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## **Age Friendly Steering Committee member applications wanted**

The City of Campbell River invites interested members of the public to apply to serve on the City's Age Friendly Steering Committee. The City is looking for up to six committee members who have experience and expertise working with older adults over the age of 60.

The steering committee will advise and support the City to develop and administer an age-friendly needs assessment and action plan that will move Campbell River toward being granted age friendly community status.

Appointments to the steering committee will be for a maximum of 12 months.

Information and applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the *What's New* section of the City's website ([www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca)).

The application deadline is 4 p.m. Feb. 9, 2016.

The Recreation and Culture Department received a \$20,000 grant from the BC Ministry of Health to conduct an age-friendly assessment of Campbell River, which will involve surveys and focus groups to develop an age friendly action plan.

Features of an age friendly community that will be explored during the assessment process are:

- Outdoor spaces and public buildings
- Public transportation accessibility and affordability
- Housing affordability, location, security, build and design.
- Older person social participation in leisure, social, cultural and spiritual activities
- Respect for older persons and inclusion in civic life
- Opportunities for employment and volunteerism
- Availability of age friendly communications and information
- Community support and health services that meet the needs of older persons.

What's involved for the steering committee?

- Developing a coordinated approach between government, citizens, service providers and community organizations;
- Monitoring the progress of the project and reporting to the Community Services, Recreation and Culture Commission;
- Reviewing the results of the needs assessment and assisting in the development of an action plan; and
- Assisting the City in procuring a consultant who will conduct the needs assessment and create an action plan.

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