

Seniors Fall and Injury Prevention



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Mayor and Council
District of West Vancouver
750 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC. V7V 3T2

Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Council,

I want to thank you for your support for the Age Friendly Community workshop hosted by Vancouver Coastal Health on February 12, 2009. The workshop involved the three North Shore municipalities plus three others. Councilor Shannon Walker, Jocelyn Rae, your Community Recreation Supervisor, plus seniors from your community and North Shore community service providers participated in the workshop and made a significant contribution. A summary report of the workshop is attached for your review.

There were two key outcomes from the workshop:

1. Recognition of the importance of each Municipality passing a resolution to “actively participate, support, promote, plan and implement initiatives to become more age-friendly, focusing on the World Health Organization 8 key areas.” This is a pre-requisite for an increasing number of provincial grants.
2. Each municipal group identified a goal and actions that would advance the “age friendliness” of their community. The goal that was identified for the District of West Vancouver was “to build awareness about the housing needs for seniors in West Vancouver.”

Dr. Elaine Gallagher and Dr. Veronica Doyle from the Provincial Age Friendly Communities Implementation Team will be following up with Jocelyn Rae within the next two weeks to determine how they can support the implementation of this goal.

The Municipality and Vancouver Coastal Health are partners in making the District of North Vancouver a healthy and livable community for all residents. We look forward to working together to support your continued development as an Age Friendly Community.

Kind regards

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