

Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Questionnaire

Please read this before completing the survey.

The Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Society (SVSHS) is a non-profit, charitable society established in 1995 to address seniors' housing and support needs in the Slocan Valley. We hope to develop affordable seniors' rental housing in the Village of Slocan. We are conducting a study from Summit Lake to the Hwy 3 Junction to determine the extent of the need and demand for such housing. **Your participation is important** for a better understanding of seniors' housing needs, and what housing and services seniors would like to see in the Valley. Any help to distribute and/or return these surveys to friends or neighbours is appreciated. Thank you! All completed surveys are confidential. Overall results will be reported back to the community.

You can drop it off in a closed collection box at:

New Denver Mountainberry Foods or New Market Foods
Silverton Village Office or Silverton Building Supplies
Slocan Village Office or Slocan Village Market
Winlaw Winlaw Mini-Mart or Sleep is for Sissies
Slocan Park Heritage Credit Union /Slocan Valley Co-op office

Crescent Valley/South Slocan: Maple Leaf Store (Esso) or Kootenay Savings Credit Union.

Or mail to: Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Society, S18a, C11, RR #1, Winlaw, BC V0G 2J0

Any questions? Need more information? Need your survey picked up? Please call:

Passmore Lodge: Nora Lilligren 226-7136
Silverton/New Denver: Julia Greenlaw 358-2745
Slocan: Lynnnda Moore 355-2267 or Don Currie 355-2669
Winlaw/Passmore: Lydia Kania 226-7546
Slocan Park/Crescent Valley: Ruth Hackett 226-0021

To request a survey by email:

svseniorshousing@netidea.com

To fill out a survey online (Mar 1 to 31st) go to :

www.slocanvalley.com/news and scroll to the item & link

Please return this survey completed by March 31st.

We would like to thank the Columbia Basin Trust and the Regional District of Central Kootenay (Area H) for their support.

Please fill out ONE questionnaire PER HOUSEHOLD only.

1. This survey is being filled out by (✓ check one only):

- A senior** If in a couple, please answer each question in consultation with your spouse.
- A family member or friend of senior** – to assist the household senior(s) with the survey. Please ensure the answers are the senior's.

2. What is your (the senior's) age?

- 50 - 54 yrs 65 - 69 yrs 80+ yrs
- 55 - 59 yrs 70 - 74 yrs
- 60 - 64 yrs 75 - 79 yrs

3. What is your gender? Female Male

4. Who lives in the house with you?

- No one Spouse only
- Spouse & children: # of children: _____
- Other family members: # of other family: _____
- Non-family members # of non-family: _____

5. How many household members are 50 years or older?

- None Two Four or more
- One Three

6. Where do you live?

- Summit Lake / Hills Passmore / Vallican
- New Denver Slocan Park & area
- Silverton Crescent Valley
- Slocan City & area Krestova / Goose Crk
- Lemon Creek / Perry Siding South Slocan / Playmor
- Winlaw / Appledale
- Other: _____

7. How long have you lived in the Slocan Valley?

- Less than one year 11 to 15 years
- 1 to 5 years Over 15 years
- 6 to 10 years

8. Where you live, do you: Rent? Own?

- Other: _____

9. Did you move to the Slocan Valley from somewhere else?

- Lived in the Slocan Valley all my life
- Moved from Castlegar / Nelson areas
- Moved from Nakusp / Kaslo areas
- Moved from elsewhere in the West Kootenays
- From elsewhere in BC from elsewhere in Canada
 - a city small town /rural
- Other: _____

10. Do you have any family members living within one hour's drive from you? Yes No

11. Does anyone 50+ years old in your household have difficulty or need assistance with any of these?

(Please ✓ all appropriate):

- home / yard maintenance and upkeep
- cooking
- housework / laundry
- driving / transportation
- shopping
- stairs / steep inclines / high shelves or counters
- having visitors or going to visit
- going out to events, activities or appointments
- dealing with emergency health issues
- personal care (e.g. bathing, dressing)
- taking medications
- Other: _____

12. Who helps you (the senior) with these (in #11)?

- No one Family
- Friend / Neighbour Hired help
- Home support /community nursing
- Other: _____

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13. Given the choices of housing & supports available now, do you think you will be able to remain living in the Valley if or when you could no longer maintain your home by yourself(s)?

