

Culture Plan – Seniors Forum

November 15th, 2016 – 7pm

1. How Have you Enjoyed Living in Kindersley?
 - Living here for retirement
 - Independence for living is important
 - Basic needs are met
 - There is a lack of transportation due to the hours of the handibus – especially weekend days
2. What are the Services and Programs that you Rely on Locally?
 - The town has schools – children attended
 - Worked here prior to retirement and held careers
 - Participated in service clubs and they are still operating but struggling for participation.
 - Enjoyable spaces to spend time in
 - (wanted an update for Coleman Park)
 - Had the same doctor for 30 years, now visit a new one every year or two
 - Need doctors – especially for delivering babies (obstetrics)
 - Swimming pool is needed – at a reasonable cost
 - o If a hot tub or program offered for therapeutic purposes it would be used by a greater senior population
 - Need more clothing and shoe stores
 - The Chamber of Commerce should be more active and become the lead coordinator of events locally.
3. What Would You Like to See Happen in Kindersley for Future Generations?
 - Transportation access increased through handibus operating hours
 - Doctors to come and stay
 - Healthcare – variety of services instead of travelling to Saskatoon
 - Doctors leave because of the long hours they are given and their wives/husbands or family are not happy here. What do they want to stay?
4. Do you Feel You Have the Access to Spaces and Services that you Need?
 - Mobility is hindered due to the handibus
 - Distance of 'home' location to stores and functions in town – not a quick drive or walk to a location on Main (example).
 - Have access to TV and computers
 - Stores for clothing have closed – would like something to replace the service instead of having to go to Saskatoon or only Walmart as an option
 - Garages have closed on Saturdays – difficult to get small service needs met on weekends when something happens
 - The mall has reduced in size due to store closures – not enough options or reason to go
 - Grocery stores – most deliver orders to home addresses. Not sure if that extends to weekend hours
 - Attend outdoor events and programs hosted at the Seniors Centre
 - a. Social opportunities

- Participate in social groups such as the Elks and Legion
- The Horticultural Society lost members and had to close due to low numbers. Had participated in this program

5. What is Going on For the Next Generation?

- What do they belong to?
- They are not engaged
- Kindersley is losing community groups
 - a. Becoming a way of life (new)
 - b. Losing programs (square dancing, good time dance)
 - c. Losing skills and not sharing skills
 - d. 45yrs and under group
- Who is taking the reins?
- Grew up with programs and opportunities that will soon no longer exist
- More interested in different social connections and supporting separate causes
- This is the impact of TV, phones and computers
- Social organizations used to be a way of learning new things (ex. Organizing events, playing music)
 - a. Were good for the community – variety
 - b. Opportunity to stay in touch
 - c. Perform in a band

6. Is Kindersley a Senior Friendly Community?

- Community comes forward to support ones in need - raise money or give
- People act as ambassadors when they visit other places – bring Town pins and more to share

7. How can we make Kindersley a more positive place to live?

- Be more neighbourly – when a new person moves in down the street, connect and introduce yourself, build relationships and interconnectivity throughout the community.
- We need more activities for youth – start engaging them from a young age, it will build a spirit of community in them early.
- What did we not do to keep Baby boomers involved?
- Churches and service clubs are losing members and interest. Need to build these up more to build community connection.

8. Memories

- Going to dances held in community halls
- Being neighbourly and knowing everyone in the neighbourhood
- Father working on the roof of the 'Old Barn' when it was being built – mother called to him to get 'down from there' and get home
- Watching baseball at Flanagan Field and working at the concession booth – parents and ball players
- Tony Staples
- Attending a curling playoff game with husband and being filmed on the big screen taking a 'shot' (alcohol) – everyone made funny comments afterwards to poke fun

- World Youth Baseball Championships – the Cuban team were accompanied by secret service men (with guns)
- Queen Elizabeth and Prince visit to town
 - a. Banquet held in the rink
 - b. One of the coldest days
 - c. Toured new addition to Westberry school
 - d. Toured the community including the legion and ball bleachers
 - e. Superintendents wife was asked how many children she had – 6? She also wore a very fancy hat and was mistaken for the queen at one point
 - f. The gender signs had to be taken down from the doors of the restrooms at the rink and tile installed up the side for her majesty.