

# Age-friendly British Columbia

## Bowen Island

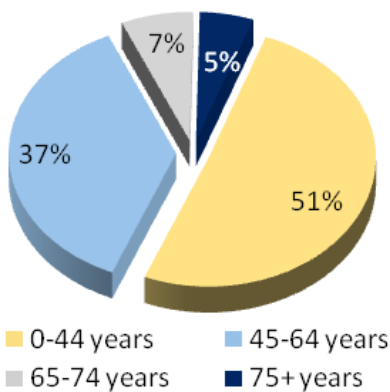
BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

### The Community

Bowen Island is a 20-minute ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver. The island is approximately 6 km wide by 12 km long. To learn more about Bowen Island visit [www.bimbc.ca](http://www.bimbc.ca).

### Facts\*

- Total Population: 3,360
- Bowen Island has over 400 residents aged 65 or older (12% of population)
- Bowen Island has over 600 residents between age 46-64 (37% of population)
- Projected significant growth in older adults over the next 20 years



\*Statistics provided by BCStats, 2006

### Age-friendly Achievements

#### Transportation

- Provided BC Ferries with an “Age Friendly Community Project Report to Council” highlighting the issues of emergency evacuation and elevator access.
- Improved sidewalks in the village.



#### Housing

- Expanding the municipal sewer system to enable the development of seniors’ supportive housing.

#### Social Participation

- Planning and developing a community centre with seniors’ needs in mind.

#### Respect & Social Inclusion

- Reviewing the Official Community Plan (OCP) to include age-friendly community principles.

The Bowen Island Planning Department strives to incorporate the principles of age-friendly communities in developing new initiatives to help maintain an inclusive community.

For more information on creating an age-friendly community visit: [www.SeniorsBC.ca/agefriendly](http://www.SeniorsBC.ca/agefriendly) or email [AgefriendlyBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AgefriendlyBC@gov.bc.ca)

#### Partners:

Vancouver Coastal Health, Bowen Island Community School, Bowen Island Chamber of Commerce, Bowen Abbeyfield Society, Seniors Keeping Young, Municipal Planning and Recreation Department

#### Supported by:

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