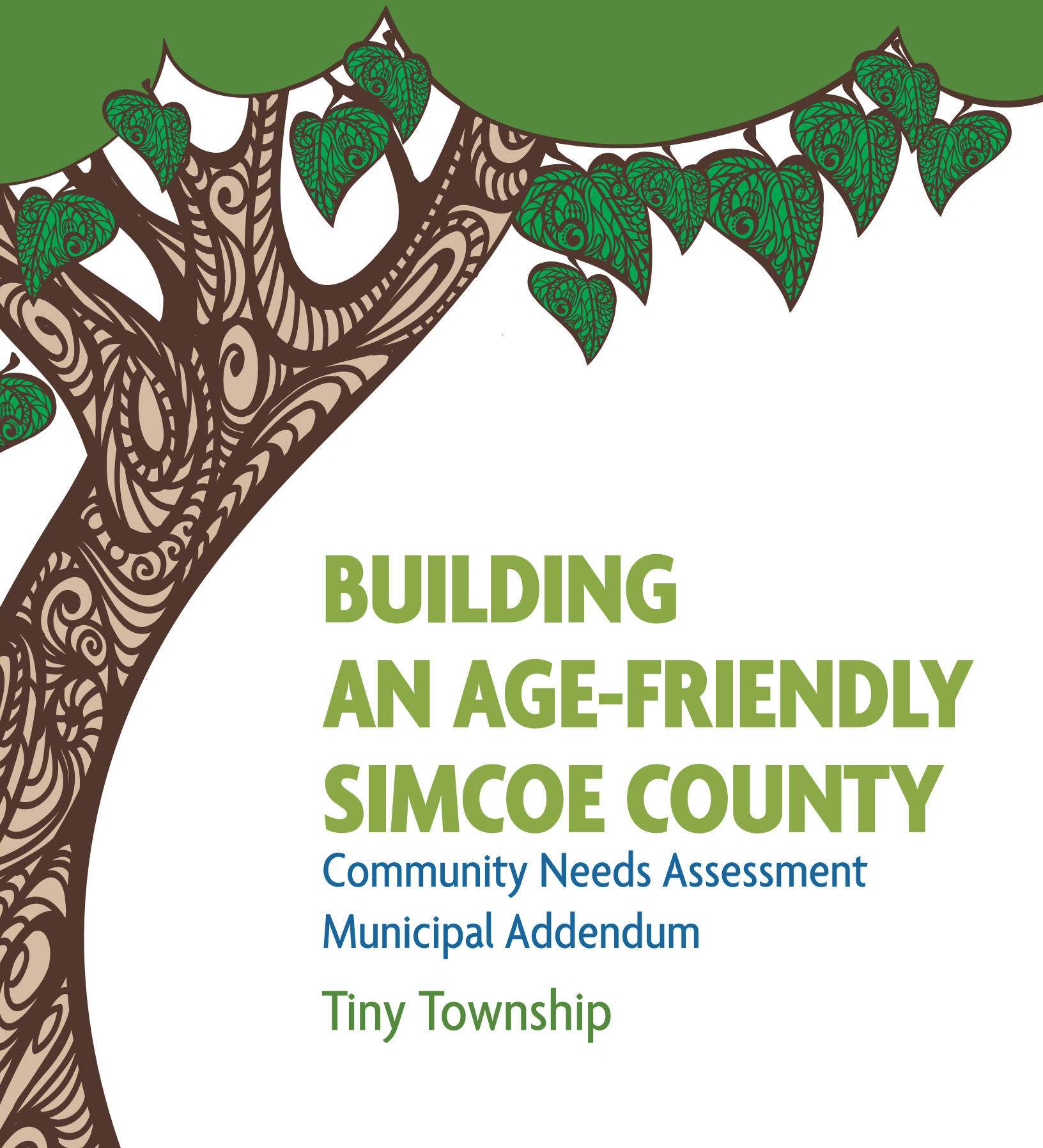




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BUILDING AN AGE-FRIENDLY SIMCOE COUNTY

Community Needs Assessment
Municipal Addendum

Tiny Township

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Municipal Profile Introduction

The Age-Friendly Community Needs Assessment, Municipal Profile reports are Addendums to the full Age-Friendly Community Needs Assessment Detailed Report. Based on certain limitations in knowing where all respondents of surveys came from, it is highly encouraged to use both the Detailed Report along with the Municipal Profile to inform specific Age-Friendly Community strategies within your area.

Method of data segmentation: These profiles provide analysis of an extract of data pulled from the responses received in the Age-Friendly Community Survey. To get specific information by area, researchers segmented the data based on answers received within Question 44 of the survey that asks, “Where do you live in Simcoe County?” Respondents who chose to answer this question were provided with a list of all municipalities and separated cities to choose from. 71% of respondents chose to answer this question, with 29% choosing not to answer.

As in the Age-Friendly Community Needs Assessment Detailed Report, the Municipal Profiles provide analysis grouped by the Age-Friendly domains. Wherever possible, additional Focus Group information is included within each domain section, along with potential recommendations.

The findings and recommendations as summarized fully in the County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Community Needs Assessment Detailed Report, along with the Municipal Profiles, will provide information for developing a Positive Aging Strategy: Older Adults Strengthening Our Communities to be released in early summer 2025.

Municipal Analysis: Township of Tiny

Based on 2021 census data, there are 3,770 individuals aged 65+ in this municipality, which is 29% of the total population. The Age-Friendly Simcoe County 2023 Community Survey has garnered significant feedback from Tiny, with 110 responses. The distribution of responses primarily concentrated within the age groups of 65-74 years and 75-84 years. Interestingly, there is a notable absence of responses from individuals aged 85 years and above, signaling potential gaps in data collection or participation within this segment of the aging population. Additionally, the survey showcases diverse respondent profiles, ranging from imminent retirees to caregivers, family members, and concerned citizens, providing multifaceted perspectives on the challenges and opportunities faced by older adults in Tiny.

Findings by Domain

Respect and Social Inclusion

This segment delves into the sense of respect and inclusion experienced by participants within their community.

According to responses gathered, 54% of respondents express feeling respected and valued in their community, while 56% believe there are sufficient opportunities for engagement in community programs.

Additionally, 61% consider their local area to be an ideal environment for aging adults, and 50% agreeing with the negative impact of COVID-19 on their social lives.

In terms of future aspirations among aging adults, the top four responses include enjoying hobbies and interests (65%), travelling (52%), increased time with loved ones (51%), and participating in physical and cultural activities (48%).

Conversely, prevalent concerns regarding the future among aging adults encompass declining physical health (81%), the apprehension of losing independence (54%), difficulty getting around in terms of transportation (39%), and declining mental health (34%).

The Key Themes in Tiny regarding Respect and Social Inclusion are as follows:

1. Concerns about assumptions of incompetence
2. Worries about aging alone, limited options for independent living, and inadequate community care services

3. Accessibility issues in stores, including a lack of accessible parking spaces
4. Advocacy for increased awareness of inter-generational activities

To further enhance the well-being and quality of life for aging adults, several suggestions and relevant information can be considered:

1. Strengthen Community Engagement Initiatives:

Develop and promote programs that encourage active participation and social connection among aging adults, fostering a sense of belonging and community support.

2. Support Mental Health and Well-being:

Invest in mental health services tailored to the needs of aging adults, including counseling, therapy, and support groups addressing issues such as loneliness, grief, anxiety, and depression. Encourage regular social engagement and activities that promote mental stimulation and emotional well-being.

3. Ensure Inclusive Decision-Making:

Involve aging adults in community decision-making processes to ensure that their voices are heard, and their needs are considered. This may involve establishing advisory councils or committees specifically focused on aging issues, consulting with seniors on policy matters, and conducting regular feedback surveys.

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Inquiring into the community's perceptions of frequently utilized outdoor spaces, the survey revealed notable trends in satisfaction levels among respondents. The top four areas of satisfaction include the quality of parks and trails, number of parks, snow removal on streets, and signs on streets, with satisfaction rates ranging from 61% to 73%. Conversely, dissatisfaction primarily stems from inadequate seating along sidewalks, limited garbage cans along sidewalks and in parks, and available water fountains in parks with dissatisfaction rates ranging from 35% to 42%.

Transitioning to indoor spaces within the locality, respondents expressed the highest satisfaction levels regarding proper lighting, number of parking spaces and ease of opening doors with satisfaction rates ranging from 45% to 52%. Conversely, dissatisfaction arises from accessible and available washrooms and the number of accessible parking spaces with dissatisfaction rates ranging from 20% to 22%.

These insights illuminate key areas of community satisfaction and dissatisfaction, providing valuable guidance for enhancing outdoor and indoor spaces to better serve the needs of residents such as:

1. Improve Park Amenities:

Increase the number of seating options along sidewalks and in parks to provide more resting areas for pedestrians. Install additional washroom facilities in parks to meet the demand, ensuring they are accessible and well-maintained.

Place more garbage cans along streets and in parks to encourage proper waste disposal and maintain cleanliness. Install more water fountains in parks to provide hydration options for visitors, especially during hot weather.

2. Enhance Accessibility:

Increase the availability of accessible parking spaces, especially in high-traffic areas and popular destinations. Improve signage to indicate the locations of accessible facilities and parking spots.

Ensure buildings meet wheelchair accessibility requirements by installing push buttons for doors and addressing obstacles like steps and ledges.

