



Action Plan

Prepared for:
Corporation of the Township of King
March 2026



With age comes
wisdom;

With wisdom comes
kindness;

With kindness
comes **friendship.**

The King Township Age-friendly
Action Plan is intended to help our
residents aged 55+ live their best life.



1. Introduction to Age-friendly Communities



Purpose of Action Plan

- Canada's older adults and seniors (55+) now outnumber youth and represent the fastest-growing population segment.
- In King Township, the 55+ population is projected to grow significantly in the coming decade.
- The Township of King is looking to ensure that its suite of policies and programs, along with its facilities and infrastructure, are aligned appropriately to support the needs of an ageing population.
- Municipal governments play a critical role in the health and well-being of their residents. Residents depend on their local governments to provide programs, services, and spaces that are accessible, inclusive, safe, and adaptive to all residents.
- This **Action Plan** is intended to formalize the commitments King Township will make to persons age 55+ and our intent to build a truly supportive, and inclusive **Age-friendly Community**.





What is an Age-friendly Community(AFC)?



World Health
Organization

GLOBALLY, AFCs encourage active ageing by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security to enhance the quality of life as people age.

~ WHO, *Age-friendly Cities*, 2007



IN ONTARIO, AFCs create more accessible physical and social spaces for people of all ages and abilities, particularly supporting older adults and those with disabilities to live independently, actively, and inclusively. AFC communities [in Ontario] respond to the challenges of an aging population by fostering safe, inclusive policies, programs, and services that enable contributions to community life while aligning with the province's accessibility goals.

~ Ministry for Seniors' & Accessibility



Age-friendly communities focus their efforts on policies and programs that support EIGHT (8) Community Domains

HOUSING



TRANSPORTATION



COMMUNICATION



COMMUNITY SUPPORT
& HEALTH SERVICES



RESPECT & INCLUSION



PARTICIPATION



SAFETY &
ACCESSIBILITY



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



Adapted from the World Health
Organization:



WHO Global Network
for Age-friendly Cities
and Communities



Age-friendly planning is the foundation for building *Complete Communities*

Age-friendly planning serves as the foundation for **Complete Communities**, emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility for all ages and abilities. In Ontario, the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024, provides a province-wide legal framework for municipal land use planning and infrastructure investment, guiding municipalities like King Township in creating complete communities.

King Township's approach integrates Age-friendly principles to address its unique rural and village contexts, aligning with the 2023-2026 King Township Corporate Strategic Plan, which identifies becoming an Age-friendly Community as a key goal. The Township has actively worked towards this through collaboration with municipal staff, the King AFC Advisory Committee, and local stakeholders, to gather information to develop the AFC Action Plan.



Policy Alignment

King Township recognizes that age-friendly housing outcomes are achieved through a range of regulatory, policy, and program-based tools, and that not all aspects of housing design and construction fall within municipal land use planning approval processes.

Certain age-friendly considerations, including community layout, connectivity, building siting, pedestrian safety, access to services, and housing form, are appropriately addressed through the Draft Plan of Subdivision process and Site Plan Control.

Other elements related to building construction, interior unit design, accessibility standards, and life safety features are governed primarily through the Ontario Building Code, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and other provincial or federal regulations. These elements are typically implemented through the building permit process or through senior government programs and funding mechanisms.

Accordingly, this Action Plan identifies the most appropriate implementation pathway for each action, whether through planning approvals, policy updates, advocacy, intergovernmental partnerships, or building level regulations. This approach ensures that age-friendly objectives are advanced in a manner that is consistent with legislative authority, best practices, and the respective roles of municipal, regional, provincial, and federal partners.



2. Stakeholder Feedback



Listening to the King Township Residents

When collecting insights for the action plan, King Township Council, staff, the Age-friendly steering committee, residents 55+ and external stakeholders were engaged.

We asked them what King Township is currently doing well, what 55+ residents feel need improvement, new ideas to consider and what an Age-friendly King Township means to the community.

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King Township Council

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King Township Staff

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King Township AFC Committee

496

Residents 55+ (Survey & Workshops)



Survey for King Township



urbanMetrics disseminated an online survey to the King Township community to better understand the needs, wants, and concerns about ageing in King Township.

The Survey was released online and was open from February to July of 2025. The survey received **452 responses**.

A wide range of questions were asked pertaining to all eight of the Age-friendly community Domains.





What We Heard From King Township Residents:

Shuttle to Events
Age in Place
Seating on Trails
Sense of Community
Public Transit
Accessibility
Bungalows
Affordable Housing
Downsizing
Email Newsletter
Sidewalk Safety
Volunteering
More Cycling Lanes



By the Numbers

The Survey provides a snapshot of how King Township's 55+ community acts and feels regarding the eight Age-friendly community domains.



17%

The share of 55+ King Township households that plan to move within the next 3 to 5 years.

36%

The share of 55+ households that plan to leave King Township.



13%

The share of 55+ residents who indicated a primary mode of travel other than driving.



12%

The share of 55+ residents that feel a weak sense of community belonging.

43%

The share of 55+ residents that feel their opinion is not valued in King Township.



50%

The share of King Township 55+ residents that want to receive Township information by email newsletter.

15%

The share of 55+ residents that want to receive Township information through Newspaper ads.



32%

The share of 55+ residents that intend to increase their rate of participation in local programs over the next 3 to 5 years.



74%

The share of 55+ residents that feel "younger than their actual age."

88%

Share of 55+ residents that indicated they are in good or very good physical health.



30%

The share of 55+ residents that volunteer somewhere in King.

48%

The share of volunteering 55+ residents that volunteer more than 3 hours a week.



48%

The share of 55+ residents that use parks, rinks, pools and trails to stay active.

