUSING



TRANSPORTATION



COMMUNICATION



COMMUNITY SUPPORT
& HEALTH SERVICES



RESPECT & INCLUSION



PARTICIPATION &
EMPLOYMENT



SAFETY &
ACCESSIBILITY



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



Adapted from the World Health
Organization:



WHO Global Network
for Age-friendly Cities
and Communities



Age-friendly planning is the foundation for building *Complete Communities*

Age-friendly planning serves as the foundation for **Complete Communities**, emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility for all ages and abilities. In Ontario, the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024, provides a province-wide legal framework for municipal land use planning and infrastructure investment, guiding municipalities like King Township in creating complete communities.

King Township's approach integrates Age-friendly principles to address its unique rural and village contexts, aligning with the 2023-2026 King Township Corporate Strategic Plan, which identifies becoming an Age-friendly Community as a key goal. The township has actively worked towards this through collaboration with municipal staff, the King AFC Advisory Committee, and local stakeholders, to gather information to develop the AFC Action Plan.





Age-friendly King Action Plan

What are we trying to
achieve?

1

Removing Barriers to
Participation

2

Strengthening Programs &
Supports

3

Enabling Healthy Ageing

4

Building Partnerships

5

Allocating Resources

Listening to the King Township Residents

When collecting insights for the action plan, King Township council, staff, the Age-friendly steering committee, residents 55+ and external stakeholders were engaged.

We asked them what King Township is currently doing well, what 55+ residents feel need improvement, new ideas to consider and what an Age-friendly King Township means to the community.

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King Township Council

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King Township Staff

12

King Township AFC Committee

496

Residents 55+ (Survey & Workshops)



By the Numbers

The Survey provides a snapshot of how King Township's 55+ community acts and feels regarding the eight Age-friendly community domains.



17%

The share of 55+ King Township households that plan to move within the next 3 to 5 years.

36%

The share of 55+ households that plan to leave King Township.



13%

The share of 55+ residents who indicated a primary mode of travel other than driving.



12%

The share of 55+ residents that feel a weak sense of community belonging.

43%

The share of 55+ residents that feel their opinion is not valued in King Township.



50%

The share of King Township 55+ residents that want to receive township information by email newsletter.

15%

The share of 55+ residents that want to receive township information through Newspaper ads.



32%

The share of 55+ residents that intend to increase their rate of participation in local programs over the next 3 to 5 years.



74%

The share of 55+ residents that feel "younger than their actual age."

88%

Share of 55+ residents that indicated they are in good or very good physical health.

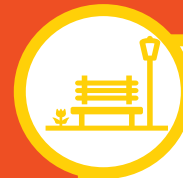


30%

The share of 55+ residents that volunteer somewhere in King.

48%

The share of volunteering 55+ residents that volunteer more than 3 hours a week.



48%

The share of 55+ residents that use parks, rinks, pools and trails to stay active.

52%

The share of 55+ residents that said they use civic centres, halls or arenas.

Top Issues That Need Solutions

HOUSING



Lack of bungalows/seniors housing

Lack of long-term care/assisted living housing options

Housing affordability

Community infrastructure should be completed prior to housing being built

TRANSPORTATION



Mobility services don't cover all of King township

Lack of cycling lanes on major rural roads

Better public transit needed from Schomberg to rest of York Region

Lack of communication/awareness about transit options



RESPECT & INCLUSION

Need more community/seniors' social events

Seniors should be more involved in running the seniors' centre

There should be more "young" events for seniors

Some 55+ feel the township talks "down" to the community



PARTICIPATION

Lack of brain engaging programs

More programs wanted in Nobleton & Schomberg

Need a list of volunteer opportunities for seniors to get out and be social

Lack of designated meeting places for seniors

Top Issues That Need Solutions

COMMUNICATION



Less politics, more regular news in King Weekly

More & longer event advertisements

Lack of internet/cell service in rural areas

Lack of communication from councillors

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & HEALTH SERVICES



Need a walk-in clinic that does in home visits

Need a blood lab in King

Schomberg needs a walk-in clinic

More respite/caregiver support programs



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lack of active local events

Seniors' blast should be more readable/organized by area

Lack of joint seniors' events between King City, Schomberg & Nobleton

More programs to connect youth to seniors (high school volunteers, multigenerational family activities)



SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Need more seating along trails

Need to improve sidewalk conditions – fall hazard

Better lighting & more washrooms along trails/sidewalks

Building accessibility (automatic doors, ramps, seating, working elevators)

AFC PRIORITIES

King Township will:

1



HOUSING

Advance policies and programs that facilitate a full range of affordable and accessible housing options suitable to the needs of 55+ residents across King Township.

2



MOBILITY

Advance policies and innovative funding partnerships that enable more transportation and mobility options for 55+ residents throughout all of King Township.

3



COMMUNICATION

Deliver robust communication and partnership materials that promote awareness and engagement in community programs, events and services among 55+ residents.

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COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

Support and promote the expansion of Community Support & Health Services that deliver critical programs to 55+ residents, as well as their caregivers.

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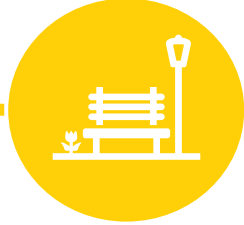
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Provide resources and supports that connect 55+ residents with **meaningful volunteer and employment options** in King Township, increasing social engagement within the 55+ community.

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SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Remove **barriers** and impediments that limit the use of Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings for residents with mobility challenges or safety concerns.

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RESPECT & INCLUSION

Ensure that residents are **respected and included** in the decision-making process, and that their insights are valued.

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PATICIPATION

Build, support and advocate for local programs that promote **social participation** with an emphasis on health, friendship, environmental stewardship and life-long learning.



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