

Appendix C

- This is a print copy of the power point presentation (program version on web site) developed from the Oracle telephone survey. It was shown to a number of seniors groups and other interested organizations during 2008. As a result additional input was obtained and incorporated in the final report.

A summary version of the complete Oracle telephone survey findings

Sudbury Seniors' Needs Assessment Survey



New Horizons Program

In cooperation with the Social Planning Council of Sudbury, the Parkside Centre OACS and the Sudbury United Way

Conducted by OraclePoll - Sudbury

- July 3rd to July 20th 2007
- Random Survey – Computer assisted
- Follow up attempts – 7
- 253 interviewed aged 55 plus
- Basically 95 % “accuracy” representing the “target” group

Community Representation

- 51 % “former Sudbury – old city”
- 12 % Valley East
- 10 % – Walden and Nickel Centre
- 9 % – Rayside Balfour
- 5 % – Capreol
- 2 % – Onaping and Levack

Residency: Time in Community

- 22.5 % – 51 to 60 years
 - 34 % – 31 to 50 years
- Mean: 45.6 years residence
Minimum one year – Maximum 85
21 % one year to 30 years
20 % 61 years to 90 years

Ages- Sex of those surveyed:

- Older Seniors (75 plus) 24.4 %
- Younger Seniors (65-74) 34.7 %
- Older Adults (55 to 64) 41 %
- Mean age was 67.5 years
- 70 % women - 30 % men

Makeup of Household

- One person – 32 %
- Two persons – 55 %
- Three or more – 11 %
- Single 37.5 % – Partner – 62.5 %
- Living with children 15 %
- 70 % households – 65 years plus

Work Status - Income

- 80 % retired - 6.5 % working full time
- 4 % other: part time – self employed
- 15 % less than \$10,000 before taxes
- 18 % between \$10,000 and \$20,000
- 19 % between \$20,000 and \$30,000
- 17 % between \$30,000 and \$40,000
- 9 % between \$40,000 and \$50,000
- 18 % between \$50,000 and \$100,000

Total Household Income:

- 18 % under \$20,000 before taxes
- 30 % between \$20,000 and \$40,000 before taxes
- 20 % between \$40,000 and \$60,000 before taxes
- 18 % between \$60,000 and \$100,000 before taxes
- 13 % over \$100,000 before taxes

Housing

- 80 % – single family detached
- 16 % – apartment
- Only 6 people lived in a duplex – 3 in row housing – and 2 in a condominium
- 80 percent owned
- 20 percent rented

Accommodation:

- 22 % – one or two bedrooms
- 50 % – three bedrooms
- 37 % indicated stairs between living and bedrooms – the rest no stairs.
- 73 % said there were stairs to enter the main entrance.
- Required maintenance 72 %

Perceived Housing Needs:

- 62 % – Independent living units
- 34 % – condos
- 27 % – assisted living units
- 26 % – respite care
- 24 % – palliative care
- 21 % – long term care
- Looking: No – 80 % Yes – 20 %

Willing or Able to Pay for Rent

- 13 % less than \$500
- 17 % \$500 - \$600
- 8 % \$600 - \$700
- 17 % \$700 - \$800
- 11 % \$800 - \$900
- 33 % \$1000 plus

Willing or Able to Pay to Purchase

- 23 % up to \$100,000
- 39 % up to \$150,000
- 24 % up to \$200,000

- Looking for Seniors Housing – 20%

Type of Housing looking for:

- 35 % Intermediate living units
- 33 % Independent living units
- 17 % Assisted living units
- 10 % Condominium dwellings
- 2 % Long term – palliative care

Mobility Level – Travel Means

- 89 % Unassisted - 10 % use either a walker/cane/wheelchair
- 78 % Drive self – 9 % get ride from relative or friends.
- 5 % Public (Sudbury) Transit
- 3 % Walk – 2 % use Handi Transit
- Under 1 % - taxi, wheelchair, bike, etc.

Travel Barriers within City

- 51 % Condition of roads and sidewalks
- 48 % Care of roads/sidewalks
- 35 % Physical pain or disability
- 19 % Affordability
- 13 % Deteriorating Vision

Mobility Barrier Conditions

- 44 % Ice on Sidewalks
- 40 % Snow not cleared on Sidewalks
- 27 % Bumpy Sidewalks
- 20 % Lack of Sidewalks
- 20 % Stairs – Access
- 13 % Weather
- 4 % Could be victim of crime

Mobility Barrier Solutions:

- 41 % Clear Ice/Snow on Sidewalks
- 33 % Clear Ice/Snow in Parking Lots
- 25 % More Sidewalks – Repair
- 16 % Wheelchair ramps
- 10 % Wheelchair/scooter accessible doors – power operated.
- 34 % Other: Better transit, traffic safety, store layouts, volunteers to help seniors etc.

Physical Mobility Limits

- 24 % Limited in doing daily tasks
- 51 % Daily cleaning
- 34 % Grocery and other Shopping -
- 30 % Attending Social Events
- 23 % Preparing Meals
- 13 % Personal Care
- 25 % Other: walking – yard work etc.

Aids for Mobility

- Personal care assistance
- Help in meal preparation
- Help in household cleaning
- Help in shopping – transportation –
- Easier transportation for social events
- City program for yard work
- Pain management mentioned in all areas.

Relationships – family - friends

- 85 % - Family in Sudbury
- 94 % - Close Friends in Sudbury
- 85 % - Friends/Family reason to stay
- 90 % - Family/Friends support
- 44 % Needed help in past year from another person or organization including family and friends.

Help Providers:

- 53% Family
- 16 % Friends
- 10 % Hired Help (privately)
- 10 % Private organization/business
- 6 % neighbors
- 3% Govt. – Non profit – church etc.

Reasons for Help:

- 92 % Longer Term Care – Physical Limitations
- 30 % Temporary Hard Times
- 27 % No one else in house to work
- 16 % Time restraints
- 7 % Shortage of money
- 7 % Lack of Skill – Transportation

Specific Home Help Needed Areas:

- 34 % - Home Maintenance – Outside
- 16 % - House Cleaning
- 12 % - Grocery/Necessity Shopping
- 8 % - Meal Preparation
- 7 % - Laundry and Sewing
- 4% - Banking/Bill paying, legal help etc.

Future Independence Needs - Plus

- 17 % Yard Work
- 12 % Home Repair and Maintenance
- 10 % Transportation to doctors appointments
- 38 % Other including: Shopping Help, Home Care, Personal and Nursing Care, Meals on Wheels, Cleaner – safer environment, more recreational facilities, more services to seniors, more affordable housing, lower taxes, more subsidies, better transit accessible health care etc.

You can help – your comments and suggestions are most welcome



**New Horizons
“Challenges of Aging”
project for the City of
Greater Sudbury**

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Additional Information

- Actual statistical data from the Oracle Survey follows in Appendix D.
- An audio file of an actual presentation of this data is on the website as well as pictures of focus and working groups- marketing etc.
- The complete report from the Social Planning Council based on this and other data and surveys is also on the website.