

# History & Demographics

## New Seniors Centre Development



### Veiner Centre History

- Flooded in 1995, 2010 and 2013
- Originally a community centre that housed a variety of programs including a day care and senior services
- Senior Services moved to Strathcona Centre after the 2013 flood
- Senior Centre membership open to individuals 50+ years of age
- 2015 membership is 1,180 (was 1,800 prior to the 2013 flood)
- 221 members are aged 50-64; 657 member aged 65-79; and 239 members aged 80+
- 41 clubs operating in 2015
- Unlike most cities in Alberta, the City operates the seniors centre rather than a not-for-profit organization

### Demographics (2012 data)

- 10,170 or 15% of Medicine Hat residents are over 65 years of age
- 13,295 or 20% of Medicine Hat residents are between 50 and 65 years of age
- By 2036, 51% of Medicine Hat residents will be over 50 years of age
- 3% of Medicine Hat residents over the age of 65 live in poverty

