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## Enthusiastic Seniors Gathered to Talk about Their Concerns

NORTH VANCOUVER, BC – January 17, 2012: The results of a survey conducted by the <u>Lionsview Seniors'</u> <u>Planning Society</u> (LSPS) brought seniors together to talk about and create action plans on affordable housing, fall prevention, transportation, home care supports, and many other issues.

## **Survey Contents**

The survey, called *Seniors Today: Building a Better Tomorrow,* focused on measuring senior satisfaction on topics identified by the <u>World Health Organization</u> as important contributors to age friendly communities.

- Housing
- Public transportation
- Social participation
- Respect and inclusion

- Employment and volunteerism
- Outdoor spaces and public buildings
- Community support and health services
- Age friendly communication and information

Over 1,200 seniors responded. The sampling represented the 55+ population, all North Shore municipalities, ethnic backgrounds, and abilities. The survey was funded by community and business partners.

## Why Lionsview Seniors Planning Society is Bringing Seniors Together

"Seniors should always be an integral part of the conversation about seniors' issues and concerns, and provide the community with their recommendations on how to deal with them," says LSPS Executive Director Tom Carney.

### Next Step: Taking Action with the Community in January 2012

LSPS is hosting workshops to continue the conversation and make action plans with seniors and the community. Contact <a href="Margaret@dixoncoates.com">Margaret@dixoncoates.com</a> or 604-985-2324 to sign up.

#### **Dates and Times of Next Sessions**

January 26: 1:30 to 3:30 PM – Kiwanis Lynn Manor

February 8: 1:00 to 3:00 PM – District of North Vancouver Municipal Hall February 16: 1:30 to 3:30 PM – City of North Vancouver Library (Farsi group)

February 17: 1:30 to 3:30 PM – Parkgate Community Centre

## **About the Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society (LSPS)**

We are an independent, not-for-profit agency serving seniors on the North Shore. LSPS's objective is to enhance the quality of life of North Shore seniors as they age by providing support and working collaboratively with the Services to Seniors Coalition.

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