



## Highlights of the Aging-friendly Community Survey

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1. The survey was completed by 60 respondents:
  - Received responses from all older adult cohorts between age 55 to 84, and also some from under age 55; and
  - 73% women, 27% men.
2. Staying in one's own house is the most common **anticipated type of housing needed** (55%) in the future as people age; second and third are assisted living (30%) and smaller dwelling (25%).
3. Believing that the type of **housing needed as one ages will be available** is split evenly three ways between agree, disagree, and don't know.
4. Light yard work (63%) tops the chart on the type of **support needed to age in one's own home**, followed by light housekeeping (56%) and transportation (54%).
5. A majority of 61% disagrees that **supports needed to age** in one's own home are readily available.
6. Majority of 61%, agree they are able to **comfortably get around** Midway without the use of a private automobile.
7. Sixty-nine percent disagreed that **safe and comfortable sidewalks** and trails are available where they want to go.
8. Where safe and comfortable sidewalks and trails are **not available**:
  - almost all roads have no sidewalks
  - crossing Hwy. 3
  - parks
  - need benches
  - Florence 'sidewalk' feels like a bike lane, doesn't feel safe
  - Post Office area needs better access
  - need automatic door openers at library, community hall, library
9. Facility or business that are **not readily accessible to older adults using mobility devices**:
  - doors of all public buildings are not easy to open
  - no accessible public washrooms

- King of King's church
  - Ace Hardware, grocery store, insurance office
  - grocery store aisles too crowded and narrow
  - community hall
  - no suitable nature trails for people with mobility issues
10. Majority of 65% are members of **voluntary organizations** or associations: 43% participate at least once a week; 27% participate at least monthly.
  11. Majority of 59% of those who had an opinion on **employment opportunity** say there are not adequate employment opportunities for seniors.
  12. Thirty-seven percent didn't believe they had enough '**say**' in **local government decisions**; 33% agreed that they did, and 31% didn't know. Of those who didn't agree, they offered the following on how they could have more say in local government decisions:
    - access to buildings where meetings are held
    - more clarity on council minutes, possibly in newsletter
    - appreciation expressed for survey
    - listen
  13. A majority of 69% agree that the village provides **information** needed in an easy-to-use form. Those who didn't agree suggested how information could be easier to use:
    - direct delivery to Parkview manor
    - publish events in newsletter
  14. The **most** age friendly aspect of living in Midway is social participation (50%), exceeding all other aspects by a margin of 2 to 1.
  15. The **least** age-friendly aspects of living in Midway are transportation (76%), housing (41%), and infrastructure/built environment (37%)
  16. Additional comments:
    - lack of handicap accessibility limits ability to participate socially
    - inter-community bus service
    - lack of amenities
    - no bank
    - need washroom in McMynn park
    - need to attract young families