

B.4 Housing Services

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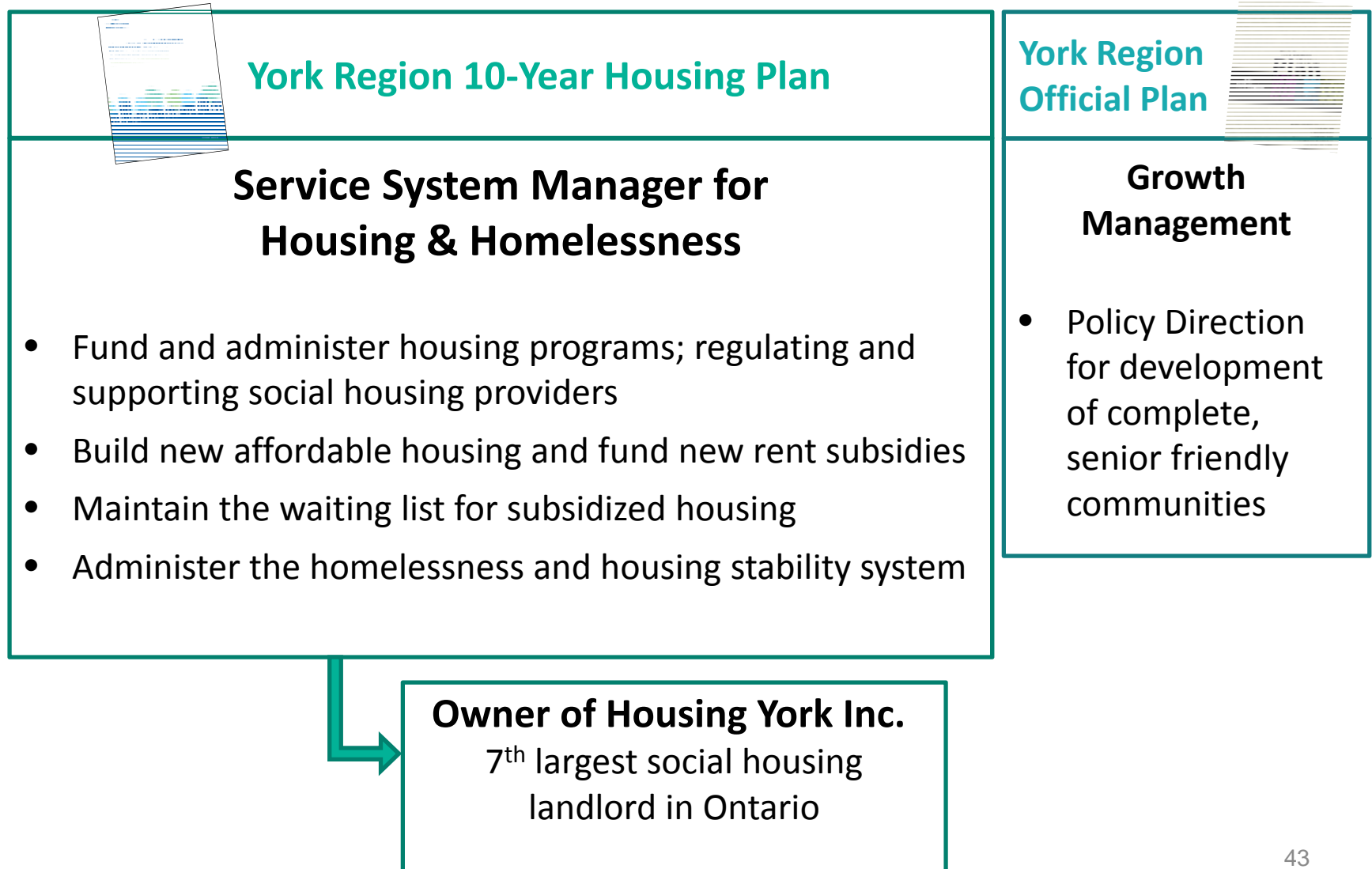
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Today's Discussion

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- ✓ York Region's Role in Housing
 - ✓ Supporting Seniors
 - ✓ Issues and Opportunities

