

Background Information

Kamloops

Monday, June 6

Previous SA Visit:

- November 2015 – Town Hall – Brook Activity Centre
- April 2016 – RIH Visit
- April 2016 – CSI Community Kitchen visit
- November 2016 – Kamloops Seniors Village – Retirement Concepts
- March 2021 – Desert Hills Probus Club - Zoom
- June 2021 – Grasslands Probus Club – Zoom
- August 2021 – community paramedics meeting – Zoom

Mayor: Ken Christian (not seeking re-election)

MLA: Peter Milobar/Todd Stone (BC Liberal Party)

MP: Frank Caputo (Conservative Party)

Seniors Population:

BC Population Demographics

	Total	0 to 64	65+	85+	Ave. Age
B.C.	5,000,880	3,984,515	1,016,365	122,465	43.1
Kamloops – 2021 Census	97,905	78,245	19,660	2,740	42.4
Kamloops – 2016 Census	90,280	73,825	16,455	2,195	41.9

Population Growth (% change from 2016)

	Total	0 to 64	65+	85+
B.C.	7.6%	4.9%	19.7%	12.2%
Kamloops	8.4%	6.0%	19.5%	24.8%

Local industries:

- Labour force participation in Kamloops is 65.2%, slightly higher than the B.C. average of 63.9% (Stats Canada 2016 Census)
- Top 5 industries in Kamloops are: health care and social assistance, retail, accommodation and food services, construction and educational services.

Local Care Homes:

- Brocklehurst Gemstone Care Home
 - LTC
 - 130 beds (125 publicly funded/5 not publicly funded)
 - Trellis Seniors Services Ltd. (For Profit)
- Kamloops Seniors Village
 - LTC and AL (Seniors and persons with disabilities)
 - 114 beds (100 publicly funded/14 not publicly funded) – LTC
 - 51 units (all private pay) - AL
 - Retirement Concepts/Kamloops Seniors Village 3 LLP (For Profit)
- Overlander Long Term Care
 - LTC
 - 183 (all publicly funded)
 - Interior Health
- Pine Grove Care Centre
 - LTC
 - 75 beds (all publicly funded)
 - Park Place Seniors Living Inc. (For Profit)
- Ponderosa Lodge
 - LTC
 - 91 beds (all publicly funded)
 - Interior Health
- Ridgeview Lodge
 - LTC
 - 129 (106 publicly funded/23 not publicly funded)
 - Sienna Senior Living (For Profit)
- The Hamlets at Westsyde
 - LTC and AL
 - 162 beds (146 publicly funded/16 not publicly funded) – LTC
 - 35 units (10 publicly subsidized/25 private pay) - AL
 - H&H Total Care Services Inc/ The Hamlets at Westsyde Residence Inc. (For Profit)
- Chartwell Kamloops Retirement Residence
 - Assisted Living
 - 60 units (all private)
 - Chartwell Master Care LP together with 107153 BC Ltd.
- Berwick on the Park
 - Assisted Living
 - 25 units (all private)
 - Berwick Investments Ltd (For Profit)
- Greenfield Place
 - Independent and Assisted Living
 - North Kamloops Building Society
 - Private Foundation

- Bedford Manor
 - Assisted Living for seniors and persons with disabilities
 - 76 units (all publicly subsidized)
 - Connective Support Society Kamloops
- Chartwell Ridgepointe Retirement Residence
 - Independent Living
 - Chartwell
- The Shores Retirement Residence
 - Independent Living/Respite Care
 - Aspira Retirement Living
- The Residence at Orchard's Walk
 - Independent Living
 - Park Place Seniors Living
- Riverbend and Mayfair Seniors Community
 - Independent Living
 - Encore Seniors Society
 - Not for Profit
- 174 St Paul St
 - Affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities
 - 84 units
 - A & JM Gaglardi Senior Citizens Society
- 360 Second Ave.
 - Affordable housing for seniors
 - 66 units
 - A & JM Gaglardi Senior Citizens Society
- Corner House
 - Affordable housing for seniors, singles and people with disabilities
 - 15 units
 - Kamloops and District Elizabeth Fry Society
- Elizabeth Court
 - Affordable housing for seniors, singles, families and people with disabilities
 - 46 units
 - A & JM Gaglardi Senior Citizens Society
- Glenfair
 - Affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities
 - 80 units
 - BC Housing
- Golden Vista
 - Affordable housing for seniors
 - 38 units
 - BC Housing
- Greenfield Place
 - Affordable housing for seniors, seniors supportive housing, families
 - 32 units

