

District of Saanich, British Columbia, Canada
World Health Organization's

Global Age-Friendly Cities Project



1. Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

-  **Accessible Design Guidelines for major retail and residential centres**
-  **Sidewalk improvements – bench dedications**
-  **Development of Trail Use Guidelines**
-  **Senior Friendly Service Decal Program**





2. Transportation



Completion of Centennial Trails Project



Streetscape safety and visibility improvements



Ongoing work with BC Transit to identify community bus routes and improve access to stops





3. Housing

-  Encourage mixed-use housing options in all neighbourhoods to enable aging in preferred place
-  Zoning bylaw for apartments amended to include Saanich Adaptable Housing Guidelines





4. Respect & Social Inclusion

- Intergenerational Programs
- Cordova Bay Community Place – a 55+ centre built in a K-5 school
- Staff Training – Customer Service





5. Social Participation

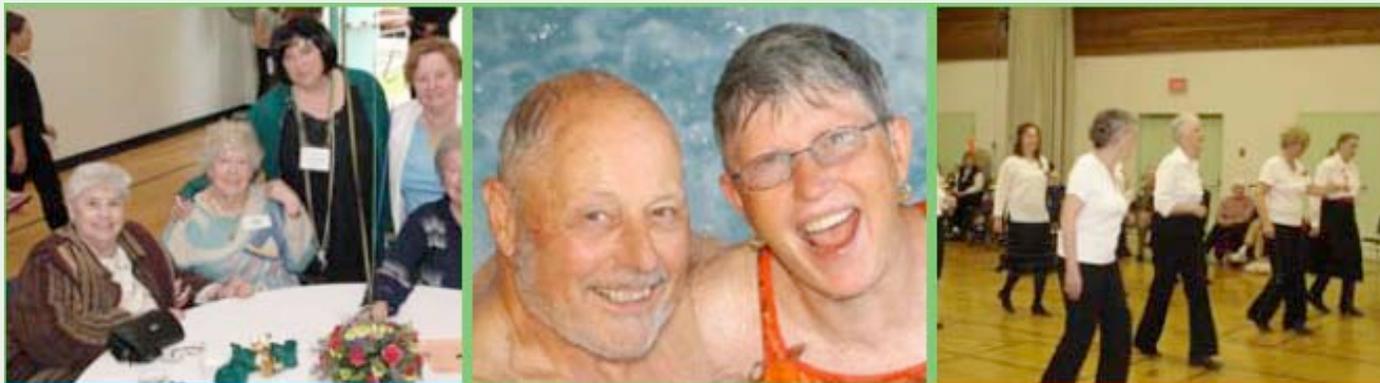
-  **Leisure Involvement for Everyone – L.I.F.E. access for low income individuals**
-  **3rd Annual Seniors Celebration Festival**
-  **Creation of volunteer opportunities i.e. Leisure Ambassadors**





6. Communication & Information

- ① **Presentations, tours with assisted living residences**
- ① **“Open House” days at municipal facilities**
- ① **Improvements to website and print materials**





7. Civic Participation & Employment

-  **Facilitate active participation of older persons on Advisory committees and Task Forces**
-  **Upgrade Council chambers – accessibility, auditory and visual improvements**
-  **Emergency Preparedness Program Volunteers**





8. Community Support & Health Services



Increase partnerships with the Vancouver Island Health Authority – rehab, therapy, exercise and education



Training Police officers in scams, frauds, elder abuse



Expand home safety education programs

**Saanich Report on the
WHO Age-Friendly Cities
Project is available at:
www.saanich.ca**

For more information,
Steve Meikle
District of Saanich,
Community Services
Phone: (250) 475-5409
steve.meikle@saanich.ca



Thank You