52%

The share of 55+ residents that said they use civic centres, halls or arenas.

Top Issues That Need Solutions

HOUSING



Lack of bungalows/seniors housing

Lack of long-term care/assisted living housing options

Housing affordability

Community infrastructure should be completed prior to housing being built

TRANSPORTATION



Mobility services don't cover all of King Township

Lack of cycling lanes on major rural roads

Better public transit needed from Schomberg to rest of York Region

Lack of communication/awareness about transit options



RESPECT & INCLUSION

Need more community/seniors' social events

Seniors should be more involved in running the seniors' centre

There should be more "young" events for seniors

Some 55+ feel the Township talks "down" to the community



PARTICIPATION

Lack of brain engaging programs

More programs wanted in Nobleton & Schomberg

Need a list of volunteer opportunities for seniors to get out and be social

Lack of designated meeting places for seniors

Top Issues That Need Solutions (2)

COMMUNICATION



Less politics, more regular news in King Weekly

More & longer event advertisements

Lack of internet/cell service in rural areas

Lack of communication from councillors

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & HEALTH SERVICES



Need a walk-in clinic that does in home visits

Need a blood lab in King

Schomberg needs a walk-in clinic

More respite/caregiver support programs



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lack of active local events

Seniors' blast should be more readable/organized by area

Lack of joint seniors' events between King City, Schomberg & Nobleton

More programs to connect youth to seniors (high school volunteers, multigenerational family activities)



SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Need more seating along trails

Need to improve sidewalk conditions – fall hazard

Better lighting & more washrooms along trails/sidewalks

Building accessibility (automatic doors, ramps, seating, working elevators)

3. King Township Age-friendly Future





Age-friendly King Action Plan

What are we trying to
achieve?

1

Removing Barriers to
Participation

2

Strengthening Programs &
Supports

3

Enabling Healthy Ageing

4

Building Partnerships

5

Allocating Resources

Goals of the King Township Age-friendly Action Plan

What is King Township trying to achieve?

1. To remove barriers that limit participation among persons age 55+
2. To improve and update programs that address changing needs of King Township residents
3. To enable *Healthy Ageing* for all residents
4. To strengthen partnerships between the Township and local service providers and agencies that support the needs of residents
5. To allocate the necessary resources to support an ageing demographic



King Township's Vision

King Township is a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community that celebrates the diverse needs of all residents, regardless of age.

King residents are connected to their friends, family and neighbours through a range of programs, services, accessible public spaces, and a natural environment that promotes active-living, social engagement, respect, stewardship and life-long learning.





King Township's Age-friendly Community Values

The King Township will be guided by values that prioritize the health and well-being of residents throughout the Township.

As an Age-friendly community, King Township will develop policies and programs built upon:

- Collaboration
- Respect
- Inclusion
- Equity
- Empathy
- Accountability



4. Top Priorities for King Township



AFC PRIORITIES

King Township will:

1



HOUSING

Advance policies and programs that facilitate a diverse range of housing, including options suitable to the needs of 55+ residents across King Township.

2



MOBILITY

Advance policies and innovative funding partnerships that enable more transportation and mobility options for 55+ residents throughout all of King Township.

3



COMMUNICATION

Deliver robust communication and partnership materials that promote awareness and engagement in community programs, events and services among 55+ residents.

4



COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

Support and promote the expansion of Community Support & Health Services that deliver critical programs to 55+ residents, as well as their caregivers. This includes consideration of both traditional and holistic health care.

AFC PRIORITIES

King Township will (2):

5



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Provide resources and supports that connect 55+ residents with **meaningful volunteer and employment options** in King Township, increasing social engagement within the 55+ community.

6



SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Remove **barriers** and impediments that limit the use of Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings for residents with mobility challenges or safety concerns.

7



RESPECT & INCLUSION

Ensure that residents are **respected and included** in the decision-making process, and that their insights are valued.

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PARTICIPATION

Build, support and advocate for local programs that promote **social participation** with an emphasis on health, friendship, environmental stewardship and life-long learning.

5. Age-friendly Community Action Plan



1. HOUSING



Advance policies and programs that facilitate a diverse range of housing, including **options suitable to the needs of 55+ residents** across King Township.

1. Review and update the Official Plan and Zoning By-laws to better enable a diverse range of housing types that support aging in place and intergenerational living.
2. Develop a comprehensive Housing Strategy that evaluates current and projected housing needs across the continuum, with particular attention to older adults, caregivers, and multigenerational households. The Strategy should assess housing demand, affordability, and supply gaps by housing type, tenure, form, and location; establish clear targets for age-friendly and accessible housing; and identify priority actions to enable appropriate housing through planning, zoning, approvals, incentives, and partnerships. The Strategy should be informed by data analysis and meaningful engagement with older adults, service providers, housing advocates, and the development community, and will include an implementation and monitoring framework to track progress over time.
3. Engage directly with the housing industry, home builders and seniors housing providers to promote the benefits of developing affordable Age-friendly housing options, including apartment buildings, assisted living facilities and ground-oriented older-adult lifestyle communities.
4. Prepare a user-friendly checklist or guideline for staff, applicants, and decision makers to assess how development proposals support age-friendly principles.
5. Promote and build awareness of the existing Township of King Property Tax Deferral program, and other housing retrofit programs geared to eligible 55+ residents.
6. Develop and promote clear municipal information and communications to support additional residential units (ARUs) and multigenerational housing as options for aging in place.

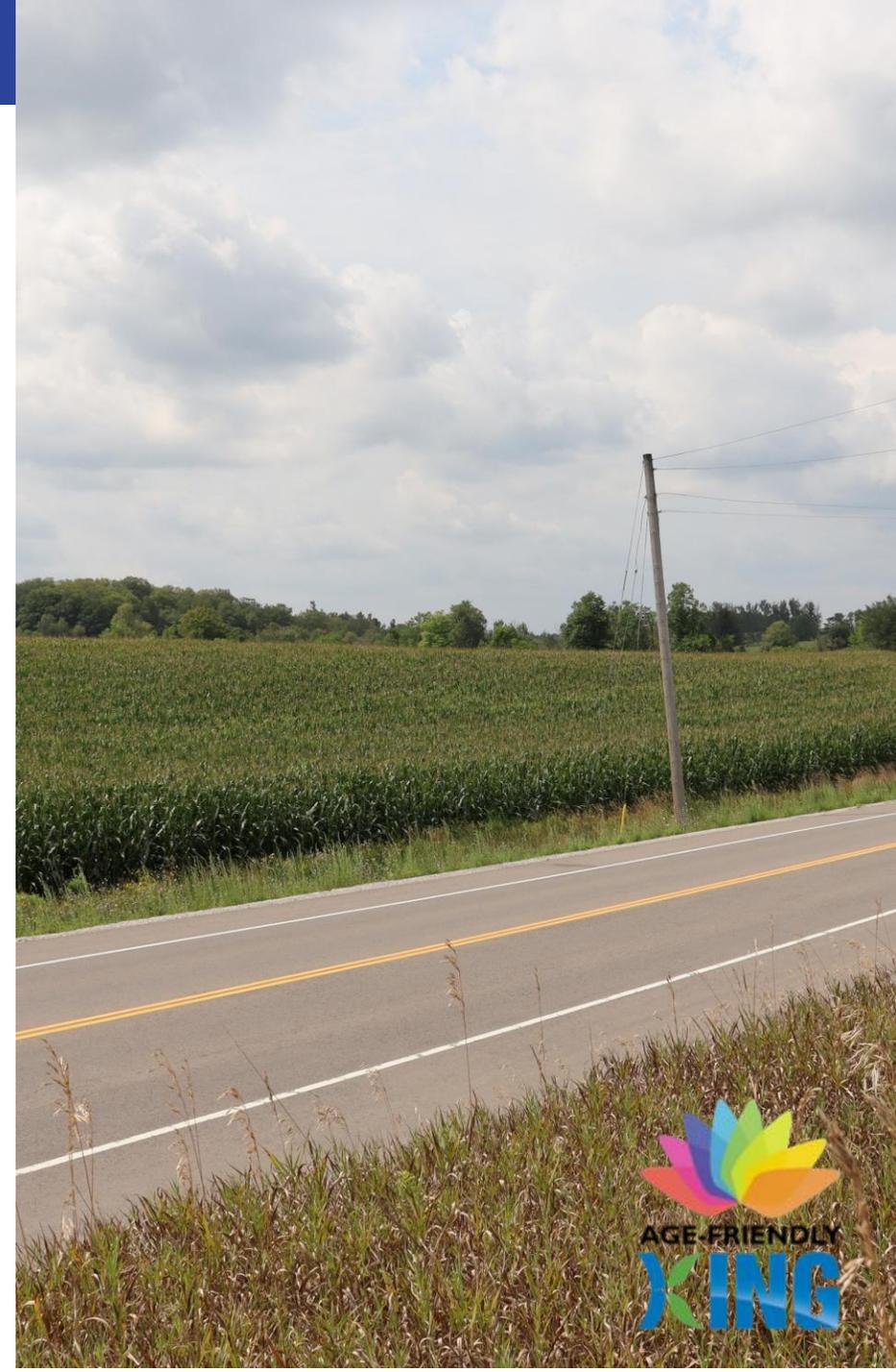


2. MOBILITY



Advance policies and innovative funding partnerships that enable **more transportation and mobility options** for 55+ residents throughout all of King Township.

1. Explore and expand, where feasible, local transportation service options, including public, private, and not-for-profit providers within King Township.
2. Work with existing community transportation partners (including York Region Transit's On-Request King service) to grow, expand and adapt the fleet of vehicles in operation to increase ridership, service-eligibility and service-coverage within King Township.
3. Identify rural roads which could have bicycle lanes added to increase safety for both 55+ and all other residents of King Township.
4. Provide ongoing advocacy to ensure that sidewalks, bicycle paths and pedestrian crossings are designed to support the needs of 55+ and persons with mobility challenges.
5. Work with York Region Police to develop and implement local training/information sessions, and road-safety programs geared to older adults which support and enable mobility on roads, sidewalks and trails.
6. Proactively advocate for increased traffic calming and signage programs that enhance community safety for pedestrians in residential neighbourhoods and key commercial nodes.
7. Through a comprehensive Zoning By law review, assess and update parking standards, including minimum requirements for accessible and barrier free parking in commercial, recreational, institutional, and civic spaces.

