

Age-friendly British Columbia

Port Hardy

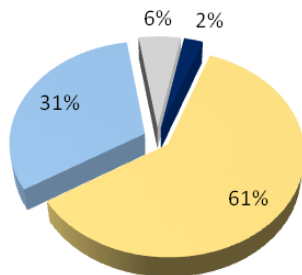
The Community

Port Hardy is a welcoming community located at the northern end of Vancouver Island. Port Hardy is an integrated age-friendly and disability-friendly pilot community where both aging and disability issues were considered at the same time. To learn more about Port Hardy visit www.porthardy.ca.



Facts*

- Total Population: 3,822
- Over 500 residents are aged 60 or older (13% of population)



*Statistics provided by BCStats, 2006

■ 0-44 years ■ 45-64 years
■ 65-74 years ■ 75+ years

Age-friendly Achievements

Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

- Installed accessible picnic tables in public parks.
- Created the region's first accessibility map to local parks and attractions.
- Worked with Public Works to address issues with community sidewalks and curb cuts.
- Installed "rest stations" along main walking routes in town.

Transportation

- Provided free transportation for all seniors and First Nations Elders to attend key meetings during the age-friendly process, to ensure ease of access and a voice for all who wished to participate.
- Worked with local developer to include accessibility features into renovation plans for a local apartment building.

Social Participation

- Improved access to the community seniors' centre.
- Added accessible shower heads for each locker room at the recreation centre.
- Renovated the recreation centre concession area to implement accessibility features.
- Added accessibility features, including a ramp and handicap washroom at the curling club.
- Added lighting to high crime areas in a key city park to increase safety and walkability.

For more information on creating an age-friendly community visit: www.seniorsbc.ca/agefriendly or email AgefriendlyBC@gov.bc.ca



Partners:

Port Hardy Rotary, Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw First Nations Elders, Elders for Better Living, Tourism Port Hardy, Literacy Now, Mt. Waddington Regional Health Network, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Seniors Housing, Mt. Waddington Regional Transit and Chamber of Commerce

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