



City of Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

Committee of the Whole (Working Session)
April 6, 2022



**United Nations Decade of
Healthy Ageing 2021-2030**



Purpose

The goal of the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan is to assess the City's social and physical environment using the eight World Health Organization (WHO) dimensions of community life and identify priority areas for meeting the needs of the aging population.

Age-Friendly Communities

An age-friendly community is one that responds to both the opportunities and challenges of an aging population by creating physical and social environments that support independent active living and enable older people to continue contributing to all aspects of community life.
(Ontario Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide)

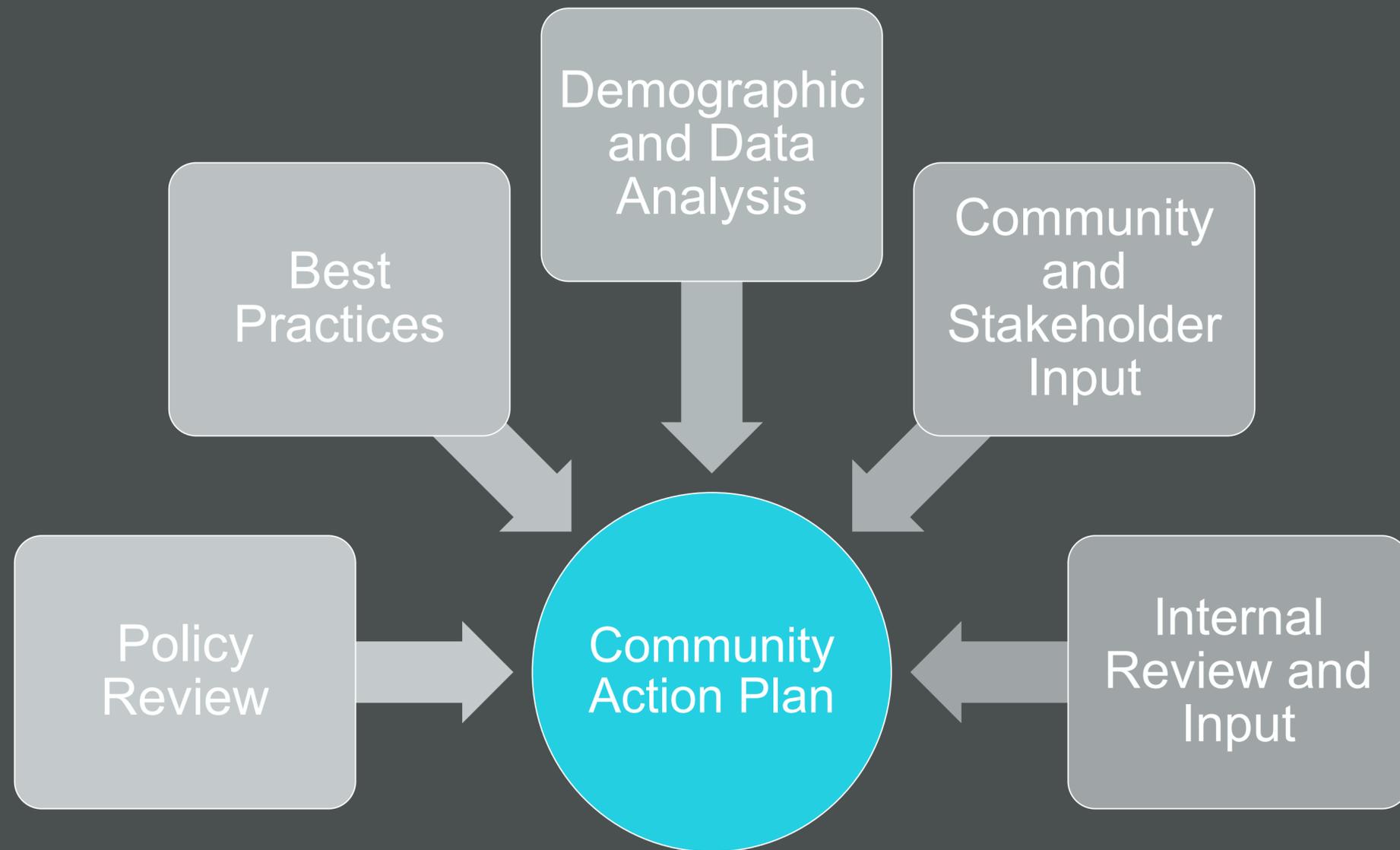
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Project Activities