3. Address Street Lighting:

Install additional streetlights in areas where there is a lack of illumination, to improve visibility and safety.

4. Supporting Elderly Individuals:

Provide designated parking areas closer to amenities for elderly individuals with health issues, recognizing their mobility challenges and need for convenience. Implement programs or services to assist elderly residents in accessing essential services and amenities, particularly in areas with limited transportation options.

5. Winter Maintenance:

Ensure sidewalks are clean and free of ice and snow during the winter months to facilitate safe passage for older adults and other pedestrians.

Transportation

Most respondents from Tiny can walk unassisted. The rest of the participants' mobility either relied on by a walker, wheelchair, or similar assistive devices.

They are most dissatisfied with taxi services (17%), and accessible parking spaces (16%). Only 5% of the respondents use public transportation and the main reasons for them not using public transportation is they do not require public transportation and the unavailability.

Furthermore, a small group of respondents have used CT Link services.

The Key Themes in Tiny regarding Transportation include:

1. Requests for public transportation to be more accessible and have more frequent service times, suggesting a need for increased convenience and availability
2. Indications on a lack of awareness and knowledge regarding available transportation options
3. Requests for the expansion of bus routes to include senior halls and small towns such as Tiny

To address the transportation challenges faced by residents, particularly those with mobility limitations, as highlighted by the survey data and qualitative insights, the following suggestions and relevant information can be considered:

1. Enhance Taxi Services and Accessible Parking Services:

Collaborate with local taxi companies to improve the availability, reliability, and accessibility of taxi services. This could involve increasing the number of accessible vehicles equipped with ramps or lifts for wheelchair users. Increase the number of accessible parking areas.

2. Expand LINX Transportation Options:

Work to expand LINX services to underserved areas, particularly rural communities and small towns such as Tiny, to improve accessibility and meet the needs of residents.

3. Promote Awareness of CT Link Services:

Increase awareness of CT Link services among residents through targeted outreach campaigns and community engagement initiatives. Provide clear information about the services offered, eligibility criteria, and how to access them.

4. Improve Connectivity to Major Cities like Barrie and Toronto:

Efforts should be made to improve connectivity to cities such as Barrie and Toronto, as the primary means of reaching Toronto without private transportation, or through the GO Train, which currently requires individuals to travel to Barrie first.

Housing

This section inquired about respondents' present housing situations as well as their future housing intentions.

From the responses gathered from the residents of Tiny regarding their housing situation, several key points emerge. The survey data indicates that 79% of the respondents do not live alone, with 90% of those living with family members. This suggests a sense of strong familial ties and impacts their housing needs and preferences.

A sizable proportion (85%) of respondents own their housing, indicating a high level of homeownership within the community. However, 22% of respondents require modifications to their household to continue living safely.

Awareness of Housing Programs

Awareness of housing-related programs, such as Simcoe County's Age-Friendly Housing Grant and Seniors Village Campuses run by the County of Simcoe, is relatively low. Only 31% are aware of the Age-Friendly Housing Grant, and 31% are aware of Seniors Village Campuses. This highlights a potential opportunity for increasing awareness and access to supportive housing programs within the community.

The Key Themes in Tiny regarding Housing include the following:

1. Affordability concerns
2. Accessibility and Aging in Place

3. Desire for more housing options
4. Need for reliable support services
5. Need information on available Grants

Based on the statistical and qualitative data gathered from residents, the following suggestions and relevant information can be considered to enhance the quality of living for the community:

1. Increase Affordable Housing Options:

Advocate for the development of more affordable housing options, including condo bungalows and one-floor housing with yard/garden settings, to address the growing demand and improve housing affordability for seniors.

2. Increase Subsidized Housing:

Advocate for an increase in subsidized housing units with accessibility features, prioritizing government-run senior residences with easy access to assisted living or long-term care facilities as needed.

3. Address Accessibility Needs:

Address accessibility needs proactively by providing resources for home modifications, such as ramps and assistive devices, to enable seniors to age in place comfortably and safely.

4. Enhance Communication and Awareness:

Improve communication and awareness about available housing options, support services, and government assistance programs to help seniors make informed decisions about their housing needs.

Civil Participation and Employment

According to the survey data, most respondents from Tiny, fall within income brackets ranging from \$50,000 to \$59,999, \$60,000 to \$69,999, and \$70,000 to \$79,999. The income brackets of respondents reveal a diverse economic background within the community. Those earning between \$50,000 to \$79,999 represent a mix of working individuals and retirees with pensions or other sources of income.

Most respondents are retired (79%), indicating a significant portion of the population in Tiny is in their senior years and potentially reliant on fixed incomes or retirement savings. Among the respondents who are still working, a notable percentage (45%) are doing so out of necessity. This suggests that some individuals, particularly those in lower income brackets, may be working to supplement their retirement income or meet financial obligations.

