



Age-Friendly Gimli Workshop

Housing in Gimli Survey - Summary of Findings

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As part of an Age-Friendly workshop held in Gimli on October 9, 2008, individuals were asked to complete a brief survey designed to collect information on housing in Gimli. This report summarizes the findings from the 21 individuals who completed the Housing in Gimli Survey.

FINDINGS

Housing Need

Housing Need	Percent Responding		
	Yes	No	Don't know
Is housing for all ages available in Gimli?	9.5	85.7	4.8
Do you feel there is a need for housing that supplies or supports meals, social activity, personal care, transportation, etc.?	100.0	0.0	0.0
Do you feel there is a need for low income housing in Gimli for families?	100.0	0.0	0.0
Do you feel there is a need for low income housing in Gimli for singles?	100.0	0.0	0.0

Comments Related to Housing Need

- Not really – lack of housing
- Build
- Need more low income housing
- Housing that is affordable for seniors and the support people (nurses, physio) seniors need to live independently
- Summer workers have nowhere to stay that is affordable
- Require more family housing
- More low income
- More affordable housing
- More housing is needed for both aged and persons with disability who wish to live together in Manitoba Housing units and other low income housing units.
- More affordable housing urgently required
- I don't know-affordable housing is not available
- Affordable housing for all seniors and the professional service providers, and families
- Our population is aging
- Most, if not all, Manitoba Housing units lack any social activity and only minimal personal care
- Population shift means more older/retired people coming to the area
- Something like Arborg's housing-also some housing that is independent but has 24 hour support
- To keep our young families in the area
- Desperately, people need a place to live even if they work, not everyone can afford high prices
- There is no housing for the young workers who don't make high wages
- Even with the new low income housing there is still not enough; singles more so
- More affordable housing urgently required
- We should have more-not only for seniors, but for single Moms, low-wage fathers and mothers
- Desperate need

Housing Features – Importance

Housing Feature	Percent Responding				
	Not important 1	2	3	4	Extremely important 5
Affordability (about 30% of income spent on housing)	4.8	0.0	4.8	23.8	66.7
Accessibility (with walkers and wheelchairs)	4.8	0.0	4.8	42.9	47.6
Availability (little to no wait list)	0.0	4.8	4.8	47.6	42.9
Location (walking distance to businesses)	4.8	0.0	9.5	38.1	47.6
Supported housing (assistance available when required Monday to Friday)	4.8	0.0	14.3	28.6	52.4
Supportive housing (assistance available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week)	0.0	19.0	9.5	28.6	42.9
Emergency housing (temporary accommodation available)	0.0	4.8	28.6	38.1	28.6
Family housing (2-4 bedroom units available)	4.8	0.0	38.1	23.8	33.3
Single unit housing (1 bedroom units available)	0.0	9.5	9.5	47.6	33.3

Overall Comments

- R.M. should consider housing needs for aged and low income not high priced housing for only the high income person.
- Excellent representation on panel.
- The support people are so critical but if they have no place to live, they will not come.
- Walking to shops is very important but lots of people have difficulty with sidewalks especially if they have bad knees or limp.
- All options and full range are important. About private lodgings – what about private homes?
- Accessibility is a large problem but not access into the buildings but rather the poor conditions of the town's streets leading up to the front of the property which needs to be paved. D.P.W. has promised to pave in front of 122-5th Street and all homes, housing for the aged and person's with disability need this done.
- We need far more affordable housing for all ages if we have to attract more people to the community. We pride ourselves on having a senior friendly community but we need others to enhance their lives, (i.e., doctors, dentists, many trades/professions). If they cannot afford to live in the community they cannot provide the needed services.
- Have residential palaces been given priority?