

AGING WELL TOGETHER

AUGUST 2025 PROGRESS UPDATE

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2025 Priorities & Goals



AGING WELL TOGETHER: PRIORITY #1

ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, & CONNECTIVITY

Goals	Projects and Initiatives	Status	Progress
Develop more outdoor walking groups for the parks and trails.	Launched in June 2025 weekly social walks take place every Wednesday from 10:00–11:00 am, departing from the Muskoseepi Pavilion. These walks encourage gentle physical activity and conversation in a welcoming setting.	Completed (Ongoing)	100%
Explore feasibility of piloting priority parking spaces at City facilities and parks.	Flex parking signs have been ordered for the Eastlink Centre and will be installed soon. A proposal is in development to expand flex parking options for other facilities and parks.	In progress	50%
Assess the location of the crosswalks near seniors' lodges.	The City's Engineering team is reviewing how current crosswalks serve older adults. While national standards limit new crosswalk placements to maintain safety, future planning will better consider proximity to seniors' housing. As resources allow, the team will also explore features like audible signals and longer crossing times at key intersections.	Completed (Ongoing)	100%
Identify where more benches may be required along walking paths.	Bench inventory and mapping are underway to pinpoint locations in City parks and trails. The GIS map will also show washrooms and accessibility features to help older adults plan safe, comfortable walking routes.	In progress	50%
Provide learning opportunities and/or resources on navigating transit apps, planning routes, and applying for accessible transit options.	Resources and learning sessions are being planned to help older adults learn how to plan routes, use the MyRide GP app, and access on-demand transit services.	In progress	25%

AGING WELL TOGETHER: PRIORITY #2

COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

Goals	Projects and Initiatives	Status	Progress
Increase awareness of key communication platforms like AccessGP and the City's Event Calendar.	Posters, social media posts, and staff engagement events are being used to promote AccessGP and the City's Event Calendar, as key tools for finding programs, services, and events for residents 55+. Upcoming digital literacy classes will include instructions on how to navigate and use these platforms effectively.	In progress	50%
Promote and encourage participation in digital literacy programs at the library.	The City will support the promotion of the library's programs through various events and outreach, working alongside library staff to share input on topics that reflect interest and needs of older adults. Upcoming lessons will be hosted in fall 2025.	In progress	50%
Collaborate with the Council on Aging on developing a community newsletter.	This fall, a new print and digital newsletter will be launched, helping to keep older adults, caregivers, and stakeholders informed about local programs, events, and community resources.	In progress	75%

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AFFORDABLE LIVING

Goals	Projects and Initiatives	Status	Progress
Raise awareness programs that help improve affordability.	City Administration returned to senior residences that were previously consulted during the Aging Well Together engagement sessions. The Aging Well Together 2025 Priorities and Goals were shared, and assistance was provided to help interested residents' complete application forms for various affordability programs.	Completed (Ongoing)	100%
Partner with community organizations to host workshops on benefits and supports for residents 55+.	A Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) Info Session was hosted in the spring at the 55 North Community Centre, promoting energy-efficiency improvements for homeowners. A community information fair will be hosted at the 55 North Community Centre this fall.	In progress	50%
Collaborate with community organizations to enhance food and financial security for residents 55+.	Helping Hands and the members of the Food Equity Leadership table are currently collaborating on various projects to help improve access to food supports for older adults, strategic planning to be finalized this fall.	In progress	50%

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SOCIAL PARTICIPATION, RECREATION & WELLNESS

Goals	Projects and Initiatives	Status	Progress
Explore opportunities to add more adult-specific classes or time to seasonal recreation schedules.	This summer, a dedicated swim time for older adults was added to the Aquatera Outdoor Pool schedule (Mon–Thurs, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM), offering a comfortable recreational opportunity for older adults during the summer.	In progress	50%
Collaborate with community organizations to build more intergenerational mentorship, and volunteer programs for residents 55+.	In a creative partnership with GPPSD, older adults enrolled in the in the City's Home Support program were connected to grade 4 pen pals. At the end of the year, the pen pals had the opportunity to meet at a gathering hosted at the Grande Prairie museum. This program will be expanded for the upcoming school year.	In progress	50%
Engage existing groups, clubs, and networks to gather feedback from residents 55+ in the implementation of the Aging Well Together priorities and goals.	Ongoing collaboration with 55 North and the Grande Prairie Council on Aging provides regular opportunities to share updates and gather feedback on Aging Well Together priorities. In addition, Administration continues to visit seniors' lodges to keep residents informed about programs and services while listening to their experiences and ideas. Through the Social Prescribing initiative, input is also being gathered from a broader range of community members to ensure the voices of older adults are reflected in planning and implementation.	In progress	50%

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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS & HEALTH SERVICES

Goals	Projects and Initiatives	Status	Progress
Develop printed resources on community supports for residents 55+.	A comprehensive guide is in development —created with the 55 North Community Centre—will provide information on local programs, services, and supports for older adults and caregivers.	In progress	75%
Promote existing non-medical home support services that facilitate aging in place.	In collaboration with the Grande Prairie Council on Aging, the Yard Gnomes program has been developed. This volunteer-driven program helps older adults with lawn care and snow removal, supporting their ability to age at home safely and affordably.	In progress	75%
Collaborate with community partners to build a social prescribing system for residents 55+.	This partnership with the GP Primary Care Network connects older adults to non-medical supports that improve health and well-being. In Q2, 18 individuals entered into the program. These participants were connected to non-medical supports that promote social connection, physical activity, and overall well-being.	Completed (Ongoing)	100%