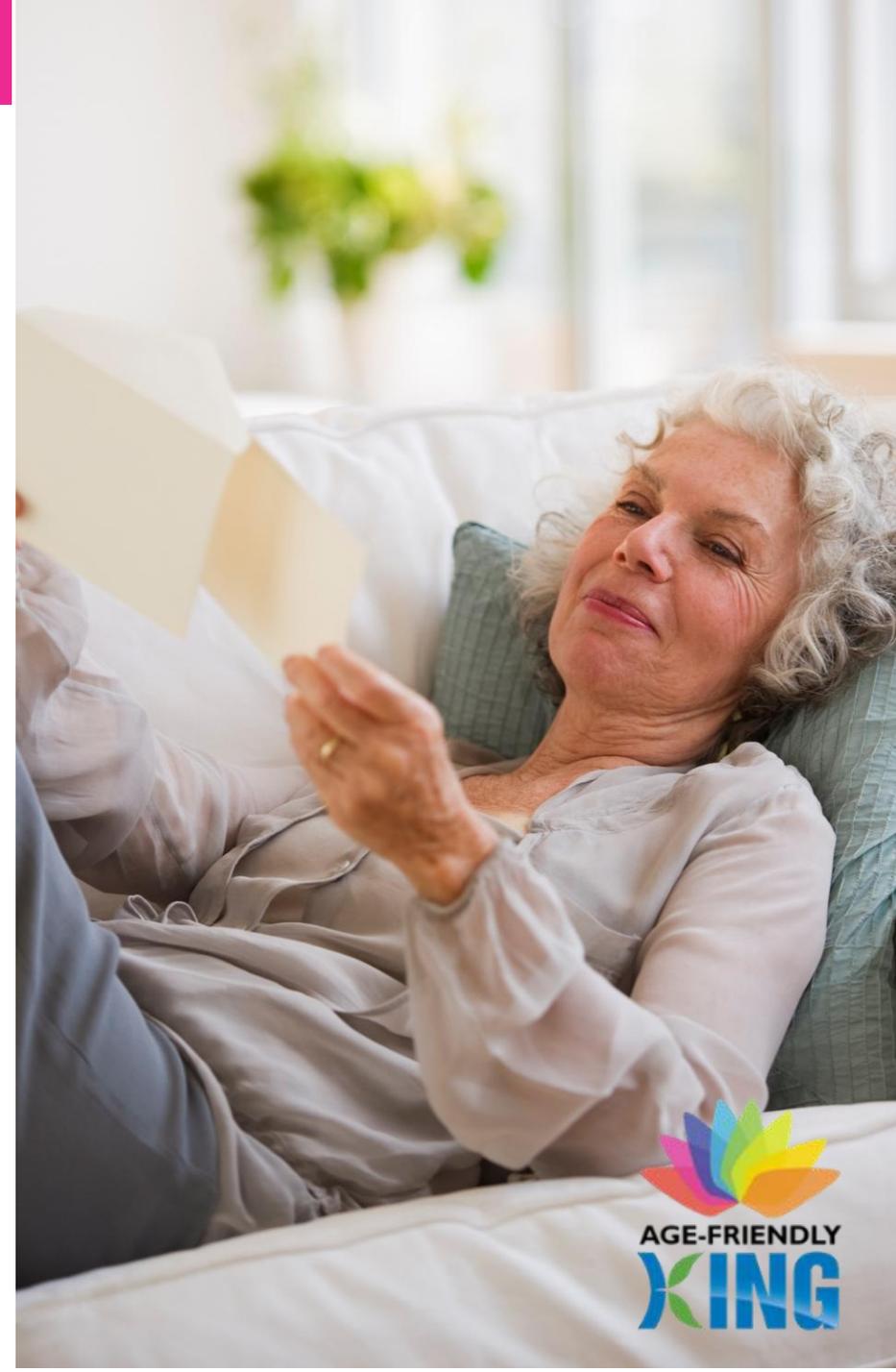


3. COMMUNICATIONS



Deliver robust communication and partnership materials that **promote awareness and engagement** in community programs, events and services among 55+ residents.

1. Deliver clear, concise, and timely information to support 55+ residents across King Township. Information will be available in formats that support AODA guidelines and requirements.
2. Continue to monitor the progress of YorkNet, and communicate updates with the 55+ community, including information on what is offered that could benefit seniors through the programming (e.g. tech support).
3. Expand and promote one-on-one and group training programs in conjunction with King Township Public Library and other service providers which support and empower Older Adults to improve their comfort with digital literacy, online connectivity, e-commerce, cybersecurity, ridesharing, e-health, e-learning and social/cultural connections.
4. Maintain, update, and grow partnerships and linkages with key advocacy groups, health and support services, local charities, faith groups, and not-for-profit community organizations.
5. Build the Age-friendly King brand in partnership with local community service providers, merchants, restaurants, community groups, faith groups and event organizers to promote and align the shared benefits of a community-wide commitment to Age-friendly goals and values.
6. Develop a Showcase that promotes the Age-Friendly King approach and brand across sectors serving residents aged 55+, with continued visibility through outreach at local community events and programs.



4. COMMUNITY SUPPORT & HEALTH SERVICES



Support and promote the expansion of Community Support & Health Services that deliver **critical programs** to 55+ residents, as well as their caregivers. This includes consideration of both traditional and holistic health care.

1. Maintain collaborative partnerships with key Community Support and Health Service providers across King Township and the Western York Region Ontario Health Team (OHT) to ensure that program modifications, service gaps and information updates are proactively addressed.
2. Ensure that local Community Support and Health Services are provided support in terms of facilities and transportation requirements.
3. Promote and amplify the vital work carried out by Community Support and Health Service providers through formal and informal recognition programs implemented by the Township.
4. Collaborate with local businesses, health service agencies and other community-program providers to identify innovative ways that the Township of King can help improve operating conditions or other day-to-day challenges in the delivery of their service mandates.
5. Advocate for increased preventative and remedial health services and programs designed to mitigate the impacts of social isolation and loneliness.



5. RESPECT & INCLUSION



Ensure that residents are **respected and included** in the decision-making process, and that their insights are valued.