York Region's Role in Housing



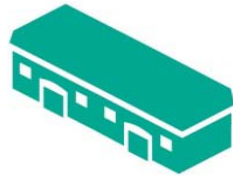
York Region's Housing Plan



GOAL 1
Increase the rental housing supply

Expected outcomes:

- Increased supply of private sector rental units
- Increased supply of safe, legal second suites
- Increased supply of government funded units and rent subsidies



GOAL 2
Sustain the existing rental housing supply

Expected outcomes:

- Preserve the existing supply of private sector rental housing
- Strengthen the social housing system



GOAL 3
Support home ownership affordability

Expected outcomes:

- Increased new affordable home ownership options
- Supports provided for low and moderate income homeowners

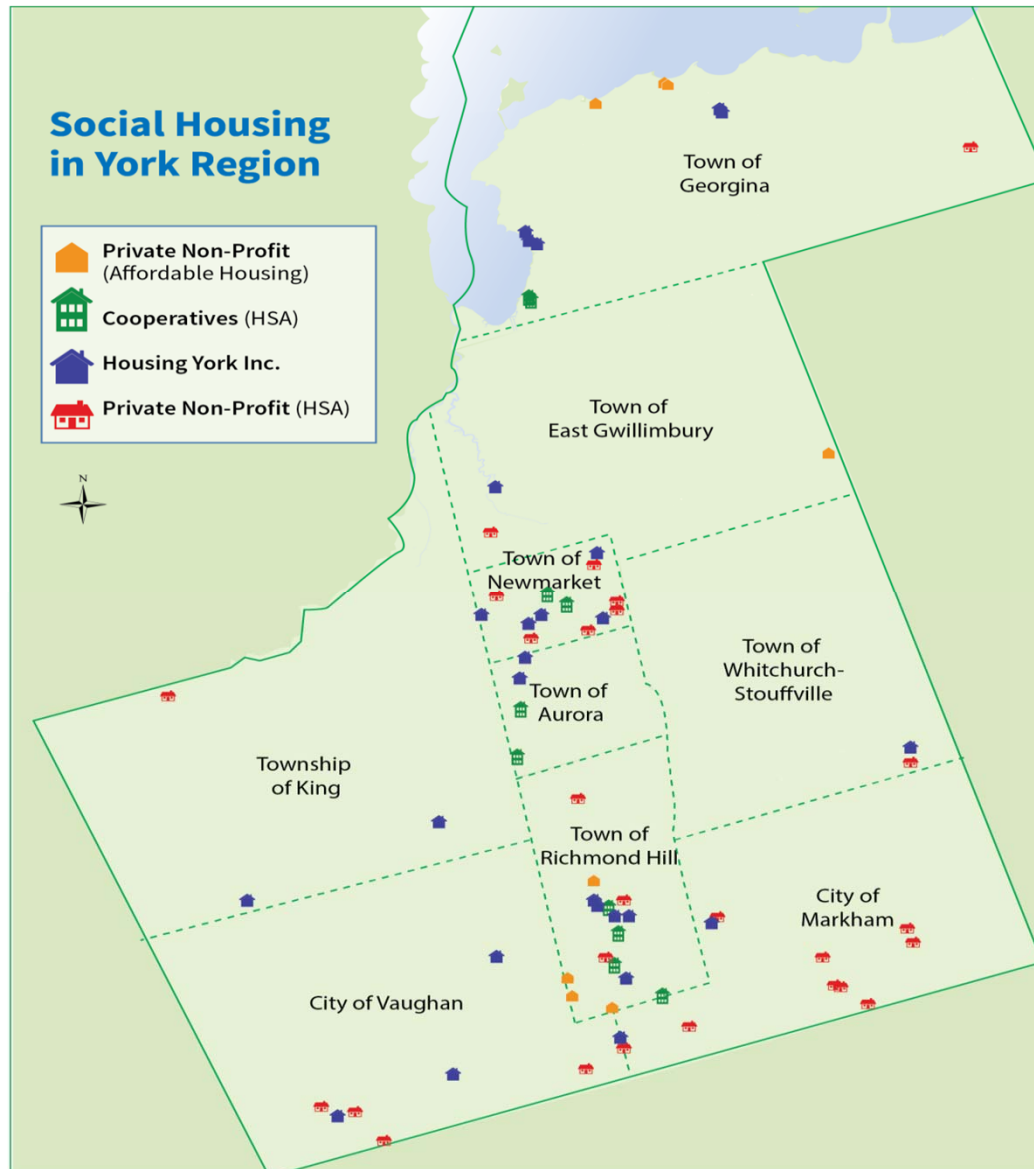


GOAL 4
Strengthen the homelessness and housing stability system

Expected outcomes:

- An integrated service delivery system developed
- Low and moderate income and at-risk households will find and keep appropriate housing

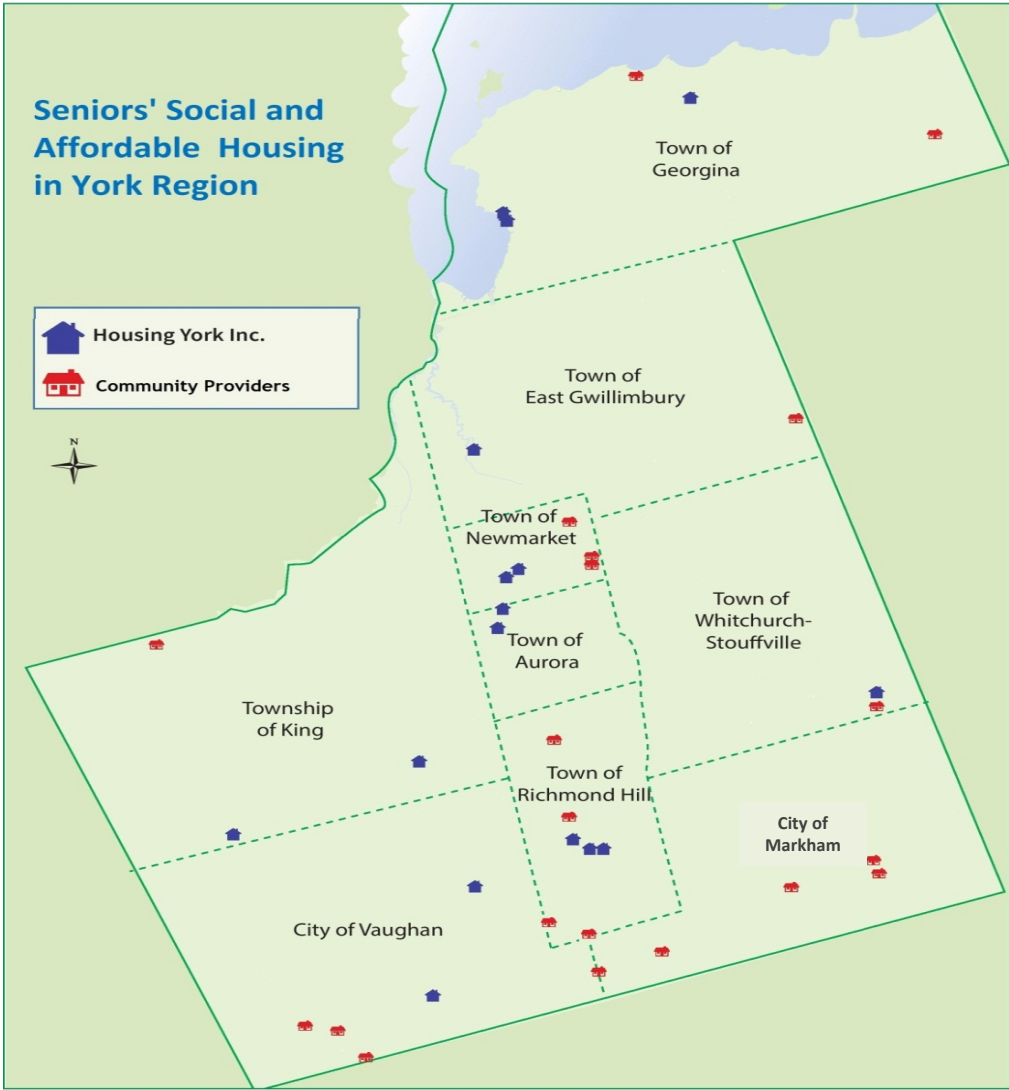
Regionally Administered Social Housing



<u>Building Type</u>	<u>Units</u>
Private Non-Profit	2,990
Cooperatives	877
Private Non-Profit (Affordable Housing)	335
Housing York Inc.	2,640
Total	6,842 Units