Civil Participation and Volunteerism

A significant portion of respondents express a willingness to volunteer, indicating a strong sense of civic engagement and community spirit.

However, barriers to volunteerism exist for some respondents, including time constraints, physical limitations, lack of interest, or unawareness of opportunities. These barriers may be more pronounced among retirees or individuals with caregiving responsibilities.

Respondents are actively engaged in volunteering and recognize its importance in their communities. However, health limitations, time

constraints, and frustrations with volunteer recruitment processes pose challenges to further participation. There is a need for more flexible volunteer opportunities and improved communication between organizations and potential volunteers. Despite these challenges, respondents remain committed to giving back to their communities and supporting those in need.

Qualitative data further highlights the challenges faced by some respondents in maintaining their volunteer commitments due to caregiving duties or health-related issues, suggesting that personal circumstances can impact individuals' ability to participate in civic activities.

Based on the survey data and the interconnected factors affecting respondents from Tiny, the following suggestions and relevant information can be considered to address the identified challenges and promote economic stability, workforce participation, and civic engagement within the community:

1. Current Volunteer Commitments:

Many respondents are already actively volunteering in various capacities, such as at hospitals, senior residences, churches, and community organizations.

2. Health Limitations:

Some individuals express that health issues, including surgeries, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety, or caregiving responsibilities, prevent them from volunteering now.

3. Lifelong Volunteering:

Several respondents mention a long history of volunteering and continue to engage in community service.

4. Time Constraints:

Some respondents cite time constraints due to existing volunteer commitments, work, caregiving responsibilities, or self-employment.

5. Desire for Flexible Opportunities:

There is a desire for volunteer opportunities with flexible hours and short-term commitments, especially for older individuals with health-related appointments.

6. Importance of Volunteer Recognition:

Respondents emphasize the importance of recognizing and promoting volunteering, particularly in the French community, retirement homes, and long-term care centers.

7. Frustration with Volunteer Recruitment:

Some respondents' express frustration with volunteer recruitment processes, mentioning difficulties in hearing back from organizations despite expressing interest.

Social Participation

Based on the provided data and qualitative insights, it's evident that socialization among respondents in Tiny, is a common practice, with approximately 38% engaging in social activities daily and 36% on a weekly basis.

Aside from 54% being happy with their current level of socializing, the top five reasons cited by participants for limited socialization are, in descending order: distance, lack of information about events, event scheduling, lack of opportunity, and costs.

The feedback highlights a diverse range of social preferences and needs among participants, including a desire for more awareness and accessibility of senior social clubs, varied social activities catering to different interests, improved access to exercise classes, and better communication about local events. There is also an appreciation for technology-enabled socializing and a call for centralized information resources to facilitate community engagement.

To further enhance Social Participation for older adults in Tiny, the various suggestions and relevant information can be considered:

1. Lack of Awareness of Senior Social Clubs:

Some individuals are unaware of senior social clubs in their area, indicating a potential need for better promotion and outreach.

2. Diverse Social Activities:

Participants enjoy a variety of social activities, including spending time with family, participating in walking groups, book clubs, dance classes, trivia nights at the pub, and attending events at seniors' centers.

3. Accessibility of Exercise Classes:

There is a desire for more exercise classes in certain areas, particularly during winter when travel may be challenging.

4. Clarification on Socialization Methods:

Participants suggest specifying whether socialization occurs face-to-face with family and friends, through community events or volunteering, or via phone calls and messaging.

5. Self-Reliance and Solo Attendance:

Some individuals have learned to enjoy attending events alone, viewing it as an opportunity to meet new people and exercise autonomy in social participation.

6. Request for Monthly Event Flyers:

There is a suggestion for distributing monthly event flyers, particularly targeting individuals over 65, in collaboration with local newspapers like the Springwater News.

7. Utilization of Technology for Socializing:

Many appreciate the use of technology such as FaceTime, Zoom, and texting, as it expands social opportunities and facilitates communication.

8. Need for Activities Catering to Active Seniors:

There is a desire for more activities tailored to young-minded, active seniors to meet their preferences and interests.

9. Lack of Local Family:

Some individuals do not have local relatives, emphasizing the importance of community connections and social opportunities.

10. Call for Centralized Registry:

Participants express a need for a centralized registry or platform listing available activities and events across different areas of the County to improve accessibility and awareness.

Communication and Information

The data highlights the mixed awareness levels regarding the 211 service among respondents. Many respondents (66%) are not aware of its availability to connect them with community and social services.

Furthermore, the data reveals that the internet is a primary source of information for residents, with 94% reporting daily usage.

