



Summary

Older Persons Strategic Framework & Future Actions

To help the City of Vancouver be more inclusive and supportive of the growing aging population, we developed the **Older Persons Strategic Framework and Early Actions for 2025**. The framework was approved by Council in February 2025. In the framework, older persons are those 55 years of age and older.

The framework sets out six goals to improve the lives of older persons in Vancouver. Each goal has more specific objectives that go along with it. For example:

Six goals of the framework	Examples of objective:
<i>Older persons in Vancouver...</i> 1. Are engaged and included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social connections help to reduce and prevent isolation and loneliness• Participation in elections, public engagements, and other civic activities are supported
<i>Older persons in Vancouver...</i> 2. Are connected and informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information is easily accessible online and in-person• Staff are knowledgeable about older persons and how to best serve them
<i>Older persons in Vancouver...</i> 3. Live in a home that supports aging in the right place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affordable and appropriate housing for older persons exists in all neighbourhoods

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homes are safe, accessible, and support connections with neighbours
<p><i>Older persons in Vancouver...</i></p> <p>4. Can get around with dignity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation services support participation in the community Infrastructure improvements allow older persons to travel safely and easily.
<p><i>Older persons in Vancouver...</i></p> <p>5. Have access to spaces and places that meet their needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaces and facilities for older persons of all abilities are in place around the city Public space improvements consider the needs of older persons and encourage social connections for all ages
<p><i>Older persons in Vancouver...</i></p> <p>6. Are supported by programs and services that enable health and wellbeing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports are in place to prepare for emergencies and impacts of climate change City grants continue to support community organizations to delivery key programs, services and infrastructure for older persons

Each objective also has more specific actions that go along with it. Early actions for 2025 are already underway to improve the lives of older persons. These include:

- making it easier to build seniors' housing
- improving sidewalk safety and accessibility
- supporting older persons to improve their digital skills
- raising awareness about ageism
- building new spaces for older persons to connect
- reviewing programs for older persons at community centres

See a detailed list of the goals, objectives and actions from the [Older Persons Strategic Framework and Early Actions for 2025.](#)

Engagement Spring 2025

The City is now planning for future actions and wants your input! We want to hear from older adults, caregivers and organizations about the best ways to improve the lives of older persons in Vancouver.

Recommendations based on your input will be shared with City Council for approval in fall 2025.

Learn more and share your thoughts at
shapeyourcity.ca/older-persons

Help us create a more inclusive and supportive Vancouver for older persons!