



# Age-friendly British Columbia Sechelt

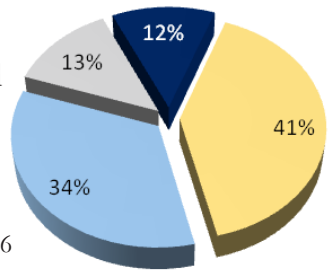
## The Community

The District of Sechelt covers approximately 4,008 hectares of land and is centrally located on the Sunshine Coast. Sechelt is an integrated age-friendly and disability-friendly pilot community where both aging and disability issues are being considered at the same time. To learn more about Sechelt visit [www.district.sechelt.bc.ca](http://www.district.sechelt.bc.ca).



## Facts\*

- Total population: 8,863
- 1 in 4 residents are aged 65 or older



\*Statistics provided by BCStats, 2006

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



## Age-friendly Achievements

### Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

- Improved the accessibility of the Maritime Gateway Park by resurfacing the playground with rubber tiles.
- Created accessible and adaptable building guidelines.

### Transportation

- Improved the accessibility of bus stops by installing covered shelters with even, paved surfaces and light switches used to alert buses to stop.

### Housing

- Completed seniors' housing survey and action plan (2009).
- Hosted seniors' forum on independent living dialogue (2010).

### Respect and Social Inclusion

- Updated the Official Community Plan to include an accessibility vision.
- Created a vision plan that included principles of an intergenerational community and aging in place.

### Communication & Information

- Developed and offered educational workshops for local builders, planners, inspectors and engineers on the topic of accessibility (in partnership with the Coast Community Builders Association).

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:

Senior Network Advisory Group, Vancouver Coastal Health Community Development, STAND for Housing, District of Sechelt, Alofli Consultancy, Arrowhead Centre Society, Sunshine Coast Regional District Transit, Sechelt Community Foundation, Sechelt Association for Community Living, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Sechelt Medichair, Community Resource Centre, Capilano University, Chatelech Sechelt Community School, Sechelt Downtown Business Association, Sunshine Coast Community Services Society, Rotary Club Sunshine Coast, Coast Community Builders Association

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