

# Age-friendly Peterborough Consultation Snapshot

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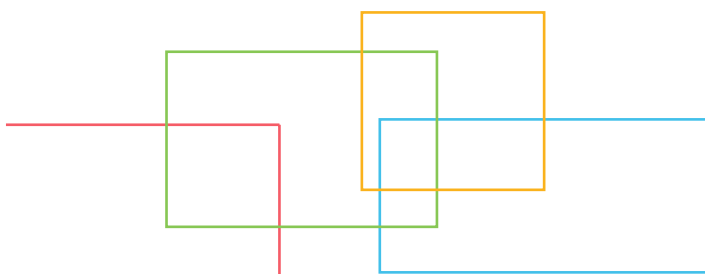
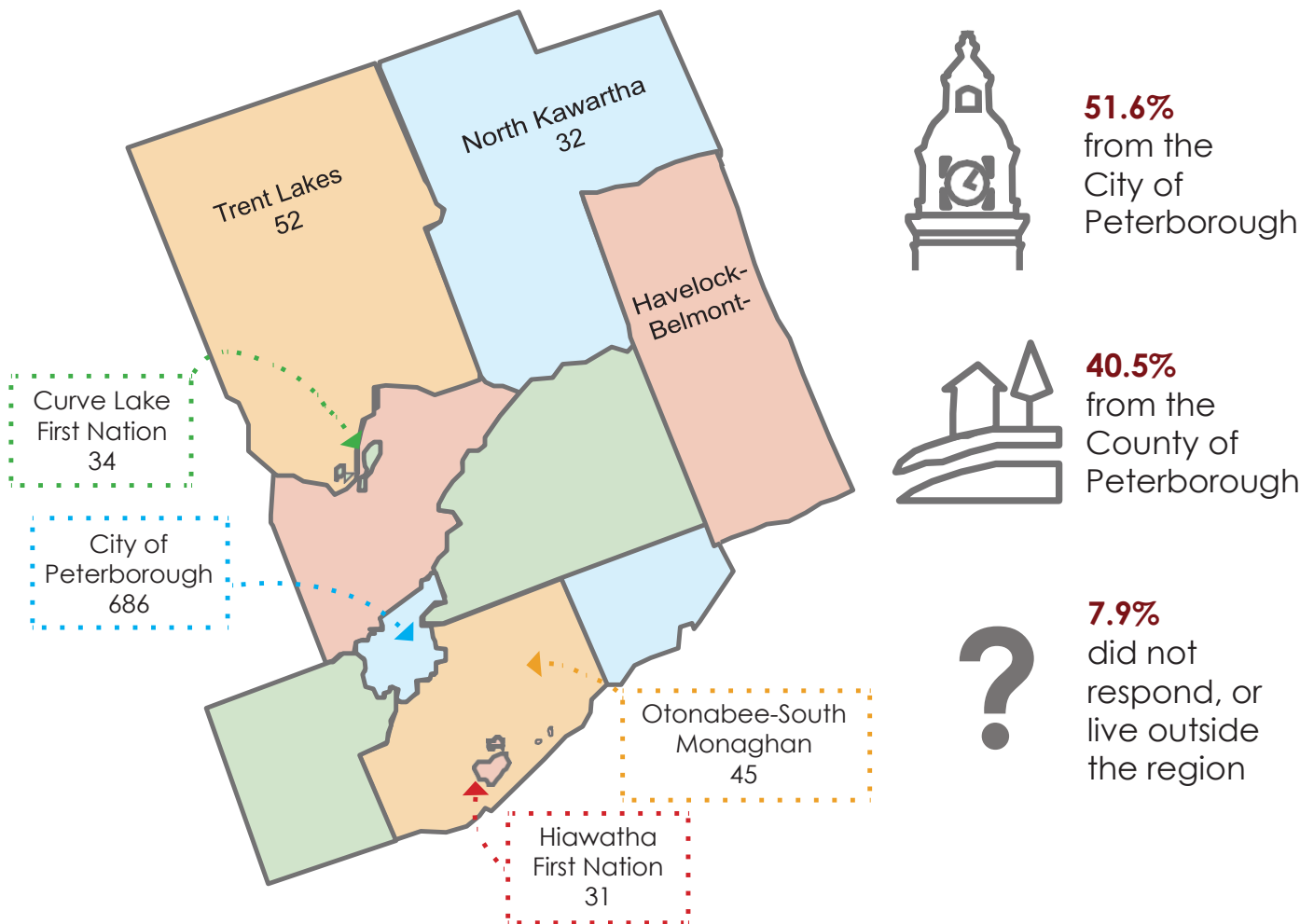


