Embracing Aging

Kemptville & District Home Support

April 30, 2015



Kemptville & District Home Support serves: the Municipality of North Grenville covering 352.14 square kilometers Town of Kemptville Township of Oxford-on-Rideau South Gower

KDHSI Services and Programs

- Meals on Wheels
- Diners Club
- Escorted Transportation
- Friendly Visiting
- Foot Care Clinics

- Parkinson Support Group
- Telephone Checks
- Home Help
- Home Maintenance
- Income Tax Assistance
- Referrals

• Social/Recreational such as:

o Exercise Classes



- o Bridgeo Euchre



- o Create-a-Card
- o Art Class
- o Sing'n Swing'n Seniors





From 2006 to 2011, Stats Canada shows that in the Municipality of North Grenville, there has been an:

- 18.7% increase in the number of people aged 65+
- 19% increase in those aged 80+
- In 2011, the median age in NG was 42.8 years. In comparison, the median age of Ontario was 40.4 yrs
- In 2011, population of NG was 15,085, representing a percentage change of 6.2% from 2006. This compares to the national average growth of 5.9%.

Opportunities:

- Most people want to age in place in their own community
- There will be more retirees
- More Potential Volunteers
- Important to look at infrastructure
 - What services and/or supports will they need?



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It is important to keep active so that we can continue to do the activities that we enjoy.

Strive to maintain flexibility

Exercise Classes:

- Are offered throughout
 Lanark Leeds & Grenville
- Provide a structured program
- Offer encouragement
- Social opportunity



AGE-FRIENDLY WORLD

adding life to years



Age-Friendly Communities

also have specific 'physical' features such as:

accessible public spaces



places to rest
 while out for a
 walk, and to relax
 and enjoy.



well lit areas



 sidewalks that are well maintained to avoid slips and falls



Seniors' Month June 2015:



Wibrant Seniors, Vibrant Communities

The World Health Organization, in the 2002 document Active Ageing A Policy Framework:

"Active ageing...allows people to realize their potential for physical, social, and mental well being throughout the life course and to participate in society according to their needs, desires and capacities." (p. 12)

"Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength."

Betty Friedan, author and activist (1921-2006)



Thank You