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# Seniors Strategy

## Thinking ahead

York Region Accessibility  
Advisory Committee

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## An introduction to the Seniors Strategy

[York Region Seniors Strategy Video](#)

## Seniors Strategy Advisory Task Force Membership

### Regional Council Members

- Regional Chair, Emmerson, ex-officio
- Regional Councillor Armstrong, City of Markham
- Regional Councillor Ferri (Chair), City of Vaughan
- Mayor Hackson, Town of East Gwillimbury
- Regional Councillor Heath, City of Markham
- Regional Councillor Hogg (Vice Chair), Town of Richmond Hill
- Regional Councillor Rosati, City of Vaughan
- Regional Councillor Wheeler, Town of Georgina

## Quest

**What is York Region's role in serving seniors over the next 10 to 20 years – making the best use of resources, managing expectations, leveraging partnerships and responding to provincial direction?**



## Task Force Meetings

1. Orientation Session
2. The Financial Lens
3. The Health Lens
4. Aging in Place
5. Staying Safe and Connected
6. Wrap-up Meeting

## Emerging Principles

1. Evidence Based Decision Making
2. Partnerships, Alignment, Collaboration
3. Prevention
4. Education
5. Fiscal Sustainability and Balance
6. Respond Based on Financial Need and Ability to Pay



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## EMERGING POTENTIAL ACTIONS

## Evidence-Based Decision Making

### 1. Capacity Planning

- Improve access to services by the right providers at the right times
- Make targeted, evidence-based investments in key areas through shifts in funding



## Partnerships, Alignment, Collaboration

- 1. Coordinate and Connect Discussions (Planning Together)**
- 2. Explore Age Friendly Communities Concept**
- 3. Better Integrated Services**
  - Develop Senior Hub Model(s)
  - Co- location of services
- 4. Build a variety of home options in the same neighbourhood as we accommodate growth**

## Education

- 1. Staff Training**
- 2. Increase Awareness of Services for Seniors**
- 3. Communication Campaign**

## Prevention

- 1. Expanding Prevention Programs**

## Response Based on Financial Need and Ability to Pay

- 1. Develop new eligibility models – Ability to Pay Model (s)**



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## EMERGING POTENTIAL ADVOCACY ITEMS

## Potential Emerging *Advocacy* Areas

### **Evidence -Based Decision Making**

- Capacity Planning for Long Term Care Beds in Ontario

### **Prevention**

- Expanding Public Health Mandate for Seniors
- Funding for Home and Community Care Supports

### **Fiscal Sustainability and Balance**

- Infrastructure Funding for Housing Services and Additional Affordable Options

### **Response Based on Financial Need and Ability to Pay**

- Pension Reform

## Next Steps

### Consultations (June - August)

- Targeted discussions with York Region Program Areas
  - ❖ Discussion with YRAAC – **June 22, 2016**
- External discussions with stakeholders and seniors

### Task Force Wrap Up Meeting (Oct 2016)

### Seniors Strategy to Regional Council (Nov. 2016)

## Discussion Questions

- 1. What are some of the accessibility barriers faced by seniors?**
- 2. What can the Region do to eliminate the barriers? Give us some examples**