Over 40 Housing Providers in York Region

Regionally Administered Seniors' Buildings and Units



	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Units</u>
Housing York Inc.	24	1,518
Community Providers (Non-Profit & Co-op)	18	1,210
Total	42	2,728

Supporting Tenants

- Designing buildings to meet AODA standards
- Adaptable and functional kitchens and washrooms
- Accessible and barrier free corridors, public spaces, and parking lots
- Scooter parking



Supporting Tenants

Programs & Partnerships

- Partnerships with the Central Local Health Integration Network (CLHIN) and CLHIN funded agencies for programs and support services, such as the Seniors' Social Worker services
- Community development programs and collaborative community partnerships to provide supports and that encourage seniors to engage in their communities

Future Opportunities

- Formalize and expand community partnerships
- Explore opportunities to enhance programs and services

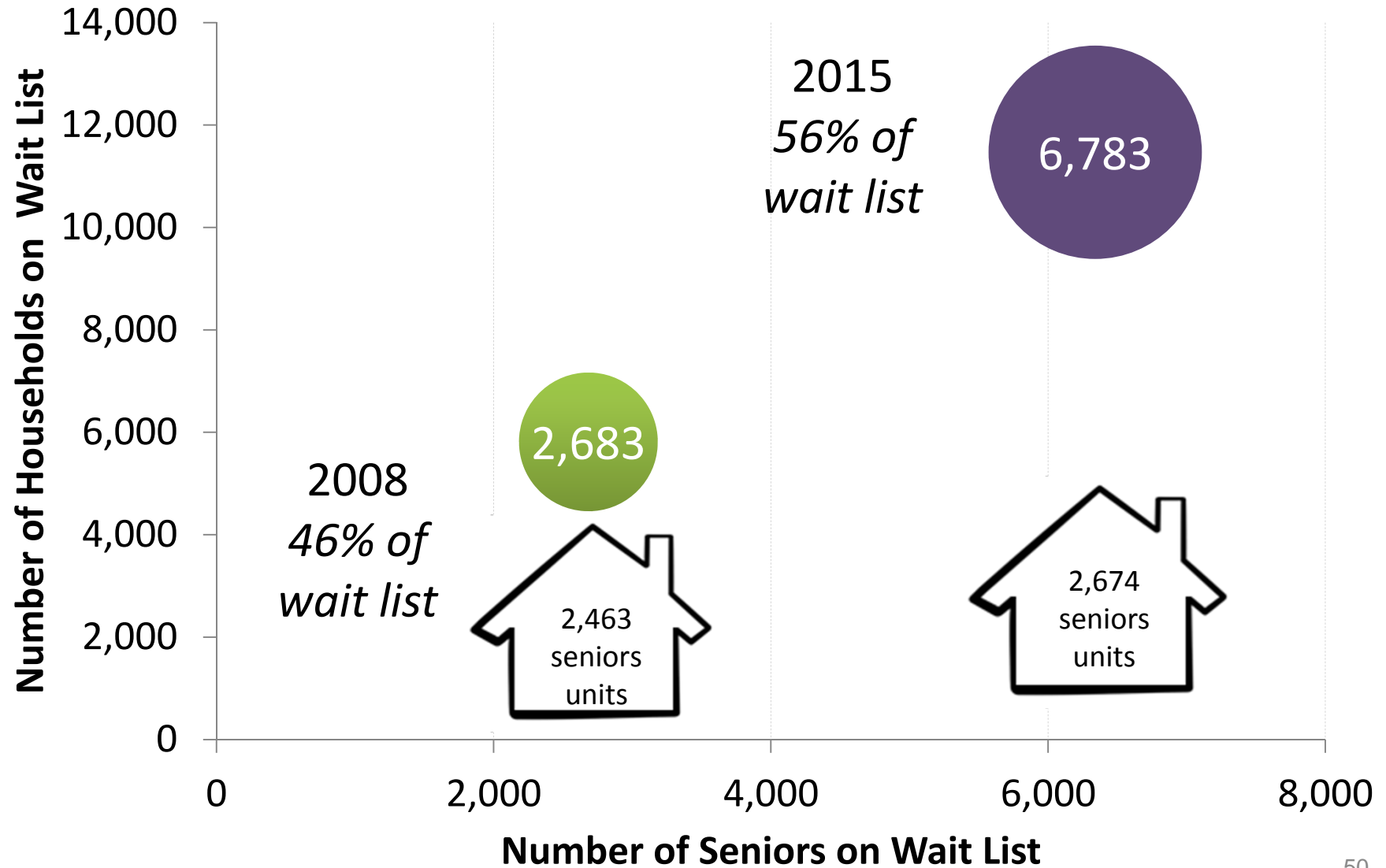
Supporting Senior Homeowners

Home Repair Program

- Grants of up to \$7,500/year (lifetime maximum of \$15,000) for accessibility modifications or critical repairs to applicant's home
- Home must be affordable, with assessed value below \$443,874 and the total household income must be \$77,276 or less
- 54 applicants were approved in 2015 (77% were seniors)



