



B.1 Orientation Meeting Recap, October 22nd 2015

Presentation to
Seniors Strategy Advisory Task Force

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Presentation Overview

1. Orientation recap
2. Emerging principles
3. Service system map
4. Low-income/vulnerable senior profile
5. Discounts and rate reductions

What We Heard From You

**Understand
Who Does
What**

Anticipate Outcomes

**Respond to
Community
Issues**

Region's Role

Advocacy

**Set
Principles**

**Municipal
Partners**

Partnerships

Sustainability

Prevention

**System
Access**

Emerging Principles

Principles	Considerations
1. Finances - need, balance and sustainability <i>*today's discussion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considering well-being of all generations in planning for the aging population
2. Prevention, education and awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investing strategically upfront could result in cost savings and ability to redirect resources in the future
3. Partnerships, collaboration and alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrated system discussions and formal/informal partnerships to support the aging population (improved coordination and system navigation)

These preliminary principles set the stage for future discussions

Emerging Principles (cont'd)

Principles	Considerations
4. Evidence-based decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lessons learned and best practices from other jurisdictions• Decisions made based on evidence, research, data and current trends
5. Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy agenda (priorities) developed based on guiding principles• Know where to advocate and what the important issues are to support the aging population

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Overview of Government Funded Services for Seniors – A York Region Perspective

