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## Conference to explore senior, disabled issues

### Citizen staff

More than 200 delegates are converging on Prince George next week for a conference on making communities more livable, particularly for seniors and the disabled.

The three-day conference, Monday to Wednesday at the Civic Centre, is filled with workshops dealing with community issues and areas from public spaces, health, age-friendly ideas, transportation and crime prevention to disability issues, accessible housing, innovative builders and designers, use of stairways and falls prevention. As well, the conference offers a trade show, think tank sessions and a visitable housing tour.

The conference wraps up on Wednesday

with three main workshops dealing with stairways, age-friendly communities and active transportation. Workshop facilitators come from Illinois, Maryland and Winnipeg as well as B.C. and Prince George.

The conference is hosted by Measuring Up the North, created by the North Central Municipal Association and the B.C. Paralegic Association, with support from 2010 Legacies Now and B.C. Healthy Communities.

The project aims to make northern communities more senior-friendly and disability-friendly, while incorporating universal design principles into long-term planning.

More information on the project can be found at [www.measureupthenorth.com](http://www.measureupthenorth.com).