

Gold River Age-Friendly Community Survey

Gold River is currently undertaking an Age-Friendly planning process. An age-friendly community is one where people of all ages are respected and where the policies, services, physical and social environments are designed to help people “age actively”. Age-friendly is often used to refer to seniors being able to age in their community in a healthy way, but it can apply to people of all ages having access to the services they need.

One way to consider whether a community is age-friendly is the “8-80” Concept. If a community is a good place for an 8-year-old to live and a good place for an 80-year-old to live, it’s probably a good place for everyone, at any stage of life.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following anonymous survey to help us understand how Gold River can become an Age-Friendly Community. If you would prefer to fill out an online version, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/agefriendlygoldriver>. After completing the survey, you may provide your phone number to be entered into a draw for a **\$100 gift certificate** to a local business.

*If your household has multiple members who would like to complete a survey, please complete the online version.

Which of the following categories do you think Gold River does well for people of all ages? (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare and services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion and Participation (the ability to take part in the activities of a society and to feel a part of that society) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail and Buildings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and Investment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | |

Optional: Please expand on any of these strengths

Which of the following categories do you think Gold River could improve on for people of all ages? (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare and services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail and Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion and Participation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and Investment | |

Optional: Please expand on any of these weaknesses

Do you agree with the following statements? (Please circle your level of agreement)

- 1. The built environment (roads, sidewalks, parking, buildings, parks, etc.) is accessible for people of all ages/abilities, including children, parents with strollers, and seniors.**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

- 2. There are enough services for people of all ages within the community.**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

- 3. Gold River is a respectful/inclusive place for people of all ages.**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

- 4. There are opportunities for all ages/abilities to participate in the community (in local government, events, activities, and volunteer opportunities).**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

- 5. There are opportunities for all ages/abilities to find employment**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

- 6. People of all ages are connected and aware of events, issues, happenings in the community.**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

- 7. Few people are socially isolated in Gold River.**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

- 8. Gold River has appropriate housing that can accommodate people of all ages at a range of income levels.**

Strongly Agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree

What are the top 3 priorities Gold River should invest in to make the community more livable for people of all ages? (Please select three (3) selections from the following list)

- Housing (increasing housing options, including affordable housing, family housing, senior’s housing)
- Outdoor spaces and buildings (improving pedestrian infrastructure and accessibility of buildings)
- Transportation (improving alternative transportation for those who cannot/do not drive; facilitating ride sharing, etc.)
- Social participation (investing in seniors’ and/or youth programming)
- Respect and inclusion (investing in education and/or multi-generational programming)
- Civic participation and employment (seek grants to increase student/youth summer employment; advertise volunteer opportunities in the community)
- Communication and information (improve Village website; provide access to seniors without computers/internet to public computers)
- Community Support and Health Services (invest in improving health services available in the community)

How would you rate the quality of life for seniors who are aging in Gold River?

- 1 – Very poor – little or no supports; no access to transportation outside of driving; services non-existent; Travel within the community is difficult/impossible; A senior is very likely to need to move to a larger urban area/long-term care as they age and/or may feel isolated due to lack of information, services, support, and transportation options; Housing options are minimal and don’t include options for adaptable or accessible design.
- 2 – Poor – some supports and services may exist but seniors may have to leave regularly for appointments; Social networks may not be strong enough to support aging in place; Few opportunities for social gatherings with other seniors and other members of community; There may be a few housing options for downsizing or adaptable/accessible units but not enough for everyone who needs them.
- 3 – Adequate – some supports and services are provided in community and seniors are able to get around whether by driving, walking, cycling, or alternative (transit or rideshare); Seniors may still have to leave regularly for services and appointments but are generally socially connected in the community and aware of what’s happening; Several housing options are available.
- 4 – Good – most supports and services are provided in community and the need to leave is only occasional; There is opportunity for active social life and many forms of transportation are available, whether a senior can drive or not; A range of housing options is available, including accessible or adaptable housing.
- 5 – Excellent – all services and supports are available in the community, including a full range of medical services and the option to move into progressively supportive housing as needed; Seniors can stay active and healthy well into their later years of life and there are many social activities available.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

This information collected will be completely anonymous and not linked to you directly. We are collecting demographic information to understand how different sections of the population feel, rather than individuals. Please leave any questions blank if you prefer not to answer.

How old are you?

- 0-14
- 15-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-40
- 50-64
- 64+

What is your annual household income?

- 0-\$14,999
- \$15,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000+

Which best describes your household size?

- I live alone
- I live with a partner/spouse and no children
- I live with a partner/spouse with one or more children

- I am a single parent living with one or more children
- I live with roommates
- We are two or more families sharing the same house

How long have you lived in Gold River?

- Less than 5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- More than 20 years

Do you identify as Indigenous?

- Yes
- No

What is your current employment status? (select all that apply)

- I work full time
- I work part time
- I am self-employed
- I am retired
- I do not currently work
- I work in Gold River
- I work outside of Gold River
- I am a student

Do you identify as a person with a disability?

- Yes
- No

If you have any questions, please email info@wiserprojects.com. Let us know if you think we missed anything or if you have anything to add by emailing the address above or attaching additional pages to this survey before returning it to Village Hall.

Thank you for your participation! To be entered in a draw for a \$100 gift certificate to a local business, please enter your phone number here: _____