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Are we on the right track?

The Oxford Master Aging Plan is asking for input on the discussion document that maps out future direction for seniors' services

NEWS

The Steering Committee for the Oxford Master Aging Plan is asking seniors and others with an interest in seniors' services to review a discussion document that maps out the proposed future direction of seniors' services in Oxford County.

The survey, which is available online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OMAP2012> and in paper copy at a number of locations, asks seniors for their opinions on items such as public transit, affordable and accessible housing, and the availability of recreational opportunities.

Last November, a full-day forum was held to review information gathered and to provide input on emerging recommendations. At the session, seniors' needs for evolving services and resources were identified in transportation, housing, social/recreational services, health care and other aspects of community life. With feedback from the public, the Steering Committee will develop a comprehensive plan for seniors' services that will be released in the spring.

PAPER COPIES AVAILABLE

Paper copies of the survey are available at local libraries, seniors' centres, the Woodstock and Area Community Health Centre, municipal offices, seniors' apartments, long-term care homes and retirement centres.

It will also be available at all focus group locations:

- Southgate Centre (Woodstock)
- VON Oxford (Woodstock)
- Woodingford Lodge (Woodstock)
- Maple Grove Apartments (Drumbo)
- Norwich Public Library,
- Tavistock Missionary Church
- Maples Home (Tavistock)
- Mount Elgin Community Centre
- Cambro Court Manor (Embro)
- Tillsonburg Livingston Centre,
- Ingersoll Seniors Centre
- Leisureworld Oxford (Ingersoll)
- St.Paul's Presbyterian Church (Ingersoll)

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.

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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