

A survey of the housing needs of area residents 60 and older

Dear Resident,

Supporting the building of seniors' housing is a priority for all town councils in our area. There is a range of possible options for seniors' housing, including:

- rental units with no services for independent living
- shared housing with supportive living services
- affordable housing for those on a limited income
- large-scale residential rentals with a suite of services.

To identify the types of projects that will be the most appropriate for the seniors of the area, we need to get a sense of your needs, your preferences, and what's important to you. The survey is being conducted by Deep River's Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) and the municipalities of Laurentian Hills; Head, Clara and Maria; and Rapides-des-Joachims.

Even if you are not planning to stay in the area, or have little interest in seniors' housing, please consider filling out the survey. Some questions are directed to you, and we need to hear from as many people as possible.

The survey is restricted to one per household. To keep responses anonymous, please do not identify yourself.

Feel free to use the space in the margins to make additional comments, making sure that your writing is easy to read. Your ideas are important to us.

Returning the survey: You may return the survey to:

- the Municipal Office
- Chalk River Public Library
- Laurentian Hills Public Library

Please return the survey by the end of Wednesday, June 17.

This survey is about your future. Thank you for participating.

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If you prefer to fill the survey out online, please go to
<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/2158258/Seniors-Housing-Survey>

Please note that you will need to complete the survey in one sitting. The survey software detects repeat submissions from single IP addresses. The second and any subsequent submissions from an IP address will be deleted.

Series of housing articles in the *North Renfrew Times*

The HAC recently partnered with the *North Renfrew Times* in publishing a series of articles on different housing options and models for seniors that other towns have successfully built, including independent and supportive living in Pinawa, affordable housing in East Ferris and Corbeil, apartments for independent living funded by life leases, and shared housing with meals included in Durham.

Interesting, informative, and maybe even inspiring, these articles can be downloaded as PDFs from the Housing Advisory Committee webpage at:
<http://www.deepriver.ca/projects/housing-advisory-committee/>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

For each question, please **select the option or fill in the blank** that describes your situation or opinion. **Do not select more than one option unless invited to do so.** To keep the survey anonymous, please do not identify yourself.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Q1. What town or municipality do you live in? _____

Q2. What is your age group? If you are part of a couple, please indicate the age group of your partner or spouse.

	You	Your partner/spouse
60 – 64 years		
65 – 69 years		
70 – 74 years		
75 – 79 years		
80 years and over		

Q3. Do you live alone? Yes No

Q4. If you live with someone else, do you live with (select all that apply):

- my spouse or partner
- a child (young or adult) or grandchild
- another relation
- a friend
- other

Q5. What category best describes your gross total household income from all sources – before deductions – last year? (Remember: this survey is anonymous.)

- less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 – \$25,000
- \$25,001 – \$50,000
- \$50,001 – \$75,000
- \$75,001 – \$100,000
- \$100,000 – \$150,000
- more than \$150,000

Q6. Do you own or rent your current home? (circle one)

own rent

Q7. Do you have or need any of the following in your home (select all that apply):

	Have	Need	Don't have and don't need
at least one entry with only one or no steps			
ramped entrance instead of or in addition to steps			
front door wide enough for wheelchair passage (at least 32" clear)			
bathroom door wide enough for wheelchair passage (at least 32" clear)			
room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in the bathroom			
room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in the kitchen			
grab rails near the tub or shower			
grab rails near the toilet			
a washroom on the main floor			
a lifting device between floors			

Q8. Overall, how do you feel about your current housing situation?

- very satisfied
 dissatisfied
 satisfied
 very dissatisfied
 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

HOUSING PREFERENCES

Q9. Do you need or want to live in seniors' housing at this time? ****By this we mean housing with supportive services available such as meals, housekeeping, and social activities.**

- Yes – please go to question 19.
 No – please go to the next question.

Q10. **If you answered no:** if seniors' housing (housing with supportive services available such as meals, housekeeping, and social activities) were available, do you think you might want to move to it in the future?

- Yes
 No

Q11. If you needed supportive services such as meals, housekeeping, and mobility assistance in the future, would you prefer to stay in your current home and receive those services there?

- Yes
 No

Q12. If you might move to seniors' housing (housing with supportive services available such as meals, housekeeping, and social activities) in the future, when is that likely to be?

- within 1 to 2 years
- 3 – 5 years
- 6 – 10 years
- over 10 years

Q13. If you are thinking about moving to other housing in Deep River or in the area that is *not* seniors' housing (that does *not* include any supportive services), would you rather:

- rent
- own

Q14. **If you prefer to own**, what kind and what size of home would you look for? (select all that apply)

- condominium
- bungalow
- multi-storey or split level
- 1,000 square feet or less
- 1,001 to 2,000 square feet
- more than 2,000 square feet

Q15. **If you prefer to own**, what is your price range?