1. Build on and enhance current annual award program(s) to fully recognize the individual efforts and contributions of 55+ residents, caregivers, program leaders and volunteers that reflect the AFC values enshrined in this Plan. Develop and promote annual recognition awards for older adults in King. Celebrate the efforts of individuals and groups doing exceptional work in the community. Canvas feedback from award recipients for consideration in corporate planning.
2. Create a bi-monthly “spotlight series” on an older adult resident that is making a difference in their community (e.g. as a volunteer, or expert) or has achieved unique accolades or quiet recognition within their daily or professional life (e.g. as a teacher, mentor, community advocate, etc.) to inspire a new generation of local leaders.
3. Develop inter-generational skill-sharing and volunteer-based programs that bring together local youth and 55+ residents for companionship and mentorship.
4. Ensure the Township has appropriate protocols in place to ensure that all service interactions between Township Staff and the public fulfill the core expectations with respect to heritage, diversity, equity and inclusion.
5. Provide volunteer and employment linkages that connect like-minded individuals and organizations serving the needs and interests of 55+ residents, particularly those vulnerable to social isolation.



6. PARTICIPATION



Build, support and advocate for local programs that promote **social participation** with an emphasis on health, friendship, environmental stewardship and life-long learning.

1. Enhance and promote Age-friendly health, fitness, social and recreational programming within all King Township-owned facilities and outdoor spaces.
2. Ensure that a range of programs are being offered which tailor to both physical and mental engagement of 55+ residents in King Township.
3. Support program development and expansion for 55+ residents in Schomberg and Nobleton to ensure all King Township Residents have access to programming.
4. Monitor provincial and federal grant programs to ensure that King Township can fully leverage funding opportunities for the growth and expansion of programs and facilities that improve the Town's position as an Age-friendly community.
5. Provide on-going support and guidance to the Staff, Volunteers and Board at the King senior spaces to ensure facilities are adequately resourced to accommodate a growing base of active users.
6. Work with local resident groups to create comfortable and inclusive spaces which enable social participation among friends and neighbours, including accessible spaces that support active and passive recreation such as table games, lunch and learns, book-clubs, talking circles, etc.



7. SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY



Remove barriers and impediments that limit the use of **Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings** for residents with mobility challenges or safety concerns.

1. Promote and enable easy access for community support services and other social entrepreneurs to leverage Township of King-owned spaces for the delivery of programming and events geared to 55+ residents.
2. Distribute AFC King-branded high-visibility vests, pet gear and other personal safety items to residents 55+ to promote mobility and community safety.
3. Apply an age-friendly and accessibility focused planning and design lens to all development applications, so that site design, circulation, and connections support safe and inclusive pedestrian and active transportation environments.
4. Work with local advisory groups and local police departments to identify areas within King Township's network of trails, parks and open space that are problematic in terms of accessibility, safety and comfort.
5. Work with the King Township business community to build momentum around Age-friendly goals and values focusing on businesses that serve the general public, including shops, restaurants, salons, medical and dental clinics and other personal services.
6. Explore and expand, where feasible, a snow and ice removal program that provides support and/or financial assistance to enable eligible homeowners, including 55+ residents with compromised health conditions, and individuals providing home-based supports, to safely access private driveways, stairs, and walkways during various winter weather events.



8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Provide resources and supports that connect 55+ residents with **meaningful volunteer and employment options** in King Township, increasing social engagement within the 55+ community.

1. Promote diverse, multi-generational representation on all community-based boards, committees, task forces and citizen advisory groups.
2. Promote the importance of volunteerism and community service to all residents of King Township, especially youth and older adults.
3. Collaborate with local employment and skills-training agencies to build programs that enable older adults to access meaningful and gainful employment inside King Township.
4. Canvass local agencies and businesses to nominate dedicated staff, volunteers and employers that contribute to King Township's Age-friendly ideals.



6. AFC Action Plan Implementation





Advance policies and programs that facilitate a diverse range of housing, including options suitable to the needs of 55+ residents across King Township.

Timing		Costs (Est.)
Ongoing:	Already Underway	N/A : covered by existing Township Staff and budgets \$: Low Cost (up \$30,000 - \$100,000) \$\$: Medium Cost (\$30,000 - \$100,000) \$\$\$: High Cost (+\$100,000)
Immediate:	2026- 2027	
Short:	2028 – 2029	
Medium:	2030 – 2031	
Long:	2032 - 2035	

Age-friendly Actions	Timing	Tools & Assets	Lead(s)	External Partners	Costs	Annual KPI
1.1) Review and update the Official Plan and Zoning By-laws to better enable a diverse range of housing types that support aging in place and intergenerational living.	Short	TOK Planning Tools (Official Plan, Zoning by-laws, CIPs, etc.)	PLA - FIN - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York Region Province 	\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of new housing units or housing types enabled annually because of OP or Zoning By-law changes that support aging in place or intergenerational living
1.2) Develop a comprehensive Housing Strategy that evaluates current and projected housing needs across the continuum, with particular attention to older adults, caregivers, and multigenerational households. The Strategy should assess housing demand, affordability, and supply gaps by housing type, tenure, form, and location; establish clear targets for age-friendly and accessible housing; and identify priority actions to enable appropriate housing through planning, zoning, approvals, incentives, and partnerships. The Strategy should be informed by data analysis and meaningful engagement with older adults, service providers, housing advocates, and the development community, and will include an implementation and monitoring framework to track progress over time.	Medium	TOK website Bids & Tenders, Newspaper Notices	PLA - FIN - CS - BMLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private landowners York Region Province Govt of Canada CMHC 	\$\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD
1.3) Engage directly with the housing industry, home builders and seniors housing providers to promote the benefits of developing affordable Age-friendly housing options, including apartment buildings, assisted living facilities and ground-oriented older-adult lifestyle communities.	Short	TOK Website Meetings Webinars Event sponsorships	OCAO - M&C - CS - PLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMHC BILD GTA AdvantAge Ontario SenbridGe 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of new units proposed No. of new units completed
1.4) Prepare a user-friendly checklist or guideline for staff, applicants, and decision makers to assess how development proposals support age-friendly principles.	Short	TOK Planning Tools York Region Housing & Homelessness Plan	PLA - CS - BMLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMHC Province York Region Private Landowners 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of Planning Reports to decision makers that explicitly reference the age-friendly checklist/guideline and summarize outcomes
1.5) Promote and build awareness of the existing Township of King Township Property Tax Deferral program, and other housing retrofit programs geared to eligible 55+ residents.	Ongoing	TOK Website Events	CS - FIN		\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of page views No. of applications received No. of rebates issued Value of rebates issued
1.6) Develop and promote clear municipal information and communications to support additional residential units (ARUs) and multigenerational housing as options for aging in place.	Ongoing	TOK Website CIP Grant Program	PLA - CS - ES - OCAO - BMLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMHC 	\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of applications Value of Grant provided