**1,127** Survey Participants



**269** Focus Group Participants

Including participants from the following communities:



**Goal 1:** Older adults' basic needs are met.



**Strengths**

- New housing developments
- Retirement-style housing
- Affordable and social housing
- Community support services
- Local Family Health Team
- Hospital services
- Medical clinics located in rural communities



**Challenges**

- Housing affordability
- Availability of appropriate housing options
- Housing design standards and accessibility
- Availability of primary care providers
- Availability of walk-in clinics
- Rural access to medical specialists
- Medical service quality and coordination
- In-home and respite care
- Mental health and addiction supports

Focus areas:



**Goal 3:** Older adults are supported to build and maintain relationships.



**Strengths**

- Parks and greenspace
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- City recreation facilities
- Library facilities
- Strong sense of community
- Celebrating older adults in the community



**Challenges**

- Amenities in parks
- Accessibility and perceived safety of public spaces
- Social isolation
- County recreation facilities
- Opportunities for intergenerational connection
- Customer service for those requiring accommodation
- Portrayal of older adults in the media

Focus areas:



**Goal 2:** Older adults are able to get around the community.



**Strengths**

- Active transportation
- Community-based driving services
- Courteous transit staff
- Accessibility of Peterborough Transit



**Challenges**

- Rural transportation options
- Maintenance of roads
- Sidewalk condition, availability, and accessibility
- Winter maintenance
- Parking accessibility and affordability
- Peterborough Transit service levels (including Handi-Van)
- Transportation to social events and activities

Focus areas:



**Goal 4:** Older adults have the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute.



**Strengths**

- Local volunteer culture
- Older adult engagement in governance
- Local government communications
- Local media
- Computer training programs
- Social groups and clubs



**Challenges**

- Volunteer coordination and support
- Engagement of older adults in the workforce
- Availability of retirement training and supports
- Access to health and social service information
- Accessibility of information
- Opportunities for continuing education

Focus areas:



Transportation



Housing



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings



Community Support & Health Services



Civic Participation & Employment



Communication & Information



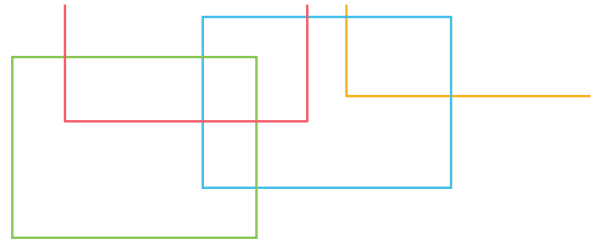
Social Participation



Respect & Social Inclusion

**Age-friendly Theme Areas**

# Community voices: Local highlights



"There is no public transportation in Bridgenorth that I am aware of, so if I am unable to drive due to age, I would have to sell my home and move."

-Survey respondent, Selwyn Township

"Awareness of services needs improvement."

-Focus group participant, Asphodel-Norwood

"Benches are needed in stores, shopping areas, and downtown."

-Focus group participant, Douro-Dummer

"I love the area. The people are friendly and helpful. My family lives close so they help a lot. My problem is affording lawn care and keeping up repairs on my home."

-Survey respondent, Cavan Monaghan

"A second retirement home was built in 2013, allowing people to remain in their community of choice."

-Focus group participant, Otonabee-South Monaghan

"I want to remain as physically active as I can. Active commuting and transportation is an excellent way to do this. Make it a priority."

-Survey Respondent, City of Peterborough

"Although our next step in accommodation would be a retirement home, it is entirely possible that there would eventually be a need for a long-term care facility. This is not available in HBM and there is already a significant need for such a facility."

-Survey respondent, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

"As long as Community Care is available I can stay in my own home."

-Survey respondent, North Kawartha

"We need our children to speak our language and speak it when they see our elders at any social gathering. This will show great respect for our elders and our culture. There's nothing like talking face to face. We must never forget who we are and where we come from."

-Survey respondent, Curve Lake First Nation

"Provide information about services such as local business activities and local farms. This could take place in a type of community fair, like the 'Home Show' in Norwood."

-Focus group participant, Asphodel-Norwood

"We treat our elderly community members with the respect they deserve at Hiawatha First Nation."

-Survey respondent, Hiawatha First Nation

"More doctors. I had a lot of difficulty finding one when I came here."

-Survey respondent, City of Peterborough

