

# VERMILION REGIONAL GATHERING

## 2026 REPORT

### EVENT SUMMARY

This year's Regional Gatherings brought together passionate individuals from across the region who share a common goal: supporting older adults and strengthening our communities.

Participants had the opportunity to connect with others doing similar work and learn how different communities are responding to both challenges and opportunities.

Christine Buelow provided a great presentation on the Bashaw Regional Wellness Centre celebrating the power of community-based care and asset-based community development. As special thank you to Dawn Riley for showing attendees the Focus Society Transportation Van!

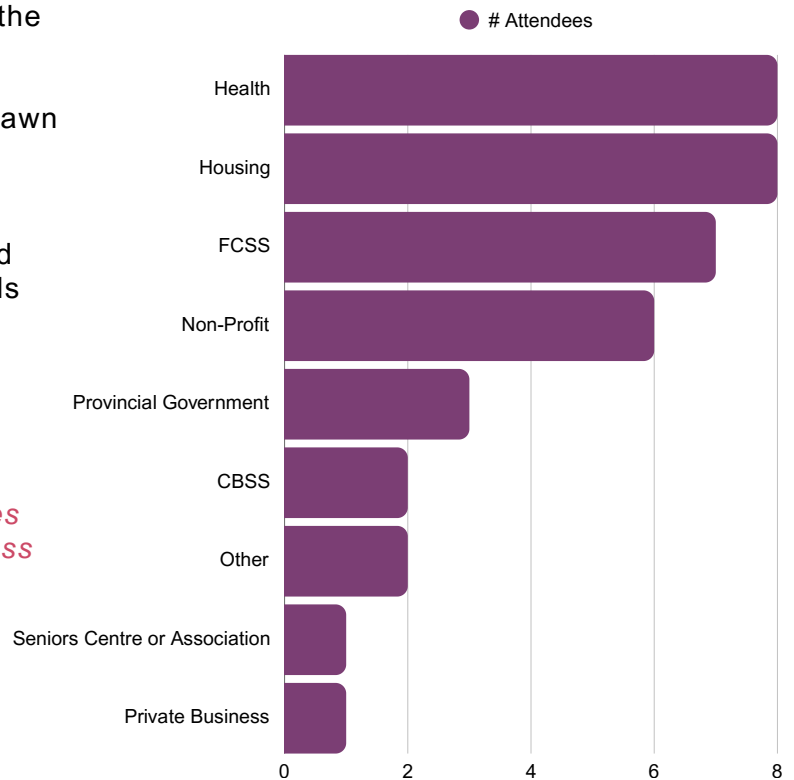
Attendees engaged in collaborative discussions and hands-on activities, gaining practical ideas and tools they can bring back to their own organizations and communities.

#### Highlights:

- Legacy Lab Workshop
- Tools and resources for use in local communities
- Community Spotlight - Bashaw Regional Wellness Centre
- Focus Society van tour
- Conversation Cafes
- Networking



### TYPE OF ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED



*“It was a pleasure to meet so many like-minded people and benefit from learning their innovative, thoughtful solutions!”*  
~2026 Gathering Participant



Attendees gained knowledge that will support them in enhancing the lives of older adults.



Attendees established new relationships or partnerships as a result of participating in this Regional Gathering