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Age-friendly Actions	Timing	Tools & Assets	Lead(s)	External Partners	Costs	Annual KPI
2.1) Explore and expand, where feasible, local transportation service options, including public, private, and not-for-profit providers within King Township.	Short	Transportation Master Plan (TMP)	ES - CS - PLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GO Transit York Region Transit 	\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New service options Increase in daily ridership Increase in daily capacity
2.2) Work with existing community transportation partners (including York Region Transit Services) to grow, expand and adapt the fleet of vehicles in operation to increase ridership, eligibility and service coverage within King Township.	Short	TMP	ES - CS - PLA - FIN - PUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GO Transit York Region Transit 	\$\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in daily ridership Increase in daily capacity TOK subsidy/KM
2.3) Identify rural roads which could have bicycle lanes added to increase safety for both 55+ residents and all other residents of King Township.	Immediate	TOK Transportation Master Plan Meetings Consultation	PUB - M&C - FIN - ES - PLA - OCAO		\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Incidents No. of Fatalities
2.4) Provide ongoing advocacy to ensure that sidewalks, bicycle paths and pedestrian crossings, especially high-volume intersections with regional roads, are designed to support the needs of 55+ residents and persons with mobility challenges.	Ongoing	TMP AFC Steering Committee Accessibility Cmte.	PUB - M&C - ES - PLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region Local Cycling Advocacy Groups King Resident Associations 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Crosswalk upgrades No. of bike path km added No. of complaints received
2.5) Work with York Region Police to develop and implement local training/information sessions, and road-safety programs geared to older adults which support and enable mobility on roads, sidewalks and trails.	Short	TOK Facilities TOK Website	PUB - CS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York Region Police King City Seniors Centre 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of sessions held No. of persons enrolled
2.6) Proactively advocate for increased traffic calming and signage programs that enhance community safety for pedestrians in residential neighbourhoods and key commercial nodes.	Ongoing	TMP TOK Planning Tools	PUB - ES - PLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Township Resident Associations 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Incidents No. of Fatalities
2.7) Through a comprehensive Zoning By law review, assess and update parking standards, including minimum requirements for accessible and barrier free parking in commercial, recreational, institutional, and civic spaces.	Short	TOK Planning Tools TMP	PLA - ES - CS - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Township Chamber of Commerce 	\$\$- \$\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Converted Parking Spaces





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Age-friendly Actions	Timing	Tools & Assets	Lead(s)	External Partners	Costs	Annual KPI
3.1) Deliver clear, concise, and timely information to support 55+ residents across King Township. Information will be available in translated and available in formats that support AODA guidelines and requirements.	Ongoing	ServiceKING Rec. Customer Service TOK Website TOK e-Notification Social Media/Print Ads Monthly AFC Newsletter 211 Ontario TOK Bi-Weekly Newsletter	CS - M&C - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Media All CSPs 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 55+ social media engagement with TOK profiles No. of 55+ notification subscribers No. of 55+ notification unsubscribers
3.2) Continue to monitor the progress of YorkNet, and communicate updates with the 55+ community, including information on what is offered that could benefit seniors through the programming (e.g. Tech support).	Ongoing	ServiceKING Rec. Customer Service TOK Website TOK e-Notification Social Media/Print Ads Monthly AFC Newsletter	CORPS - M&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York Region 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Survey of resident satisfaction
3.3) Expand and promote one-on-one and group training programs in conjunction with King Township Public Library and other service providers which support and empower Older Adults to improve their comfort with digital literacy, online connectivity, e-commerce, cybersecurity, ridesharing, e-health, e-learning and social/cultural connections.	Short	ServiceKING Rec. Customer Service TOK, CPL Website TOK e-Notification Social Media/Print Ads Monthly AFC Newsletter	CS - KPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York Region District School Board York Catholic School Board 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of +55 Registrations
3.4) Maintain, update, and grow partnerships and linkages with key advocacy groups, health and support services, local charities, faith groups, and not-for-profit community organizations.	Ongoing	AFC Database of King Township Community Service Providers (CSPs)	CS - M&C - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CSPs King Township Community Services 211 Ontario 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of new CSPs added to AFC database
3.5) Build the Age-friendly King brand in partnership with local community service providers, merchants, restaurants, community groups, faith groups and event organizers to promote and align the shared benefits of a community-wide commitment to Age-friendly goals and values.	Short	AFC Logo AFC Values & Action Plan TOK Ec. Dev. Strategy 2024-2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors	CS -M&C - KPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CSPs King Township Chamber of Commerce 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of entities participating in AFC partnership program
3.6) Develop a Showcase that promotes the Age-Friendly King approach and brand across sectors serving residents aged 55+, with continued visibility through outreach at local community events and programs.	Ongoing	AFC Logo AFC Values & Action Plan TOK Facilities	CS - M&C - KPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King City Seniors Centre FES OPP All CSPs 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Registrations No. of Exhibitors



Support and promote the expansion of Community Support & Health Services that deliver **critical programs** to 55+ residents, as well as their caregivers. This includes consideration of both traditional and holistic health care.