The Key Themes in Tiny related to Communication and Information include:

1. Absence of physical local newspaper
2. Accessibility and affordability of technology and services for seniors
3. Call for in-person social interaction
4. Unavailability of technological devices
5. Inadequate computer literacy

To further enhance Communication and Information in Tiny, the various suggestions and relevant information can be considered:

1. Preferred Information Dissemination Channels:

- Internet
- Social Media
- Mail
- Newspaper
- Brochures

2. Promote Awareness of the 211 Service
3. Expand Access to Affordable Internet Services
4. Offer Digital Literacy Training

Community Support and Health Services

Community Support

This section focuses on inquiries regarding the types of assistance required and the availability of such support within the community.

Improvements noticed related to local initiatives/projects in the community to support older adults over the past few years include:

1. Symposium for Seniors
2. Georgian Manor Village
3. Transportation provided by Chigamik Centre once a month for coffee meetings/gatherings

To further enhance Community Support for aging adults in Tiny, the following recommendation and information can be considered:

1. Further Investigate and Enhance Access to Services:

Offer training programs and workshops to educate community members, especially seniors, on how to use virtual communication tools such as Zoom, Skype, and Facetime

Ensure reliable and affordable options for mail collection, accessible and senior-friendly transportation, regular yard maintenance, timely delivery of groceries and medications, and consistent garbage removal.

Health Services

The Health Services section focuses on how participants feel regarding their overall health, and if they are looking for any other health service options in the community. In Tiny, 77% of respondents rated their physical health as ranging from good to excellent, while 87% rated the same for their mental health.

A service the participants are seeking included:

- Minimal waiting time for appointments.

To further enhance Health service in Tiny, the various recommendation and relevant information can be considered:

1. Increase Awareness of Available Services:

Address the apparent lack of awareness of available services among residents by implementing awareness campaigns and outreach efforts. Utilize various communication channels, such as local media, community events, and online platforms, to inform residents about the services and resources available to them.

2. Enhance Access to Primary Healthcare:

Respond to the demand for primary healthcare services by ensuring adequate access to family doctors and walk-in clinics within the community. Collaborate with healthcare providers to expand service offerings and improve accessibility for residents in need of medical care.

3. Addressing Specific Needs:

Identify and address the specific needs of seniors by improving access to healthcare services and qualified staff.

4. Promote Virtual Appointments:

Promoting participation in virtual appointments involves breaking the stigma associated with telemedicine by education and awareness, testimonials and success stories, data literacy, ensuring user friendly platforms.

Affordability and Accessibility

In Tiny, the top three Affordability challenges reported are:

1. Home Repairs
2. Automobile Expenses
3. Food Costs

The top three Accessibility challenges reported are:

1. Home Repairs
2. Public Transportation
3. Activity Memberships

The Key Themes in Tiny related to Affordability and Accessibility include:

1. Financial Strain Due to High Expenses:

There are concerns about the overall cost of living, particularly with affordability challenges related to essential items such as food, housing insurance, automobile expenses, and purchasing new vehicles.

2. Future Financial Concerns:

There is apprehension about future financial situations, and the possibility of facing affordability or accessibility challenges in accessing services.

3. Current Stability but Awareness of Future Risks:

Despite feeling financially secure now, there is potential that challenges may arise in the future, especially considering factors such as retirement age and limited income opportunities.

Appendix: Survey Results

Respect and Social Inclusion

Question 1: How would you rate your agreement with the following statements: Percentage of Respondents who 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree'

	%
My Local Area is an Ideal Place for Aging Adults to Live	61%
There are Enough Opportunities to Participate in Community Programs	56%
I Feel Respected and Valued by my Local Community	54%
The COVID-19 Pandemic has Negatively Affected my Social Life	50%
Decisions Made in the Community Consider the Needs of Aging Adults	45%
Total (n)	110

Question 2: In thinking about your future, what are you most looking forward to?

	%
Enjoying Hobbies and Interests	65%
Traveling	52%
Increased Time with Loved Ones	51%
Physical/Cultural Activities	48%
More Free Time in General	32%
Volunteering	31%
Taking up New Hobbies	26%
Self-Directed Learning	22%
Continuing Education/Workshops	21%
Sharing Life Experiences/Mentoring	16%
Other (please specify)	4%
Total (n)	110

Question 3: In thinking about your future, what are you most worried about?

