

SENIORS SERVICES SOCIETY NOW REACHING MORE SENIORS THAN EVER WITH NEWLY LAUNCHED ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE AND TEXTNET SERVICES

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Recognizing the need for different ways of accessing their services, Seniors Services Society is announcing two exciting developments to increase accessibility: a completely re-designed, multi-lingual and user-friendly website, at www.seniorsservicesociety.ca; and revolutionary TEXTNET technology for TTY users. These exciting changes allow a more diverse group of visitors to access information on housing and support services for seniors, supporting the society's mission *to encourage, inform and support the independence and wellness of the older adult.*

About the New Website

The significantly redesigned website, made possible through financial support from Service Canada, United Way of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Coastal Health/SmartFund, provides straightforward access to each service area, with drop down menus highlighting commonly requested topics and an option to adjust text size for ease of reading. In addition, in-depth information about programs and services is now available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and French, with more languages coming soon.

Also featured on the new site is Seniors Services Society's flagship [Seniors' Housing Directory of BC](#) – an unbiased database of seniors housing across the province. This comprehensive directory contains over 2000 buildings, covering the entire range of seniors housing, from independent subsidized and market rental apartments to public and private residential care. It's easy to find on the homepage with a prominent icon labeled "Find Seniors Housing".

About TEXTNET

Through a generous grant from Vancouver Coastal Health/SmartFund, Seniors Services Society is now offering TEXTNET – a new technology that allows individuals who are deafened, hard of hearing or have speech difficulties to chat with society staff using TTY. Look for the TEXTNET symbol:  or call 1-877-515-5553 to utilize this innovative and one-of-its kind service in BC.

By increasing ways of accessing their information and services, Seniors Services Society is one step closer to realizing their vision that *all older adults are well supported, adequately housed and contributing and valued in a healthy community.*

About the Society

Seniors Services Society was formed in 2006 as an amalgamation of the Western Society for Senior Citizens Services (est. 1974) and the Seniors Housing Information Program (SHIP). The society offers support and information for seniors in three distinct areas: *Support Services* for seniors living in New Westminister; *Housing Services* for seniors province wide; and information for seniors and service providers throughout the Lower Mainland via our *Community Education* department. The society also has numerous volunteer opportunities for community oriented individuals of all ages.

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