- BC Housing
- Hilltop Apartments
 - Affordable housing for seniors, singles, families and people with disabilities
 - 35 units
 - BC Housing
- Le Jeune Manor
 - Affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities
 - 39 units
 - LeJeune Housing Society
- Riverbend Manor
 - Affordable housing for seniors
 - 26 units
 - Oncore Seniors Society
- Seymour Apartments
 - Affordable housing for seniors, singles and people with disabilities
 - 24 units
 - BC Housing
- Sunrise Centre
 - Affordable housing for seniors, families and people with disabilities
 - 112 units
 - BC Housing

Issues of Interest to Stakeholders:

- current delivery of Home Support Services
- gaps in the current services available, particularly post pandemic when many programs haven't restarting at all or fully
- interested in exploring solutions to improve current concerns and touch on financial opportunities and/or restrictions
 - what works now, what worked in the past and how do we move forward with a plan

Community Issues:

Dix - RIH staffing

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Interior Health calling out-of-town healthcare staff to help at Kamloops hospital
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By Shannon Ainslie

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Province will finance affordable seniors housing in Kamloops

News Release – Province of BC

May 11, 2022

The Province, through BC Housing, is partnering with the Oncore Seniors Society to finance a rental complex in Kamloops, preserving 53 units of affordable rental housing for seniors.

“By helping facilitate the purchase of this apartment building, we are making sure that seniors in Kamloops continue to have access to rental homes they can afford,” said David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing. “Our government will continue to explore avenues, like BC Housing’s HousingHub, to give seniors and people in B.C. the security and peace of mind that comes with having an affordable place to call home.”

BC Housing is providing approximately \$10.1 million to the Oncore Seniors Society to finance the purchase of the five-storey Silvercrest Suites building, located at 154 Vernon Ave. By providing financing for the purchase, BC Housing is ensuring the building continues to provide affordable housing to independent seniors and will not be sold to a private developer, putting seniors at risk of higher rents or losing their homes to redevelopment.

“Our passion is to develop engaged communities that offer housing, services and activities that make a positive difference on the quality of life of our residents,” said Mona Murray, chair, Oncore Seniors Society. “Through the tremendous support of BC Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing

Corporation, we are able to realize our vision. We are proud to continue providing affordable housing and other services to enhance the living experience for the residents at Silvercrest Suites.”

The Oncore Seniors Society has assumed ownership and operation of the building. Current tenants will not be displaced by the acquisition and monthly rents will remain the same.

Financing is being provided through the HousingHub and Oncore will be required to repay the loan with proceeds from a long-term mortgage that BC Housing will assist in arranging with a third-party lender. The HousingHub is a BC Housing program that works with communities and non-profit and private-sector developers to increase affordable rental housing and home-ownership options for middle-income British Columbians. It acts as a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, and helps create housing, either through new construction or through redeveloping existing sites.

The federal government, through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, is also contributing approximately \$830,000 toward the purchase.

“Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home,” said Ahmed Hussen, federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion. “Thanks to this investment, 53 seniors in Kamloops will now be able to keep their homes and remain in the community, close to family and friends. Across the country we are working to find solutions to help support our most vulnerable. This is one of the ways our National Housing Strategy continues to make sure no one is left behind.”

This purchase is part of B.C.’s 10-year, \$7-billion housing plan. Since 2017, the Province has funded nearly 32,000 affordable new homes that have been completed or are underway for people in B.C., including approximately 1,320 new affordable homes in Kamloops.

Quick Facts:

- Canada’s National Housing Strategy (NHS) is a 10-year plan, spending more than \$72 billion, that will give more Canadians a place to call home.
- As of August 2021, the NHS has built more than 68,700 new units of housing, repaired and renewed more than 90,400 homes.

Six-storey seniors housing proposed across from The Loop in North Kamloops

Info News

April 30, 2022

Levi Landry

Kamloops city council will consider a low-income and seniors building next week, which a local non-profit is looking to build on Tranquille Road.

Subsidized by B.C. Housing, the 44 social housing units would be in a six-storey building across from current social services and outreach centre, The Loop.

The proposal is one of several multi-family projects for the area that have been changing the face of the North Shore, with some in the near vicinity to the outreach centre at 405 Tranquille Road. Others include Colours on Yew Street, which is mainly market housing.