	%
Declining Physical Health	81%
Losing my Independence	54%
Difficulty Getting Around (transportation)	39%
Declining Mental Health	34%
Financial Concerns	30%
Aging Alone	26%
Moving Into More Suitable Housing	24%
No One to Take Care of Me	23%
Falling/Getting Injured	21%
End-of-Life Care	19%
Difficulty Getting Around (home)	11%
Death	11%
Other (please specify)	4%
Prefer Not to Say	1%
Total (n)	107

Outdoor Space and Buildings

Question 4: Please rate your level of satisfaction with outdoor spaces in your community on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Very Dissatisfied" to 5 being "Very Satisfied"? Percentage of Respondents "Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied"

	%
Number of Parks/Trails	73%
Quality of Parks/Trails	67%
Snow Removal on Streets	62%
Signs on Streets	61%
Maintenance of Parks	58%
Pedestrian Crossings	46%
Maintenance of Streets	45%
Safety Walking on Streets	44%
Lighting on Paths/Streets	42%
Number of Accessible Parking Spaces Near Parks	38%
Snow Removal on Sidewalks	38%
Lighting in Parks	33%
Available Seating in Parks	33%
Pet Facilities in Parks	32%
Available Garbage Cans in Parks	32%
Washroom Availability in Parks	30%
Available Garbage Cans Along Sidewalks	25%
Available Seating Along Sidewalks	17%
Available and Easy to Use Water Fountains in Parks	14%
Total (n)	109

Question 5: Please rate your level of satisfaction with indoor spaces in your community on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Very Dissatisfied" to 5 being "Very Satisfied"? Percentage of Respondents "Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied"

	%
Number of Parking Spaces	52%
Proper Lighting	48%
Ease of Opening Doors	45%
Availability of Washrooms	41%
Availability of Elevators, Escalators, and Ramps	32%
Number of Accessible Parking Spaces	32%
Accessible Washrooms	31%
Total (n)	108

Transportation

Question 6: Please describe your level of mobility.

	%
I Can Walk Unassisted	86%
I Use a Cane or Walker	12%
I Use a Wheelchair or Similar Assistive Device	3%
Total (n)	109

Question 7: Please identify the factors that impact your ability to travel.

Select all that apply.

	%
Access to a Vehicle you Can Drive	63%
Services and Stores Within Walking Distance	41%
Access to Public Transit	30%
Access to a Friend/Family Who Can Drive and/or Assist	21%
Taxi Services	19%
Access to Community Transportation Services	18%
Total (n)	91

Question 8: Do you use Public Transportation?

	%
No	95%
Yes	5%
Total (n)	109

Question 8a: If yes, how satisfied are you with the public transportation in your community?

	%
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	50%
Dissatisfied	33%
Satisfied	17%
Very Satisfied	0%
Very Dissatisfied	0%
Total (n)	6

Question 8b: If no, kindly check the applicable options.

	%
Public Transportation is not Available in the Area	43%
I do not Require Public Transportation	42%
It is Not Easily Accessible	8%
Other (please specify)	7%
Total (n)	98

Question 9: Rate your level of satisfaction with the transportation services in your community on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Very Dissatisfied" to 5 being "Very Satisfied"? Percentage of Respondents "Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied"

	%
Taxi Services (rideshare services)	26%
Accessible Parking Spaces	22%
Availability of Wheelchair Transportation	6%
Private Transportation Companies	6%
Total (n)	97

Question 10: Have you used any new public transportation introduced in the last few years?

	%
No	93%
Yes	7%
Total (n)	109

Question 10a: If yes, how would you rate your experience?

	%
Good	75%
Excellent	13%
Fair	13%
Poor	0%
Total (n)	8

Question 11: Have you travelled through the Simcoe County LINX transit service initiated by the County of Simcoe?

	%
No	96%
Yes	4%
Total (n)	110

Question 11a: If yes, how would you rate your experience?

	%
Excellent	50%
Good	50%
Fair	0%
Poor	0%
Total (n)	4

Question 12: CT Link is a community transportation service that provides accessible door-to-door transportation to non-emergency medical appointments for seniors and people with disabilities. Have you used CT Link? (To book a CT Link service dial 211)

	%
No	98%
Yes	2%
Total (n)	107

Question 12a: If yes, do you find this service useful?

	%
Yes	100%
No	0%
Total (n)	2

Housing

Question 13: Do you live alone?

	%
No	79%
Yes	21%
Prefer Not to Say	0%
Total (n)	110

Question 13a: If no, who do you live with?

	%
Family Member	90%
Shared Dwelling	7%
Friend(s)	2%
Prefer Not to Say	1%
Total (n)	86

Question 14: Your home is:

	%
Owned by You	85%
Rented by You	6%
Owned or Rented by Family	6%
Other (please specify)	2%
Subsidized	1%
Community Living	0%
Prefer Not to Say	0%
Total (n)	108

Question 15: Does your current living situation fit your needs?

	%
Yes	93%
No	7%
Prefer Not to Say	0%
Total (n)	110

Question 16: Do you require modifications (better lighting, wheelchair ramp, grab bars) to your household to continue to live there safely?

	%
No	78%
Yes	22%
Total (n)	109

Question 17: Have you used or are aware of funding support through the County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Housing Grant for accessible enhancements?

