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YOUR IDEA CAN'T BE HEARD IF IT'S NOT SHARED – Timmins Seeks Seniors' Input for Age-friendly Community

TIMMINS: The Timmins Economic Development Corporation and the Venture Centre are hoping that Timmins residents aged 50 and over will attend the Age Friendly Community public consultation on February 2. According to the 2011 census, over 15,000 people in Timmins are over 50. "We want to make sure that people have lots of opportunities to make suggestions on how the community can better suit everyone's needs," said Roxanne Daoust, Executive Director of the Venture Centre and a lead partner on the project.

The **TEDC** and **Venture Centre** are leading the **Age-Friendly Community Project** guided by a Steering Committee of 17 local organizations with an interest in promoting more age-friendly services and infrastructure.

"It is both important and greatly appreciated to hear the ideas and input of our citizens. We want to maintain Timmins' great quality of life and to do so, we need to hear all of the voices in the community," said Timmins Mayor, Steven Black.

The project features public consultation meetings, focus groups for specific community sectors, interviews and an on-line survey. You can visit <http://www.timmins2020.ca/project-overviews-2/upcoming-projects/timmins-age-friendly-community-strategy/> by **February 19th, 2016** to complete the survey. There will also be paper copies of the surveys available around the city, such as at the Timmins Public Library, the Timmins Senior Centre and the Venture Centre.

The next public consultation is at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9** at the **Lord's Kitchen** where there will be bilingual facilitators present. The research report should be ready in early April **2016**.

Additional information about Age-Friendly cities can be found at: www.agefriendlyontario.ca/age-friendly-communities

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