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Ongoing:	Already Underway	N/A : covered by existing Township Staff and budgets
Immediate:	2026- 2027	\$: Low Cost (up \$30,000)
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Age-friendly Actions	Timing	Tools	Lead(s)	External Partner	Costs	Annual KPI
4.1) Maintain collaborative partnerships with key Community Support and Health Service providers across King Township and the Western Ontario Health Team (OHT) to ensure that program modifications, service gaps and information updates are proactively addressed.	Ongoing	AFC database of CSPs TOK Website Monthly/Quarterly Meetings	CS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western York Region OHT All CSPs York Region 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of meetings No of initiatives launched
4.2) Ensure that local Community Support and Health Services are provided support in terms of facilities and transportation requirements.	Ongoing	TOK Facilities TOK Libraries	CS - KPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CSPs York Region Western York Region OHT 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of CSPs requests supported by TOK staff
4.3) Promote and amplify the vital work carried out by Community Support and Health Service providers through formal and informal recognition programs implemented by the Township.	Short	TOK Website Social Media Press Releases	CS - M&C - CORPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CSPs 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of people/agencies recognized
4.4) Collaborate with local businesses, health service agencies and other community-program providers to identify innovative ways that the Township of King can help improve operating conditions or other day-to-day challenges in the delivery of their service mandates.	Medium	Annual Workshops	CS - M&C - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CSPs Chamber of Commerce 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of participants No. of support requests
4.5) Advocate for increased preventative and remedial health services and programs designed to mitigate the impacts of social isolation and loneliness.	Short	All front-line workers	CS - M&C - FES - BMLES - KPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western York Region OHT All CSPs Federal Government York Region Utility Companies 	\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of individuals identified

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Ensure that residents are **respected and included** in the decision-making process, and that their insights are valued.

Timing		Costs (Est.)
Ongoing:	Already Underway	N/A : covered by existing Township Staff and budgets
Immediate:	2026- 2027	\$: Low Cost (up \$30,000)
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Age-friendly Actions	Timing	Tools & Assets	Lead(s)	External Partners	Costs	Annual KPI
5.1) Build on and enhance current annual award program(s) to fully recognize the individual efforts and contributions of 55+ residents, caregivers, program leaders and volunteers that reflect the AFC values enshrined in this Plan. Develop and promote annual recognition awards for older adults in King. Celebrate the efforts of individuals and groups doing exceptional work in the community. Canvas feedback from award recipients for consideration in corporate planning.	Short	AFC Brand AFC Database of CSPs AFC Newsletter Local Media Social Media Community Recognition Night	CS - M&C - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Media King City Seniors Centre All CSPs King Service Clubs 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Awards issued Increased Awareness and involvement
5.2) Create a bi-monthly “spotlight series” on an older adult King resident that is making a difference in their community (e.g. as a volunteer, or expert) or has achieved unique accolades or quiet recognition within their daily or professional life (e.g. as a teacher, mentor, community advocate, etc.) to inspire a new generation of local leaders.	Short	AFC Brand Age-friendly Steering Committee AFC Newsletter	CS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Media King City Seniors Centre All CSPs King Service Clubs 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Profiles published
5.3) Develop inter-generational skill-sharing and volunteer-based programs that bring together local youth and 55+ residents for companionship and mentorship.	Short	Age-friendly Steering Committee TOK Facilities TOK Website Social Media	CS - KPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York Region District School Board York Catholic School Board King City Seniors Centre 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of relations established
5.4) Ensure the Township has appropriate protocols in place to ensure that all service interactions between Township Staff and the public fulfill the core expectations with respect to heritage, diversity, equity and inclusion.	Short	Diversity Equity Inclusion Plan	CS - OCAO - M&C - CORPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CSPs Regional Diversity Roundtable 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Formal Complaints
5.5) Provide volunteer and employment linkages that connect like-minded individuals and organizations serving the needs and interests of 55+ residents, particularly those vulnerable to social isolation.	Ongoing	TOK Facilities TOK Website Social Media	CS - CORPS - KPL - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Service Clubs King Community Services Meals on Wheels 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of volunteer hours logged at four largest TOK events each year



6. PARTICIPATION ACTION PLAN



Build, support and advocate for local programs that promote **social participation** with an emphasis on health, friendship, environmental stewardship and life-long learning.

Timing		Costs (Est.)
Ongoing:	Already Underway	N/A : covered by existing Township Staff and budgets \$: Low Cost (up \$30,000) \$\$: Medium Cost (\$30,000 - \$100,000) \$\$\$: High Cost (+\$100,000)
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Age-friendly Actions	Timing	Tools & Assets	Lead(s)	External Partners	Costs	Annual KPI
6.1) Enhance and promote Age-friendly health, fitness, social and recreational programming within all King Township-owned facilities and outdoor spaces.	Ongoing	TOK Website TOK Facilities King City Seniors Centre AFC Brand AFC Newsletter	CORPS - CS - KPL	• King City Seniors Centre	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of 55+ Registrations No. of 55+ Programs No. of Membership Sales
6.2) Ensure that a range of programs are being offered which tailor to both physical and mental engagement of 55+ residents in King Township.	Immediate	AFC Survey Results TOK Registration Data	CS -CORPS -FIN	None	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrations growth 55+.
6.3) Support program development and expansion for 55+ residents in Schomberg and Nobleton to ensure all King Township Residents have access to programming.	Immediate	AFC Brand TOK Website TOK Facilities	CS -CORPS -FIN	• All Community Service Partners	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of novel programs est. No. of Novel Program Registrations
6.4) Monitor provincial and federal grant programs to ensure that King Township can fully leverage funding opportunities for the growth and expansion of programs and facilities that improve the Town’s position as an Age-friendly community.	Ongoing	TOK Staff	CORPS - FIN - M&C - OCAO - CS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Province Federal 	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of grants pursued No. of grants awarded
6.5) Provide on-going support and guidance to the Staff, Volunteers and Board at the King senior spaces to ensure facilities are adequately resourced to accommodate a growing base of active users.	Ongoing	TOK Website King City Seniors Centre AFC Brand	CS - FIN - CORPS	• King City Seniors Centre	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memberships growth No. of volunteers Avg daily visitation
6.6) Work with local resident groups to create comfortable and inclusive spaces to support social participation among friends and neighbours, including accessible spaces that support passive recreation such as table games, lunch and learns, book-clubs, talking circles, etc.	Medium	TOK Facilities Age-friendly Steering Committee Accessibility Advisory Cmte.	CS - CORPS - FIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Resident Associations King Service Clubs King City Seniors Centre 	\$\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of active projects No. of projects complete