	%
No	69%
Yes	31%
Total (n)	109

Question 18: Are you aware of the senior village campuses run by the County of Simcoe?

	%
No	69%
Yes	31%
Total (n)	109

Civil Participation and Employment

Question 19: Are you retired?

	%
Yes	79%
No	16%
Prefer Not to Say	5%
Total (n)	110

Question 19a: If no, have you planned for your retirement?

	%
Yes	65%
No	28%
Prefer Not to Say	8%
Total (n)	40

Question 20: Are you currently employed?

	%
No	75%
Yes	21%
Prefer Not to Say	4%
Total (n)	106

Question 20a: If yes, how many employers are you currently working for?

	%
One	81%
Multiple	19%
Total (n)	21

Question 20b: If yes, what is the reason for your employment?

	%
By Choice	50%
Out of Necessity	45%
Prefer Not to Say	5%
Total (n)	22

Question 21: Are you looking for volunteer opportunities within the community?

	%
No	64%
Yes	36%
Total (n)	102

Question 21a: If yes, do you know where to find the information on how to volunteer?

	%
No Refer to Appendix A for Information	54%
Yes	46%
Total (n)	39

Question 21b: If no, what barriers are preventing you from volunteering?

Select all that apply.

	%
I Don't Want to Volunteer	33%
I Don't Have Time to Volunteer	29%
Physical Limitations	23%
Unaware of Opportunities	20%
Health Issues	17%
Limited Options	17%
Transportation	8%
Criminal Reference Check	2%
Total (n)	83

Question 22: On average, how many hours a week would you consider volunteering?

	%
1 - 5 Hours	39%
I do not Want to Volunteer	26%
6 - 10 Hours	18%
I Prefer Not to Say	12%
21+ Hours	4%
16 - 20 Hours	2%
11 - 15 Hours	0%
Total (n)	101

Social Participation

Question 23: How often do you socialize with family, friends and others?

	%
Daily	38%
Weekly	36%
Monthly	18%
Once in a Few Months	8%
Never	0%
Total (n)	108

Question 24: If you would like to socialize more, what prevents you from doing so?

	%
I'm Happy with my Level of Socializing	54%
Distance	32%
Lack of Information About Events	15%
Event Scheduling	13%
Lack of Opportunity	11%
Other (please specify)	9%
Health	8%
Costs	8%
Mobility Issues	7%
Lack of Transportation	6%
Safety Concerns	3%
Total (n)	106

Communication and Information

Question 25: How informed do you feel about the local area?

	%
Very Informed	43%
Slightly Informed	50%
Not Informed	7%
Not Interested in Being Informed	0%
Prefer Not to Say	0%
Total (n)	110

Question 26: How do you learn about what is going on in your local area?

Select all that apply.

	%
Internet	71%
Word of Mouth	69%
Friends/Family	56%
Newspaper	35
Radio	25
Television	24
Community/Bulletin Boards	19
Mail	14
Social Media	12
Brochures	6
Other (please specify)	6
Does Not Apply	0
Total (n)	110

Question 27: Are you aware that dialing 2-1-1 will connect you to finding the right community and social services in your area?

	%
No	66%
Yes	34%
Total (n)	110

Question 28: Would you like to be more informed about the local area?

	%
Yes	74%
No	26%
Total (n)	109

Question 28a: If yes, how would you like to be informed? Select all that apply.

	%
Internet	69%
Social Media	50%
Mail	45%
Newspaper	38%
Radio	21%
Brochures	21%
Television	16%
Bulletin Boards	16%
Friends/Family	14%
Other (please specify)	3%
Does Not Apply	0%
Total (n)	80

Question 29: How often do you use the internet?

	%
Daily	94%
2 - 4 Times a Week	3%
About Once a Week	1%
Does Not Apply	1%
Prefer Not to Say	1%
Less than Once a Week	0%
Less than Once a Month	0%
Total (n)	108

Question 30: Since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, have you noticed an increase in your use of virtual communication tools (e.g., video calls, emails, telehealth).

	%
Yes	71%
No	25%
Not Sure	4%
Total (n)	108

Community Support and Health Services

Question 31: How would you describe your physical health?

	%
Good	35%
Very Good	27%
Fair	20%
Excellent	15%
Poor	3%
Prefer Not to Say	0%
Total (n)	110

Question 32: How would you describe your mental health and wellness?

	%
Very Good	34%
Good	29%
Excellent	24%
Fair	11%
Poor	3%
Prefer Not to Say	0%
Total (n)	110

Question 33: Do you have a Family Doctor/Nurse Practitioner?

	%
Yes, Within the County of Simcoe	76%
Yes, Outside the County of Simcoe	17%
No	5%
I Don't Know	1%
Prefer Not to Say	1%
Total (n)	109

Question 34: What services are you currently looking for? Select all that apply.

