

Seniors Issues and Age Friendly Initiative

- We all know many of our communities are facing aging populations.
- As municipal officials, one of our most important jobs is retaining people in the community.
- One of the ways to do this is through the Age Friendly Initiative that the Province has been working on.
- Currently the second round of communities have received some assistance in developing strategies for their communities.
- A terrific example of what this initiative can do for a community is Gladstone.
- They have done some great work and are often invited to attend conference across Canada to share their successes with other communities.
- I think it is safe to say this initiative has helped put Gladstone on the map.
- Portage la Prairie was part of the original global study that helped form the initiative, and Gimli participated in a national program.
- We have had the Age Friendly folks attend sessions in the past and they will be on the agenda again at MOS.
- Also look for an update in the next issue of the Municipal Leader.

- While seniors are an important part of the strategy, it is more encompassing than just seniors. It is really about how to make your community better, no matter the age.
- By providing options for everyone, it will only strengthen the community.
- We encourage you to use the tools made available and get on board with the initiative .