The City of Kamloops is soon expected to sell the nearby Northbridge Hotel at 377 Tranquille Road to a developer for future market housing, while B.C. Housing will eventually build its own social housing project on the property behind the hotel.

The seniors and low-income housing project is proposed for what are currently four separate properties, from 396 to 410 Tranquille Road. If approved, it would be run by Interior Community Services, and it would replace the non-profit's current office building, along with a neighbouring empty lot.

If approved, the current plans include a mix of one, two and three bedroom units, with office space on the ground floor.

Interior Community Services would move its office space into the ground floor, while the social housing units would be prioritized for low-income families and seniors, according to the development proposal.

The properties are privately owned, but the plans include a portion of Hilltop Avenue that the City would give up for the development.

City council will consider the proposal at its next meeting on Tuesday, May 3.

A range of social and market housing projects are in the process or have been complete in recent years, revitalizing the Tranquille Corridor, like Katherine's Place, The Station on Tranquille Road and Colours on Yew Street.

While private and non-profit developments continue to rise on the North Shore, the City is continuing to develop its North Shore neighbourhood plan. Once finished, it will set the bar for the official plan for the area and how the City wants to see it redeveloped in future years.

Kamloops, Okanagan getting older but not nearly as old as Vancouver Island

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More than 100 new homes open for seniors, families in Kamloops

News Release – Province of BC

Jan. 21, 2022

Seniors and families with low and moderate incomes in Kamloops have access to 112 new affordable rental homes with the opening of the Sunrise Centre development.

"One hundred families and seniors will now have affordable rental homes in Kamloops thanks to this project, a prime example of what we need to build to help address the housing crisis in communities throughout the province," said David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing. "People need affordable rentals like these so they can enjoy the peace of mind that comes with having a quality, affordable home in their community."

Located at 167 6th Ave. in downtown Kamloops, the six-storey, wood-frame building features a mix of studios and one- and two-bedroom apartments, including 12 two-bedroom units, which are available to families. The building is ideally located for affordable housing for seniors and families because of the proximity to transit, shops and other amenities. Monthly rents are based on unit size and tenant income, and range from \$375 for studios to \$1,150 for two-bedroom units.

The Centre for Seniors' Information B.C. Interior Society (CSI Kamloops) owns and operates the building.

"For the past 25 years, the Centre for Seniors Information has been providing seniors and the Kamloops community with a range of support services, socialization and advocacy," said Brenda Prevost, operations manager, CSI Kamloops. "We are excited to now add affordable housing as a valuable addition to our services. CSI would like to thank BC Housing and the Province for the development of this project and the incredible support and guidance we received."

The Province, through BC Housing, provided \$11.2 million through the Building BC: Community Housing Fund for the project and will provide annual operating funding of approximately \$466,000.

This project is part of B.C.'s 10-year, \$7-billion housing plan. Since 2017, the Province has funded more than 30,000 affordable new homes that have been completed or are underway for people in B.C., including approximately 1,300 homes in Kamloops.

Quotes:

Mable Elmore, B.C.'s Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long-Term Care –

"With the opening of these new homes, seniors and families can stay in their community close to friends and loved ones. Thank you to CSI Kamloops for working with the Province to make this project possible. Our government is working hard with our partners to deliver more homes like these in communities throughout B.C."

Taleeb Noormohamed, Member of Parliament for Vancouver-Granville –

"Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. Our government is proud to be involved in these projects at their earliest stage in order to ensure they realize their goal of housing Canadians that need it most. This is one of the ways our government continues to ensure no one is left behind,"

Ken Christian, mayor, City of Kamloops –

"We are pleased to have the Sunrise Centre officially open to offer more affordable housing for seniors in our community. Housing remains a key area of focus for our council to improve diversity and access throughout the housing continuum."

Quick Facts:

- The Community Housing Fund is an investment of \$1.9 billion to build more than 14,000 affordable rental homes for low- and moderate-income families and individuals over 10 years.
- More than 8,800 of these homes are already open, under construction or in development.
- The Community Housing Fund supports mixed-income buildings where
- 50% of the units are for households with annual incomes as much as \$64,000;
- 30% of the units are for households with incomes as much as \$74,000; and
- 20% of the units are for households with very low incomes, including those on income or disability assistance.

The Government of Canada provided funding through the Seed program, which is designed to support costs for completing pre-development activities related to the construction of new affordable housing across Canada.



