

History of Age Friendly

Initial Meeting bringing various stakeholders and individuals together to talk about being an Age Friendly community.

March 2009

First official stakeholders meeting.

April 2009

June is proclaimed Senior's Month.

June 2009

Strategic planning begins.

June 2009

City of Thunder Bay declares Thunder Bay to be Age Friendly and that the City join the International Age Friendly network through WHO

May 2010

Deputation to City Council.

June 2011

Thunder Bay becomes a formal registered member of the Global Age Friendly Network

November 2011

Received an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant to complete work through 2012 and 2013.

June 2012

Developed the Older Adults Business Toolkit and advocacy regarding awareness of older adults' needs began

2012 - 2013

History continued...

Presentation at International
Conference on Age-Friendly Cities
Conference in Quebec City
regarding business guide and
initiatives.

September 2013

Developing partnerships with
Alzheimer's Society to create a
dementia friendly city.

June 2014

Age Friendly website created with
it's own host and participation with
Chartwell in an event for older
adults.

Spring 2015

Age Friendly Action Plan approved
by City Council

June 2015

Received Senior's Secretariat
Grant (\$50,000) to create a custom
needs assessment and a
community wide action plan.

Received Ontario Community
Senior's Grant (\$10,000) to update
the website and produce two
videos

2016

Received New Horizons for Seniors
Program Grant (\$25,000) to hire a part-
time coordinator to assist with
website updates, working group
coordination, and assist with
implementing the community wide
action plan.

2017

Launch of the Age Friendly
Senior's Award, with Nurse Next
Door as a sponsor.

2018

History continued...

Received funding from New Horizons for Seniors Program Grant (\$50,000) to create the GIANT's website, blog and education package for older adults.

2019

Hosted the GIANT's Castle Event at the CLE Coliseum.

2019

Received funding from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility's Inclusive Community Grant (\$60,000) to update the Community Action Plan.

2021

Age Friendly Senior's Award becomes the Rebecca Johnson Senior Award

2021

Received funding from the City of Thunder Bay (\$50,000) to become incorporated.

2019

Snow Angels program begins with support from Leadership Thunder Bay and a \$1500 grant from Enbridge. It was decided to continue the program each winter.

2020

Received funding from Senior's Community Grant Program (\$25,000) to provide a technology information for older adults .

2021

Creation of the infographics to help older adults ride Thunder Bay Transit and Lift+.

2022