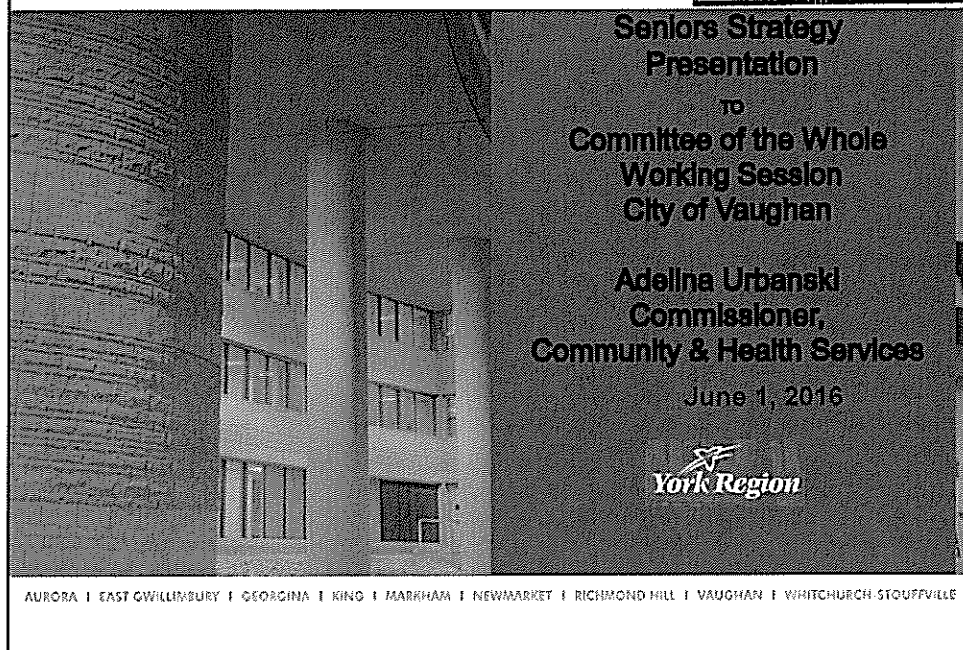


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Seniors Strategy Advisory Task Force Membership

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Regional Councillor Ferri (Chair), City of Vaughan

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What is the 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?



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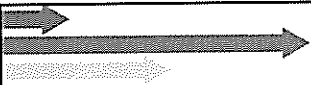
York Region Seniors Strategy	
Potential Emerging Action Areas	
Task Force Principles	Action Area
Evidence Based Decision Making	Capacity Planning: At a system level, develop an understanding of the demand for seniors services in York Region and the capacity to provide those services to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Coordinate and Connect Discussions (Planning Together) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit providers for seniors (MOHILTC, MTO) • York University – Fear of Falling Research • Federation of Canadian Municipalities (add seniors to agenda) • Association of Municipalities of Ontario (add seniors to agenda) • National Institute on Aging – Ryerson (GTA Network) • Local municipalities
Partnerships, Alignment, Collaboration	Explore Age Friendly Communities Concept
Partnerships, Alignment, Collaboration	Better Integrated Services Develop Senior Hub Model (s) (i.e. Unionville) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-design the service delivery system with hub models • Convene discussion look at seniors needs holistically Co-location of services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i.e. partner with the local municipalities, identify commercial opportunities, co-locate Region services
Partnerships, Alignment, Collaboration	Build a variety of home options in the same neighbourhood as we accommodate growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build near amenities, add services to arterial roads • Influence design of new built homes – include caregiver room • Reduce complexities and costs associated with second suites • Leverage Inclusionary zoning



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Potential Emerging *Action* Areas

Task Force Principles	Action Area
Education	Staff Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to enable staff to support senior's changing needs
Education	Increase Awareness of Services for Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> systems are easy to navigate, information coordination Identify how we can help seniors navigate the system i.e. re-focus wait lists
Education	Communication Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> raise awareness of need for building affordable housing in established neighbourhoods raise awareness for the need to financially plan for retirement raise awareness around financial sustainability, i.e. intergenerational equity and ability to pay
Prevention	Expanding Prevention Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.e. Community Paramedicine, Public Health
Response Based on Financial Need and Ability to Pay	Develop new eligibility models – Ability to Pay Model (s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> definition of senior (i.e. 65 years) based on income and assets Review Housing Services Home Repair Program – i.e. distribute funds by securing future re-payment through available assets- i.e. registering a lien on property Explore new rent models, blended income models



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Potential Emerging *Advocacy* Areas

Task Force Principles	Advocacy Area	Linkages
Evidence -Based Decision Making	Capacity Planning for Long Term Care Beds in Ontario <ul style="list-style-type: none"> determine the amount of resources required including the number of beds, location, type 	Provincial Government Central LHIN
Prevention	Expanding Public Health Mandate for Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promoting healthy aging prevention opportunities 	Public Health Agency of Canada Provincial Government Central LHIN
Prevention	Funding for Home and Community Care Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unionville hub model Coordinated support services to age in place for HYI Seniors Buildings 	Federal Government Provincial Government Central LHIN
Fiscal Sustainability and Balance	Infrastructure Funding for Housing Services and Additional Affordable Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> link to social housing Affordable housing options Make Rental Happen 	Federal Government Provincial Government Human Services Planning Board
Response Based on Financial Need and Ability to Pay	Pension Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OAS, CPP Supplement 	Federal Government

Possible Areas for Collaboration

1. Coordinating and Connecting Discussions

2. Better Integration of Services

- Co-locating services
 - i.e. satellite recreation services in Seniors Housing Buildings
- Developing a Seniors Hub Model

3. Explore Age Friendly Communities Concept

- i.e. understanding gaps, opportunities and roles

4. Sharing Data