Remove barriers and impediments that limit the use of **Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings** for residents with mobility challenges or safety concerns.

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Ongoing:	Already Underway	N/A: covered by existing Township Staff and budgets \$: Low Cost (up \$30,000) \$\$: Medium Cost (\$30,000 - \$100,000) \$\$\$: High Cost (+\$100,000)
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Age-friendly Actions	Timing	Tools & Assets	Lead(s)	External Partners	Costs	Annual KPI
7.1) Promote and enable easy access for community support services and other social entrepreneurs to leverage Township of King-owned spaces for the delivery of programming and events geared to 55+ residents.	Short	TOK Facilities TOK Website AFC Newsletter Age-friendly Steering Committee	CS - FIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CSP Chamber of Commerce 	\$	• No. of User Agreements
7.2) Distribute AFC King-branded high-visibility vests, pet gear and other personal safety items to residents 55+ to promote mobility and community safety.	Short	Age-friendly Steering Committee AFC Brand	CORPS - CS - PLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local businesses Hiking, Trails, Biking Clubs 	\$\$	• No. of Merch distributed
7.3) Apply an age-friendly and accessibility focused planning and design lens to all development applications, so that site design, circulation, and connections support safe and inclusive pedestrian and active transportation environments.	Ongoing	TOK Planning Tools TOK Transportation Master Plan	PLA - ES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York Region King Resident Associations 	NA	None
7.4) Work with local advisory groups and local police departments to identify areas within King Township’s network of trails, parks and open space that are problematic in terms of accessibility, safety and comfort.	Short	Age-friendly Steering Committee Accessibility Advisory Committee	CS - PUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> York Region Police TRCA Trails/Hiking/Nature Clubs 	\$	• No. of problems identified
7.5) Work with the King Township business community to build momentum around Age-friendly goals and values focusing on businesses that serve the general public, including: shops, restaurants, salons, medical and dental clinics and other personal services.	Short	AFC Brand TOK Website Age-friendly Steering Committee TOK Ec. Dev. Strategy	OCAO - CORPS - M&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Chamber of Commerce 	\$\$	• No. of AFC- business enrolments
7.6) Explore and expand, where feasible, a snow and ice removal program that provides support and/or financial assistance to enable eligible homeowners, including 55+ residents with compromised health conditions, and individuals providing home-based supports, to safely access private driveways, stairs, and walkways during various winter weather events.	Ongoing	Age-friendly Steering Committee TOK Website AFC Newsletter TOK Social Media TOK Facilities	CS - M&C - PUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snow Angels Canada York Region District School Board York Catholic School Board 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of volunteers engaged Amount of time/ resources donated No. of addresses registered





Provide resources and supports that connect 55+ residents with **meaningful volunteer and employment options** in King Township, increasing social engagement within the 55+ community.

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8.1) Promote diverse, multi-generational representation on all community-based boards, committees, task forces and citizen advisory groups.	Immediate	TOK Website TOK Social Media TOK Inclusion Charter Age-friendly Steering Committee	CORPS - OCAO - M&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All King Township Residents All School Boards All CSPs 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of under 20 board members No. of over 65 board members
8.2) Promote the importance of volunteerism and community service to all residents of King Township, especially youth and older adults.	Immediate	TOK Website TOK Social Media Age-friendly Steering Committee	CORPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All King Township Residents All School Boards All CSPs York Region 	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Social Media posts on Volunteer-related content
8.3) Collaborate with local employment and skills-training agencies to build programs that enable older adults to access meaningful and gainful employment inside King Township.	Short	TOK Website TOK Ec.Dev. Strategy	CS - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Township Community Services Workforce Planning Board of York Region 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment rates Participation rates
8.4) Canvass local agencies and businesses to nominate dedicated staff, volunteers and employers that contribute to King Township’s Age-friendly ideals.	Short	TOK Website	CORPS - M&C - OCAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All School Boards All CSPs 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of nominations received

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7. AFC Action Plan Conclusion



Where does King Township go from here?

Being an Age-friendly community is a commitment that involves each and everyone of us.

Through this Action Plan King Township will provide leadership, communication, accessible spaces, and policy solutions that strengthen the bonds between residents, community support services and the physical and natural environment.

King Township will act as a collaborative partner and resource for residents, businesses, healthcare providers and community-based organizations that are committed to the well-being of all citizens.

But the Township can't do this alone. We need change agents – friendly people, just like you.

Help us build a more welcoming, inclusive and barrier-free community. When you see the Age-friendly King logo, you know you have come to the right place.



We are interested in starting Yoga. Where can we find a good class with like-minded individual?

Stay Active



We want to put our tech-savvy to better use. How do we get involved in our community?

Get Involved



People really love my coffee shop. How can I make it more accessible ?

Be Inclusive



I want to share my knowledge and wisdom with young people. Where can I help?

Make a Difference





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