Service System Map



**Broad Policy
and Finances**



Health Care



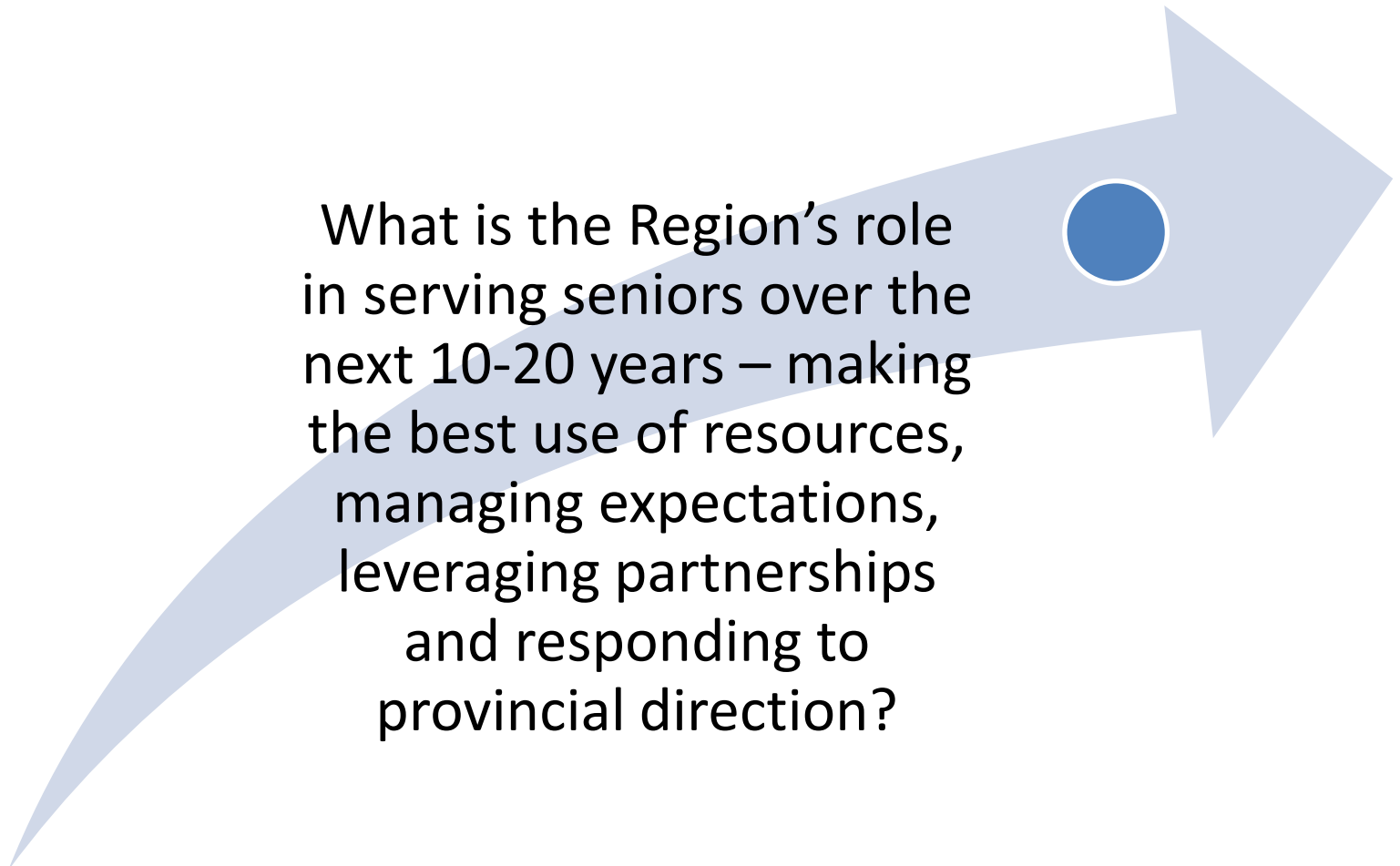
**Housing and
Transportation**



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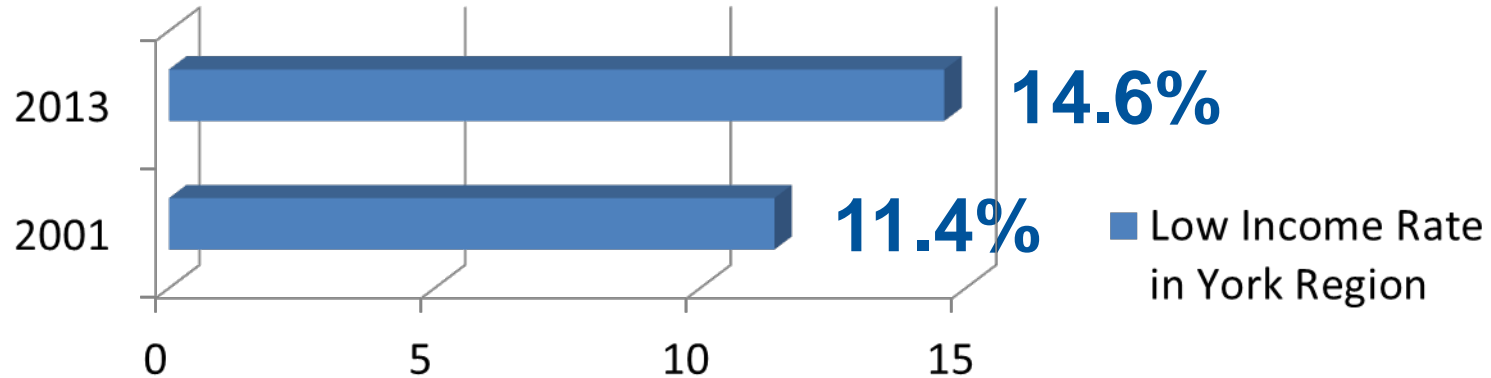
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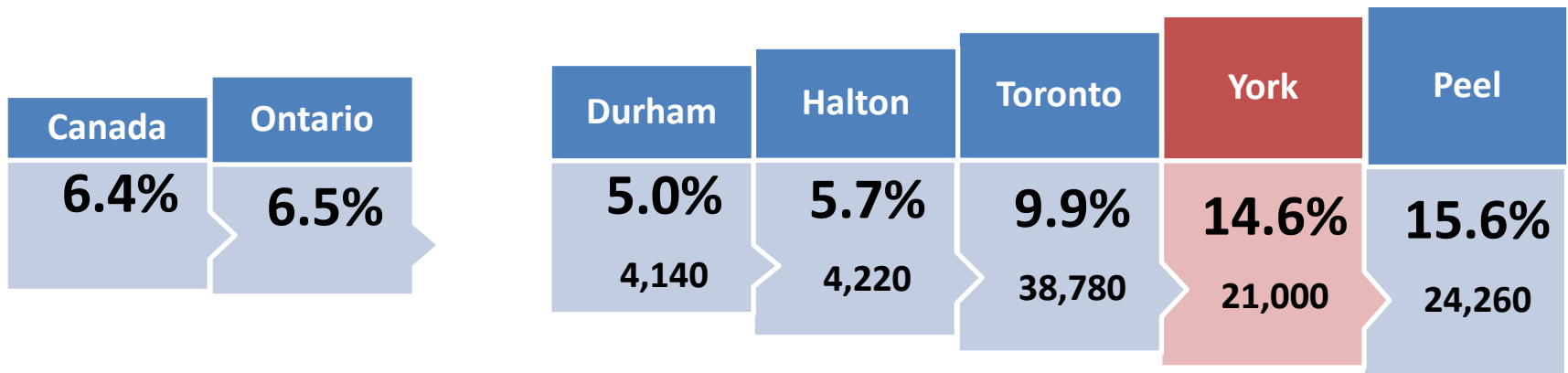
What is the Region's role in serving seniors over the next 10-20 years – making the best use of resources, managing expectations, leveraging partnerships and responding to provincial direction?