- \$175,000 or less
- \$175,001 – \$250,000
- more than \$250,000
- it depends on how much I can sell my current house for

Q16. **If you prefer to rent**, which would you prefer?

- bungalow
- multi-storey or split-level house
- apartment in a multi-unit building

Q17. **If you prefer to rent**, how many bedrooms do you need?

- one bedroom
- two bedrooms
- three or more bedrooms

Q18. **If you prefer to rent**, about how much can you pay per month (not including utilities):

- \$750 or less
- \$751 – \$1,000
- \$1,001 – \$1,350
- \$1,351 – \$1,500
- \$1,501 – \$2,000
- over \$2,000

SENIORS' HOUSING

Q19. If seniors' housing that you wanted and/or needed were available in Deep River or in the area, would you be likely to stay in town or in the area?

Yes

No

Q20. **If you answered no**, what is your reason for leaving?

- want to be closer to family
- prefer to be in a larger urban centre
- prefer to be in a more rural location

Other: _____

Q21. Please indicate the type of dwelling you are most interested in for seniors' housing.

- single-storey house
- unit in a shared or multi-unit residence

Q22. If you moved into a shared or multi-unit seniors' residence, what size housing unit would you need?

- bedsitting unit with en-suite bathroom
- one-bedroom unit
- two-bedroom unit

Q23. If you moved into a shared or multi-unit seniors' residence, would you prefer to keep your car?

Yes

No

Q24. In seniors' housing, what are your needs or preferences for meal preparation?

- my own kitchen to prepare my own meals
- a kitchenette, or access to a shared kitchen, so I can prepare some light meals or breakfast and have most meals prepared for me
- all meals prepared for me

Q25. With your income, what is the amount that you are able to pay or willing to pay per month for seniors' housing *including* services such as meals, housekeeping, and social activities?

- \$1,000 or less
- \$1,001 – \$1,400
- \$1,401 – \$1,800
- \$1,801 – \$2,200
- \$2,201 – \$2,600
- over \$2,600

Q26. What kind of payment or financing arrangement are you interested in for seniors' housing? If you select more than one, please rank them in order of importance to you by writing a number next to the option.

- I would be interested in paying per month for housing.
- I would be interested in purchasing a housing unit.
- I would be interested in investing in a seniors' housing project.
- I would be interested in paying a substantial refundable deposit to reserve a unit and support the building of a seniors' housing project.

Q27. If you own your own home, do you need to sell your house before you can make a decision about what kind of seniors' housing you can live in or what kind of financial commitment you can make?

Yes No

Q28. "Affordable housing" for rental properties refers to units with rents that are 65%-80% of the market rate. These units are more modest in size, design and amenities in comparison with market-rate units, and are rented to people with lower incomes. If affordable housing for seniors were available, are you likely to apply for it?

Yes No

Q29. What is important to you about a location for a seniors' residence?

	Not at all important	No strong feeling one way or the other	Somewhat important	Very important
Within 5 minutes' walk to downtown				
Within 10 minutes' walk to downtown				
Within 20 minutes' walk to downtown				
Close to the river				
Has a river or mountain view				
Close to the hospital				
In a quiet setting surrounded by nature				
In a residential setting surrounded by other homes				

Other:

Q30. Does anyone in your home (including yourself) have a health condition lasting for six months or more that makes it difficult to get around inside the house, or in and out of the house?

Yes No

Q31. Please indicate if you are currently receiving any of the following supportive care services from an organization or from individuals. If you are not currently receiving supportive care but would like to, please indicate which services:
(Remember: this survey is anonymous.)

	Currently receiving	Not receiving but would like to
Meals delivered		
Housework		
Laundry		
Home and yard maintenance (e.g., lawn mowing)		
Driving and transportation		
Personal care (e.g., bathing, dressing)		
Medication supervision/other home health assistance		
Shopping for essentials (e.g., groceries)		

Other services you are currently receiving: _____

Other services not receiving but would like to: _____

Q32. Do you have knowledge, experience and/or enthusiasm that you are willing to contribute to the development, building and/or operation of a housing project for seniors?

Q33. Do you belong to a service organization, club or community group that might be willing to contribute in some way to the development, building and/or operation of a housing project for seniors?

YOUR TURN

Q34. Is there anything you would like to tell us about this survey, about seniors' housing, or any housing issue or concern?

Thank you again for your time and care in filling out this survey.