Developing the Plan

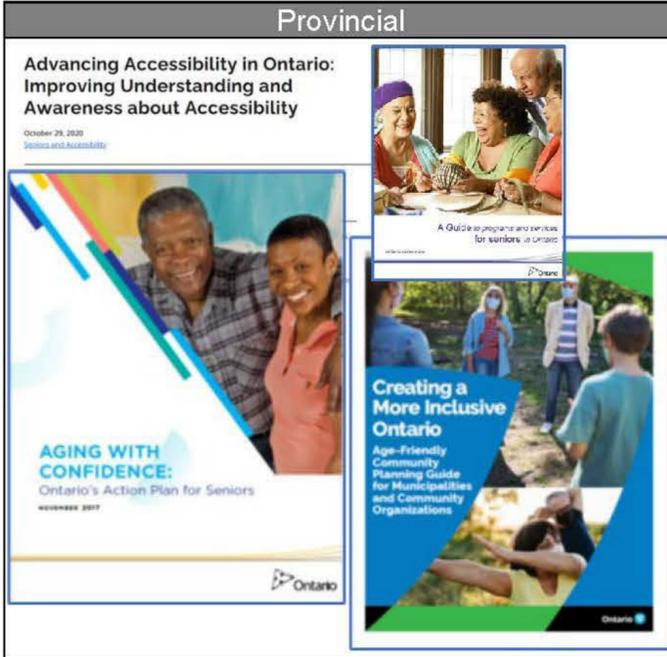


Policy Review

Global



Provincial



Regional



Municipal

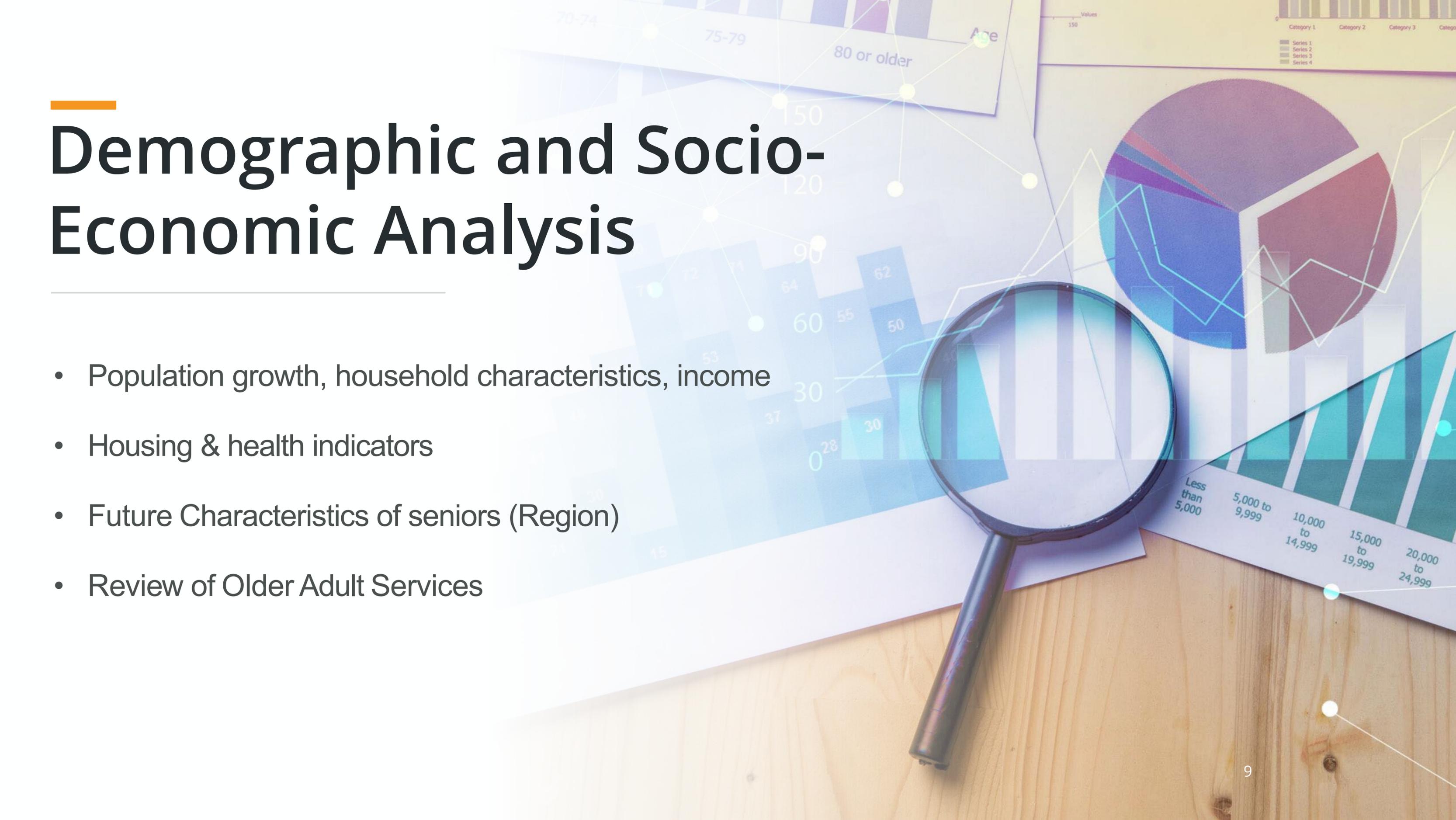


The Municipal section displays a collection of documents from the City of Vaughan, including: "2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan", "City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010", "City of Vaughan Older Adult Recreation Strategy", "Accessibility Plan 2019-2022", "Vaughan Digital Strategy", "Active Together Master Plan", and "Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Executive Summary". It also includes a notice about "SECONDARY SUITES APPROVED IN VAUGHAN" and a "Vaughan Transportation Plan" image.



Jurisdictional Scan

- City of Brampton
- City of Richmond
- City of Barrie
- City of Hamilton
- City of Markham
- City of Toronto
- County of Perth
- City of Edmonton
- City of Pickering
- City of Kitchener

The background features a collage of various data visualization elements. At the top, there's a line graph with data points and labels for age groups: '70-74', '75-79', and '80 or older'. To the right, a pie chart is partially visible with a legend for 'Series 1' through 'Series 4'. Below these, there's a bar chart with numerical values like '72', '71', '64', '55', '50', '62', '30', and '28'. A magnifying glass is positioned over the lower right portion of the charts. At the bottom right, there's a horizontal bar chart with income brackets: 'Less than 5,000', '5,000 to 9,999', '10,000 to 14,999', '15,000 to 19,999', and '20,000 to 24,999'.

Demographic and Socio-Economic Analysis

- Population growth, household characteristics, income
- Housing & health indicators
- Future Characteristics of seniors (Region)
- Review of Older Adult Services



Creating a more age-friendly Vaughan

Share your feedback
to help shape the City's
Age-Friendly Community
Action Plan

Community Outreach

- Website
- Public Service Announcements
- Media coverage
- Social media
- Digital signs
- Mobile signs
- Radio advertising
- Engagement newsletter
- Vaughan Public Library Handouts
- Dedicated age-friendly phone extension & email address