More Seniors Are Applying for Housing



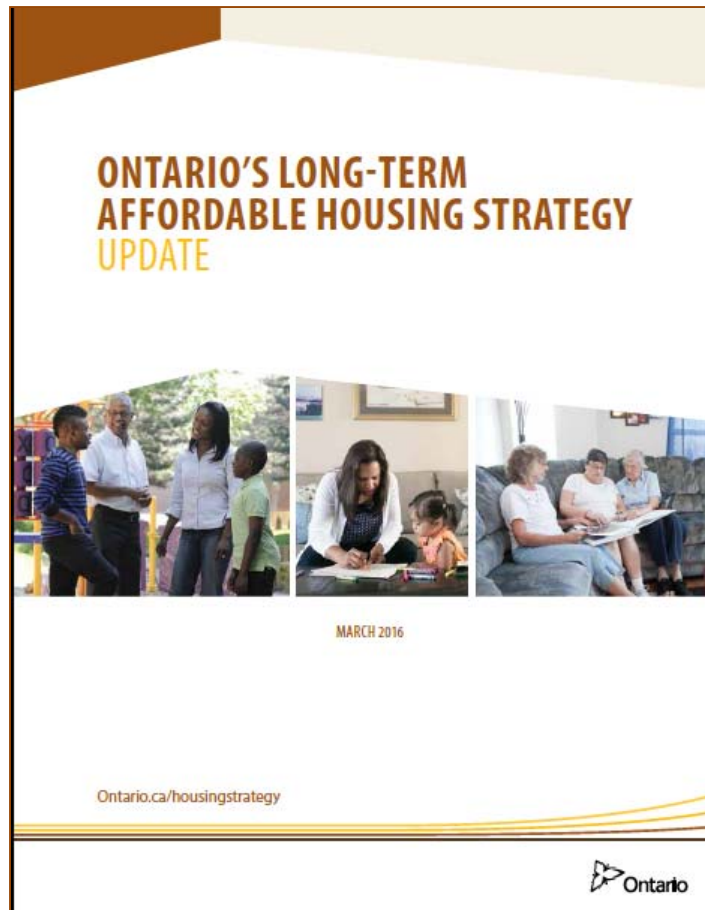
Where Will Seniors Live?



LTAHS Update

Provincial Vision

Every person has an affordable, suitable and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family and build strong communities.



Adapting to a Changing Environment

Key questions for the future

- How should “senior” be defined for housing programs?
- Should the Region offer rental housing options for all seniors or only for those with a financial need?
- What capacity does the Region have for portfolio growth?
- Should the Region invest in additional supports for aging tenants?
- Should the Region invest in expanding the home repair program?

Where Are We Going?

Current Opportunities

- Expand HYI activities into new business models
- Unionville development project
- Continue working with key partners, including non-profit/co-operative housing providers, the CLHIN and community agencies to support seniors in social housing and the community.

Advocacy To Do More

Sustained funding from senior levels of government

- Repair and renew existing seniors buildings and help aging homeowners stay in their homes
- Mitigate the cost of adapting buildings to meet evolving safety and accessibility requirements
- Support new housing development
- Increase the number of rent subsidies
- Provide appropriate care and related supports to seniors