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Oxford Master Aging Plan Committee shares report with residents

The Oxford Master Aging Plan will be released to the community on June 15, 2012.

NEWS

The Oxford County Master Aging Plan Steering Committee has finalized their report to the community that will serve as a road map for the future development of services for seniors in Oxford County. The Plan is a “living document” that will serve as a template for planning by services agencies, different levels of government, businesses and the community.

Through information review, research, focus groups, community forums and surveys, seniors and service providers identified several areas of improvement to transportation, housing, social/recreational services, health care and other aspects of community life to better meet the needs of seniors in the community.

The next step is to reconstitute the committee with a focus on implementation and monitoring of the plan to create solutions that will have a positive impact on the community now and in the future.

Residents are invited to attend the presentation of the Plan at a special event being held on Friday, June 15 at the North Broadway Baptist Church in Tillsonburg.

PUBLIC EVENT

What: Oxford Master Aging Plan presentation. Open to all Oxford County residents.

When: Friday, June 15, 2012
10:00am - 12:00pm (presentation)

Where: North Broadway Baptist Church, Tillsonburg
6 North Street E., Tillsonburg

Who: Oxford Master Aging Plan Steering Committee members including Diana Handsaeme (co-chair), Bob McFarland (steering committee member) and Peggy Radcliff (seniors' advocate). Community groups and residents are also invited to attend.

QUICK FACTS

- Oxford County has one of the highest proportions of residents aged 50 and over in the province.
- According to Statistics Canada, over the next 10 years the number of seniors living in Oxford County will increase by 42% to almost 24,000, growing to 40% of the population, compared to 19% in Canada.
- The population of residents under the age of 65 is expected to decrease by one percent.
- With older adults increasing in numbers and the younger population decreasing, the changing “Old Age Dependency Ratio” will create challenges in supporting increases in programs and services in the county.

BACKGROUND

- The Master Aging Plan is a vehicle for Oxford County seniors to let local service providers, businesses and governments know the services they need now and into the future. It encompasses health care, social services, the built environment, transportation, housing, recreation and other components of a senior-friendly community.

ABOUT OXFORD MASTER AGING PLAN. The Oxford Master Aging Plan is a partnership between seniors and agencies from across the County, including seniors centres, community support services, health services, residential care facilities and others. The project officially launched in July 2011 with a \$41,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and is sponsored by the United Way of Oxford. For information visit www.oxfordmasteragingplan.ca