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July 22, 2022

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Ms. Brenda Prevost
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Dear Brenda,

I would like to thank you for organizing such a wonderful day of events at CSI Kamloops during Seniors' Week 2022. I was thrilled to be able to travel to Kamloops and other B.C. communities to connect with people in person this year.

During the week, I heard many similar issues being raised by seniors throughout the province, as well as challenges that are specific and unique to individual communities. Hearing peoples' concerns firsthand is invaluable for my office to ensure we understand the current issues facing seniors. The experiences shared helps my office better respond to people seeking information and referral services as well as planning our strategic research and advocacy priorities for the coming year.

It was very beneficial for me to learn about the challenges facing local seniors and their loved ones and hearing about what is working well and the successes that older people are experiencing in your community. My office will be following up with the United Way Better at Home Program about the difficulties seniors are having in securing home support services in Kamloops and I wish you the best on the worker training program. I'd also like to congratulate CSI Kamloops on securing new affordable housing for seniors and families in the community. Sunrise Centre will improve the quality of life for so many people.

Again, thank you so much for your efforts in making my visit so rewarding. I hope people in the community are assured that my office is listening and advocating to the provincial and federal governments for the issues that matter most to seniors.

Sincerely,

Isobel Mackenzie
Seniors Advocate
Province of British Columbia

Background Information
Campbell River
July 6, 2022

Previous SA Visits:

- January 2015 – Town Hall
- November 2017 – Town Hall

Mayor: Andy Adams

MLA: Michele Babchuk, NDP

MP: Rachel Blaney, NDP

Seniors Population:

	Total	65+	80+
2016	32,582	6,930	1,535
2021	35,515	9,260	1,980
5 year % change	9.00%	33.62%	28.99%

Average Age of the Population:

	Average age	Median age
2016	44.1	47.1
2021	45.8	48

Local industries:

- Labour force participation in Campbell River is 60.1%, lower than the B.C. average of 63.9% (Stats Canada 2016 Census)
- Top 5 industries: agriculture, construction, retail, health care and accommodation.

Local Care Homes:

LTC

- Discovery Harbour Seniors
 - Park Place Seniors Living Inc. (For Profit)
 - 142 public beds

- Evergreen Seniors Home
 - Evergreen Seniors Home Inc. (For Profit)
 - 65 beds (33 publicly funded/32 private)
- Yucalta Lodge
 - Operated by Island health
 - 99 publicly funded beds

Assisted Living

- Berwick by the Sea
 - Berwick Retirement Campbell River Ltd.
 - 30 private pay units
- Ironwood Place
 - Campbell River and District Association for Community Living
 - 54 public units
 - Seniors and persons with disabilities

Subsidized Housing

- John Perkins Wing
 - Branch 137 Royal Canadian Legion John Perkins Memorial Housing Society
 - 20 units
 - Seniors and persons with disabilities
- Palmer Place
 - 24 units
 - Seniors, singles, families, persons with disabilities, couples
- Riverside Village
 - 41 units
 - Seniors, singles, families, persons with disabilities, couples
- Seth Norton Wing
 - Branch 137 Royal Canadian Legion John Perkins Memorial Housing Society
 - 41 units
 - Seniors and persons with disabilities

Issues of Interest to Stakeholders:

- cost of and access to transportation (both to and from out of town appointments but also for local outings, especially but not limited to medical),
- lack of seniors housing (affordable/low income and market rate) including regular housing and supported or LTC beds (numerous reports of seniors becoming homeless when they have to move and there is nowhere to rent or live or remaining in unsafe conditions when there are no spaces in assisted living or LTC),
- increasing costs of living without increasing income (pension/gov't etc.), and
- securing ongoing funding for our Seniors Information Hub, which was developed in response to need by the Campbell River Seniors Network and is meant to help people find help and resources as they age (a real person to answer questions and guide them). Overall, funding for services to support seniors (not including Better at Home) is very scarce.

Community Issues:

Affording housing going to continue being difficult in Strathcona Region due to income, housing cost gap

Campbell River Mirror

Thursday, June 30, 2022

By Marc Kitteringham

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Campbell River bylaw amendment encourages social services to be located outside downtown core
Campbell River Mirror
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For more information on the proposed amendment and project history,
visit www.campbellriver.ca/downtown.

Press Release: Campbell River Seniors Network

Date: Immediately – June 17, 2022

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BC Seniors Advocate Town Hall in Campbell River

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