

**MUSKOKA MASTER AGING PLAN
Community Focus Groups**

Date	Sponsor/Location	Group	#
1. August 22 am	Pines LTC	24 hr	15
2. August 22 pm	MacTier	WF	16
3. August 23 noon	Huntsville Friendship Luncheon	WF/ADL	120+
4. August 24 pm	Port Carling Library	WF	6
5. August 25 am	Gravenhurst Seniors Centre	WF	4
6. August 25 pm	Honey Harbour/Port Severn	WF	3
7. August 26 am	Dwight SMART class	WF	28
Total Participants →			192

Existing Community Assets Identified by Participants

Natural beauty of environment; friendly, small town atmosphere; caring community; pace of life; volunteers; seniors groups; churches; service clubs; libraries; events; sports and recreation; safety; respect; community spirit

Needs Identified by Participants

Transportation Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit in towns and to rural areas • Shorter booking times • Relief from summer traffic congestion • More volunteer drivers • Lower gas prices • Coordinated and integrated bus service • Improved sidewalks and paved shoulders • Improved snow removal • Affordable taxis • Reinstated train service • Longer crosswalk times • Bike and scooter lanes • Improved building accessibility
Housing Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable and appropriate housing • More RGI housing • More rental options • Aging in place supports • Affordable home maintenance • Affordable retirement homes • More long-term care beds

Recreation Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased options in rural areas • More information about programs, activities, events • Accessible facilities • Transportation to venues • Seniors talent bank • Youth engagement
Health Care Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two hospitals • Increased service hours in health hubs • Clear and common service criteria • More in-home health care • Coordination between service providers • More locally available physicians and specialists • Reduced wait times

Participants' "Wish List"

1. Expanded transportation options
2. Housing specific for seniors
3. More nursing homes
4. Improved mobility/accessibility
5. Coordination between services
6. More recreational activities
7. More medical services
8. Home maintenance support
9. Improved roads and sidewalks
10. Home health care
11. Better internet service
12. Assistance with shopping
13. Cost relief
14. Access to information

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