- Yes No Don't know

14. If YES to #13, which housing option(s) would you use to stay in the Valley when you get older? (If NO see #15.)

- Brouse Lodge, New Denver: low cost 1 bdrm. rental
 Passmore Lodge: subsidized 1 bdrm. rental
 Move in the Valley to: _____ (town or bldg.)
 Daughter / son / friend will be moving in with me / us
 I/we will take in a boarder / renter to help
 Don't know Other: _____

15. If NO to #13, if there WAS appropriate affordable seniors housing in the Valley, where would you prefer to move to if you had to move?

- Stay in the valley Nelson Nakusp Castlegar
 Elsewhere: _____

16. For what reasons would you choose the above? (✓ any appropriate to you)

- Familiar Closer to family / friends
 Within walking distance of things
 Close to shopping / banking
 Close to doctor / nursing care / health providers
 Close to a hospital
 Bus / taxi transportation / ride share
 Recreation and social facilities / programs
 Other _____

17. Which options would you use to stay in the valley in the future? (Please ✓ any appropriate.)

- walking distance to services needed (medical, groceries, social, recreational, educational)
 transportation: (driver, bus, handi-dart, taxi, rideshare)
 snow shovelling/home / yard maintenance & upkeep
 house cleaning and/or laundry
 a phone call check-in or emergency response button
 adapting your home for mobility problems (e.g. stairs, steep inclines, high counters / shelves)
 access to computers & internet: for banking / shopping / staying in touch with family & friends
 home deliveries (groceries or pharmacy items)
 volunteer visitor
 meal preparation / Meals on Wheels
 help with medications / personal care
 Other: _____

18. Of the above options, are you able to pay for:

- Some? Most? None? Don't Know

19. When would you move if suitable seniors' housing were available to you in the valley?

- Within 1 to 2 years 6 to 10 years
 3 to 5 years over 10 years
 Other _____

20. What type of seniors' housing would you use, if developed in the Valley? (✓ any appropriate to you)

- Purchase Rental
 Other: _____

21. If renting, do you pay more than 30% of your gross monthly income (total before deductions) for rent, heat, light, water, gas?

- Yes No Don't know Not applicable

22. If you are over 65, is any portion of your income the federal GIS (Guaranteed Income Supplement)?

- Yes No Don't know Not applicable

23. Would the current approximate market rental rates be more than 30% of your total gross monthly income?

- 1 Bdrm: \$ 600+/month Yes No
2 Bdrm: \$ 800+/month Yes No

24. The Society plans to develop affordable rental seniors' housing adjacent to the Slocan Village Wellness Centre, which has a nurse practitioner & other health practitioners, exercise room, and library.

It is within walking distance of the post office, computer centre, general store, restaurant, beach, bus, other commercial and recreation options, Legion, & food bank.

The goal is to fundraise enough to set rents at below market rates.

Would you consider moving there when you can no longer maintain your home?

- Yes No Don't Know
 depends on the cost depends on the design

25. If you moved what size housing unit would you need?

- studio unit (complete unit, bedroom not separate)
 studio unit with an open loft as a guest / storage area
 one bedroom unit
 one bedroom unit with open loft as a guest / storage area
 two bedroom unit
 Other _____

26. What amenities **MUST** you have, when you move? (Please ✓ any appropriate)

- private patio space
 in-suite laundry
 wheelchair accessibility: entry, doorways, bathroom
 guest sleeping area in your unit
 security system
 access to internet services
 don't know Other: _____

27. If some units were not being filled by seniors, would you object to:

A) a younger single or couple moving in to a unit?

- Yes No Depends on _____

B) a family moving in to a unit?

- Yes No Depends on _____

28. Please add any comments or attach them to the survey:

To help this effort, could the Society contact you: (✓ any)

- to clarify your answers or for your additional input?
 to stay informed about the work on this project?
 to help with distribution of survey / volunteering?

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____