



Age-friendly British Columbia Revelstoke



Becoming Age-friendly

The Revelstoke Community Social Development Committee leads the age-friendly planning and implementation in Revelstoke. The Committee prepared An Age-Friendly Plan for Revelstoke and Area (2009) which included an age-friendly assessment and an action plan.

The Revelstoke Official Community Plan was revised in 2009 to include a goal to provide “senior residents with the means to live a life as full as possible, by promoting access to safe and affordable housing; physical and social mobility; and social engagement in the community” (Revelstoke Official Community Plan, 2009, p. 24).

Revelstoke’s focus and commitment to seniors has contributed to a 30 percent increase in membership in the Revelstoke Seniors Association since 2009.

Revelstoke was recognized as an Age-friendly BC community in 2012.

“Enabling seniors to live out their lives and be supported in our community continues to be an important priority for the Revelstoke Community Social Development Committee, and is integrated into the work plan of the social development coordinator.”

*-City of Revelstoke, Age-friendly BC
Recognition application, Nov 14, 2011*

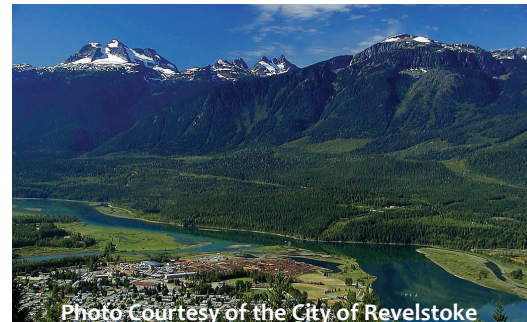


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The City of Revelstoke is located within the Columbia Mountains, 641 km east of Vancouver and 415 km west of Calgary, Alberta. Situated on the Columbia River, Revelstoke has a spectacular setting on the main east-west transportation corridor through British Columbia.

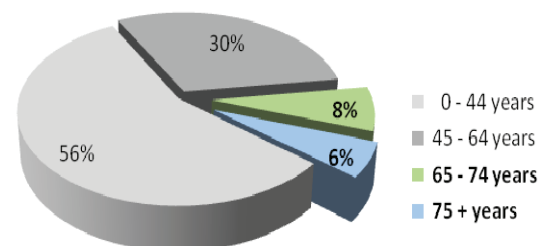
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www.CityofRevelstoke.com.

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2011 Population: 7,139



Statistics Canada. (2012). Cumulative Profile, 2011 Census. Retrieved February 5, 2013, from <http://bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Census/OpenData.aspx>.

Age-friendly Features

Public Spaces



- Automatic doors at the Revelstoke Court House, the Revelstoke Forum arena, the medical clinic and the Revelstoke Seniors' Centre
- Curb ramps throughout the community
- Grit box project so residents can deal with icy conditions more easily
- Benches installed throughout the downtown core

Transportation



- handyDART service three days a week
- Volunteer driver program for out-of-town medical appointments to supplement the existing Health Connections Bus
- Improved, more efficient public transit system
- Transit stop at the Seniors' Centre with green space, bus shelter and bench

Housing



- Adaptable design guidelines proposed for City by-laws
- Additional subsidized rental housing units built for lower-income senior & disabled residents
- Community Connections Society contracts a tenant support worker to assist social housing residents

Participation



- Support our Seniors Project which revitalized the Seniors' Citizens Association and the Revelstoke Seniors' Centre with information workshops, speakers, upgrades to kitchen equipment, computer lab, and installation of a Wii system
- Pals visitation program initiated by the Hospice Society to provide home visits to isolated residents
- Drop-in Coffee Hour at the Seniors Centre

Employment Volunteerism



- Volunteer Coordinator at the Revelstoke Seniors Centre to organize the volunteer driver program, outreach to isolated seniors, and other programs
- Computer classes taught by volunteers and offered to over 430 seniors in three years

Services Communication



- Regular information workshops and computer classes at the Seniors Centre
- Seniors' Resource Guide and Welcome to Revelstoke Guide
- Annual flu shot clinics at the Revelstoke Seniors Centre
- Volunteer shopping, snow removal, and yard work



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For more information on creating an age-friendly community visit:
www.seniorsbc.ca/agefriendly or email AgefriendlyBC@gov.bc.ca.
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