	%
Do not Require	42%
Walk-in Clinic	33%
Family Doctor	21%
Urgent Care Clinic	20%
Other (please specify)	12%
Other Health Professional	9%
Nurse Practitioner	5%
Counsellor	2%
Personal Support Worker	1%
Prefer Not to Say	1%
Total (n)	91

Question 35: If virtual appointments were available in your home, would you consider using it?

	%
Yes	78%
No	22%
Total (n)	106

Question 36: What factors would encourage you to participate in virtual (video) appointments? Select all that apply.

	%
Overall Convenience	72%
Eliminate Time in Waiting Rooms	62%
Reduce the Risk of Exposure to Infection and Viruses	61%
Time-Saving	57%
Ease of Access	49%
User-Friendly	41%
Lack of Transportation	16%
Difficulty with Mobility	8%
None of the Above	8%
Other (please specify)	8%
Total (n)	105

Question 37: What factors would prevent you from participating in virtual (video) appointments? Select all that apply.

	%
Technical Issues (e.g., internet connectivity, device problems)	35%
None of the Above	30%
Lack of Personal Interaction	30%
Online Payment	28%
Difficulty Understanding or Using Technology	17%
Lack of Trust in Virtual Healthcare (quality of virtual assessment)	12%
Data Privacy Concerns	11%
Total (n)	106

Question 38: Are you able to access the help you need for the services mentioned below?

	Yes	No	N/A
Income Tax Preparation	67%	4%	29%
Garbage Removal	54%	9%	37%
Collecting Mail or Parcels	52%	10%	37%
Banking	51%	8%	41%
Picking up Medicine from the Pharmacy	49%	10%	42%
Accessing Health Services	47%	15%	38%
Filling out Forms	45%	7%	47%
Taking Medication	44%	7%	50%
Accessing Virtual Communication Tools	39%	13%	47%
Affording Enough Food	38%	10%	51%
Transportation	38%	16%	46%
Grocery Shopping	37%	12%	51%
Yard Care	36%	17%	47%
Preparing Meals	34%	9%	57%
Accessing Social Services	34%	11%	55%
House Cleaning	34%	13%	53%
Delivery Service	30%	19%	51%
Pet Care	26%	10%	64%
Language Interpretation/Translation Services	15%	7%	78%
Total (n)	110		

Question 39: Have you noticed any improvements related to local initiatives/projects in your community to support older adults over the past few years?

	%
Not Sure	39%
No	39%
Yes	23%
Total (n)	109

Affordability and Accessibility

Question 40: Are you experiencing any challenges with affording the following services? Select all that apply.

	%
Home Repairs	67%
Automobile Expenses (car repairs, gasoline, insurance)	63%
Food	46%
Housing Costs (mortgage/rent, insurance/utilities)	38%
Activity Memberships (exercise/fitness class)	23%
Public Transportation	10%
Community Transportation Services	8%
Total (n)	48

Question 40a: Are you experiencing any challenges with accessing the following services? Select all that apply.

	%
Home Repairs	49%
Public Transportation	46%
Activity Memberships (exercise/fitness class)	22%
Community Transportation Services	17%
Automobile Expenses (car repairs, gasoline, insurance)	15%
Housing Costs (mortgage/rent, insurance/utilities)	12%
Food	10%
Total (n)	41

Overall Satisfaction

Question 41: Considering all the age-friendly aspects we have discussed; how would you rate your overall satisfaction with living in Simcoe County?

	%
Satisfied	59%
Very Satisfied	23%
Neither	12%
Dissatisfied	6%
Very Dissatisfied	0%
Total (n)	109

Demographic Information

Question 42: What is your preferred gender identity?

	%
Female	76%
Male	22%
Prefer Not to Say	2%
Total (n)	109

Question 43: What is your age?

	%
65 - 74	52%
56 - 64	25%
75 - 84	21%
55 or Under	1%
85 or Above	1%
Prefer Not to Say	0%
Total (n)	108

Question 44: Where do you live in the County of Simcoe?

All respondents are residents of the Township of Tiny.

Question 45: What is your marital status?

	%
Married or Domestic Partnership	74%
Widowed	12%
Divorced	8%
Single-Never Married	4%
Prefer Not to Say	3%
Separated	0%
Total (n)	110

Question 46: What is your current total annual household / family income?

	%
Less than \$10,000	0%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	3%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	6%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	8%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	6%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	10%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	13%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	12%
\$80,000 - \$89,999	6%
\$90,000 - \$99,999	2%
\$100,000 +	9%
Prefer Not to Say	27%
Total (n)	109

Question 47: Do you live in?

	%
Rural Community	97%
Urban Community	2%
Prefer Not to Say	1%
Total (n)	108