

**CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
OLDER ADULT TASK FORCE**

***For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan
on March 3, 2020***

The Older Adult Task Force met at 3:00 p.m., on January 27, 2020.

Members Present Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair
Bob Bak
Bernard Lo
Jitu Pancholi
Darlene Share

Also Present: Janet Rurak, Program Manager, York Region Seniors Strategy
Lisa McDonough, Deputy CEO of Customer Experience, Vaughan Public Libraries
Angela Palermo, Recreation Manager, Community Development & Planning
Margie Chung, Manager of Traffic Services, Transportation and Fleet Management Services
John Britto, Council / Committee Administrator

The following items were dealt with:

1. AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION STUDY

The Older Adult Task Force advises Council:

- 1) That the verbal update by the Recreation Manager, Community Development and Planning, on the current status of the age-friendly community designation study was received.

2. KEY TASK FORCE PRIORITIES

The Older Adult Task Force advises Council:

- 1) That the Task Force identifies the following priority areas related to older adult issues in Vaughan within the context of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Dimensions of Age-Friendly Communities:
 - a) Outdoor Spaces and Buildings: accessibility of spaces and buildings for people in wheelchairs, walkers and with other mobility issues;

- b) Transportation: accessing transportation services to participate in programs, access services, and attend appointments;
 - c) Housing: access to seniors housing, affordable housing, ability to age at home;
 - d) Social Participation: participating in social opportunities and older adult clubs and programs; ability to access and attend programs to reduce social isolation; language and cultural, age criteria (65+) considered barriers to participation;
 - e) Respect and Social Inclusion: affordability of programs, access (transportation, language/communication barriers) to fully know what is available;
 - f) Communication and Information: awareness of available services and programs, especially for non-English speaking seniors;
 - g) Community Support and Health Services: navigating through services, understanding how to stay healthy and safe, fraud, physical and financial abuse. Need for central hub model specific for seniors' services; and
- 2) That the Task Force identified the need to consider resources and costs in the management and implementation of programs and/or services identified and/or recommended in a future Age-friendly Community Action Plan.

3. SERVICE HUB

The Older Adult Task Force advises Council:

- 1) That consideration of this matter was deferred to the February 24, 2020 meeting.

4. PRESENTATIONS – KEY STAKEHOLDERS

The Older Adult Task Force advises Council:

- 1) That a representative from CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) was invited to present at the February 24, 2020 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair