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Sylvan Lake Lodge Foundation Launches Planning Process to Validate Community Need for Affordable and Subsidized Housing Sylvan Lake, Alberta [January 19, 2026]

The Sylvan Lake Lodge Foundation (SLLF) is pleased to announce the launch of a comprehensive planning initiative to validate the need for affordable and subsidized housing in Sylvan Lake. This exploratory process will assess housing needs for **seniors, individuals, families, and other community members** who are experiencing housing challenges.

As housing affordability continues to impact communities across Alberta, the Foundation recognizes the importance of understanding local needs before any future projects are considered. Anticipated changes in family dynamics, combined with an aging population, indicate a generational shift from the Silent Generation to a new cohort of older adults with significantly higher expectations regarding services, autonomy, and quality of life.

“We are committed to taking a thoughtful, evidence-based approach,” Sharon Mulder - Fuchs of the Sylvan Lake Lodge Foundation. **“This planning process will help us understand how many people in Sylvan Lake need affordable housing, what types of housing are most needed, and how we can work with community partners to support those needs.”**

Over the coming months, SLLF will compile research, engage with residents, meet with local organizations, and collaborate closely with the Town of Sylvan Lake. The Foundation will also seek input from seniors, families, service providers, and individuals with lived experience of housing instability.

At this stage, **no decisions have been made regarding building, development, or specific housing solutions.** The purpose of this initiative is purely to gather information, validate need, and ensure transparency before any next steps are considered.

Residents will be invited to participate in surveys, public information sessions, and engagement opportunities that will be announced in the coming weeks.

“We want to hear from the groups with housing needs in Sylvan Lake and surrounding areas,” added *Tracy Elliott*. **“This is a collaborative process, and the insights we gather will shape our understanding of Sylvan Lake’s current and future housing needs.”**

Updates, engagement opportunities, and project information will be available on the Sylvan Lake Lodge Foundation’s website under **Strategic Planning** and social media channels

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