Seniors and Low Income in York Region

Low Income Rate in York Region



Low Income Comparison



Characteristics Impacting Seniors Income

Newcomers
not eligible
for OAS

Living
alone/limited
supports

Having a
disability

Lacking
knowledge of
English/
French

Need to sustain strategies that promote full inclusion of all groups into York Region's communities and local economy

Sources of Income - Low-Income Senior Case Study

A single senior 65+ ; who has no other source of income could receive a maximum monthly income of \$1,425.78 from the following sources

OAS -
\$569.95

GIS -
\$772.83

GAINS -
\$83.00

York Region Programs with Discounts or Rate Reductions – Income-Based

Long-Term Care Homes

- Rate reduction (lower basic co-payment rate) for those with low income. The low-income threshold is \$22,953.72

Adult Day Programs

- Client daily fees calculated based on annual/monthly income – \$7 for those with annual income under \$12,500, \$14 for annual income under \$20,064 and \$21 for those with incomes over \$20,065

Community Non Profit and Co-operative Housing Providers & Rent Supplement Programs

- Subsidized tenants pay a rent that is based on their income, usually equal to 30% of gross household income.

Affordable Residential Rental Housing (Housing York)

- Approximately 80% of tenants pay rent based on their income

Resident Monthly Budget – Long-Term Care (Example)

Rate reduction: Amount of subsidy varies based on individual income.

Resident Monthly Budget	
Total Income (from government sources)	\$1,425.78
Comfort Allowance (for out-of-pocket expenses)	-\$136.00
Income Remaining	\$1,289.78
<i>Basic Co-payment Rate (Long-Term Care)</i>	<i>\$1,774.81</i>
Rate reduction Paid by Province	\$485.03

York Region Programs with Discounts or Rate Reductions – Age-Based

York Region Transit

- Seniors (65+) get a discount if using tickets or monthly pass.
- Seniors pay approximately 45% of a regular adult monthly pass and 65% of regular adult 10 tickets (Adult: 10 tickets - \$34/\$44 / Monthly pass - \$136/\$181 vs. Senior: 10 tickets - \$21/\$31 / Monthly pass - \$57/\$87).

Tax Deferral Program

- Seniors deferral - No income requirement for seniors 65+
- Low-income seniors deferral – Must be 55-64, in receipt of benefits under GIS or GAINS programs, and have an income less than \$23,000 (single) or an income less than \$40,000 (family)

Summary

- Set context for policy and finance discussion
- Recap of orientation session and emerging principles
- Overview of service system map
- Highlighted seniors low-income trends

B.2 Financing Municipal Services in Aging Communities

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