



*Jasper Community Team members work together to create the conditions in Jasper where residents of all backgrounds and abilities can thrive and achieve optimal wellbeing across the life-span.*

*Members take part in life-stage focused Community Conversations where participants identify social trends, problem solve together, provide mutual support, and seize opportunities to work together.*

## Senior Community Conversation Notes Wednesday, November 17, 2021

### Attendance

Lisa Ridell (Community Development), Annegret, Mildred (Seniors Society), Glenda, Linda Betkowski, Lindsey Gartner (Community Development), Sabrina (Jasper Employment and Education Centre), Janeen Keelan (Library), Linda McLaren (United Church), Rowan Bell-Marusch (Communications), Andreas Sigrist (Anglican Church).

### Trends

- Many seniors are taking Aqua fit classes, attending coffee hour at the activity centre and attending book clubs at the seniors' lounge.
- Some seniors do not want to use computers and/or cellphones and this can limit their access to information.

### Opportunities

- The Senior's Society is not meeting because of Covid, but the Seniors Lounge is actively being used. There are various activities happening through the Seniors Society. To join you must be age 55+ and pay a ten-dollar membership fee.
- Jasper Employment and Education Centre (JEEC) is hoping to run a digital literacy and learning program for seniors. Currently JEEC is offering other programs for the month of November. You can learn more on the [JEEC website](#).
- JEEC has a laptop borrowing program if any seniors need to use a computer. It's a \$50 dollar deposit which is refunded after the laptop is returned.
- The World Tree Lighting will be in Robson Park on November 4<sup>th</sup> and all funds will be going to Santas Anonymous.
- The Municipality will be putting in an ice rink in Robson Park again this winter.
- Community Development will be launching a Community Guide in Early 2022. This will be a resource to connect people to the community.
- Refer people to Community Outreach Service if they want to apply for Santas Anonymous. Community Outreach Services will be taking applications until early December.
- In 2022 there will be three new Community Conversations focusing on Environmental Responsibility, Arts and Culture and Recreation.