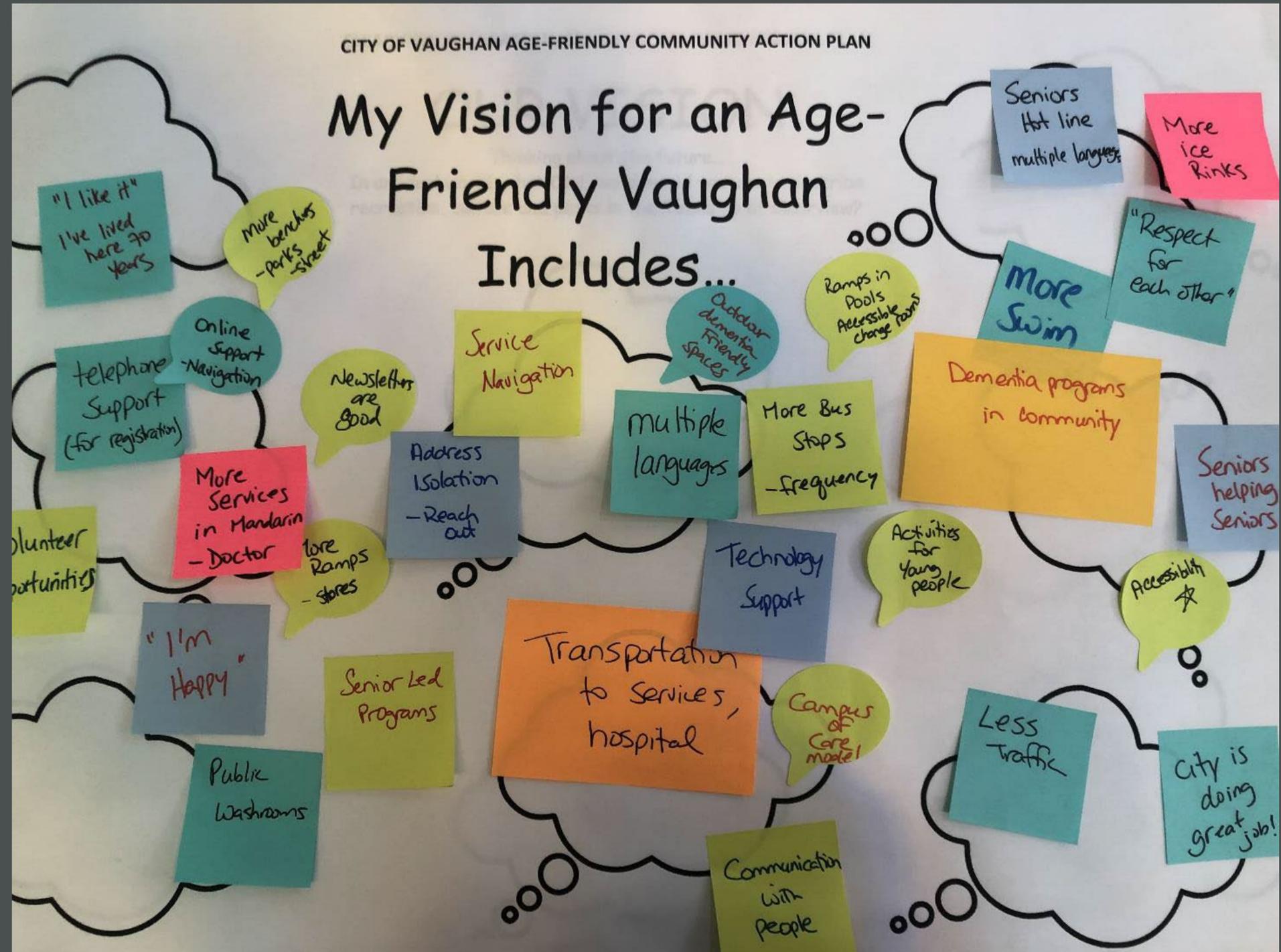
Who We Heard From

Residents
650+

Community
Groups, Clubs,
Organizations
20+

Members of
Council
9

City Staff
30+



Who We Heard From

Community Groups, Clubs, Networks, Service Providers, Partners

York Region

Vaughan
Community
Health Centre

Alzheimer's
Society

Islamic Society

Music Share

Welcome Centre

Jewish Russian
Community
Centre

Town of East
Gwillimbury

Family Services
of York Region

Caribbean
Association

United Way

South Asian
Seniors' Club

Chats

Reena

March of Dimes

Concord West
Seniors

Seniors Focus
Vaughan

First Chinese
Seniors'
Association

Human
Endeavour

Filipino Seniors
Club

Thornhill
Seniors Club

Ontario Network
Age-Friendly
Communities

Vita Community
Living Services

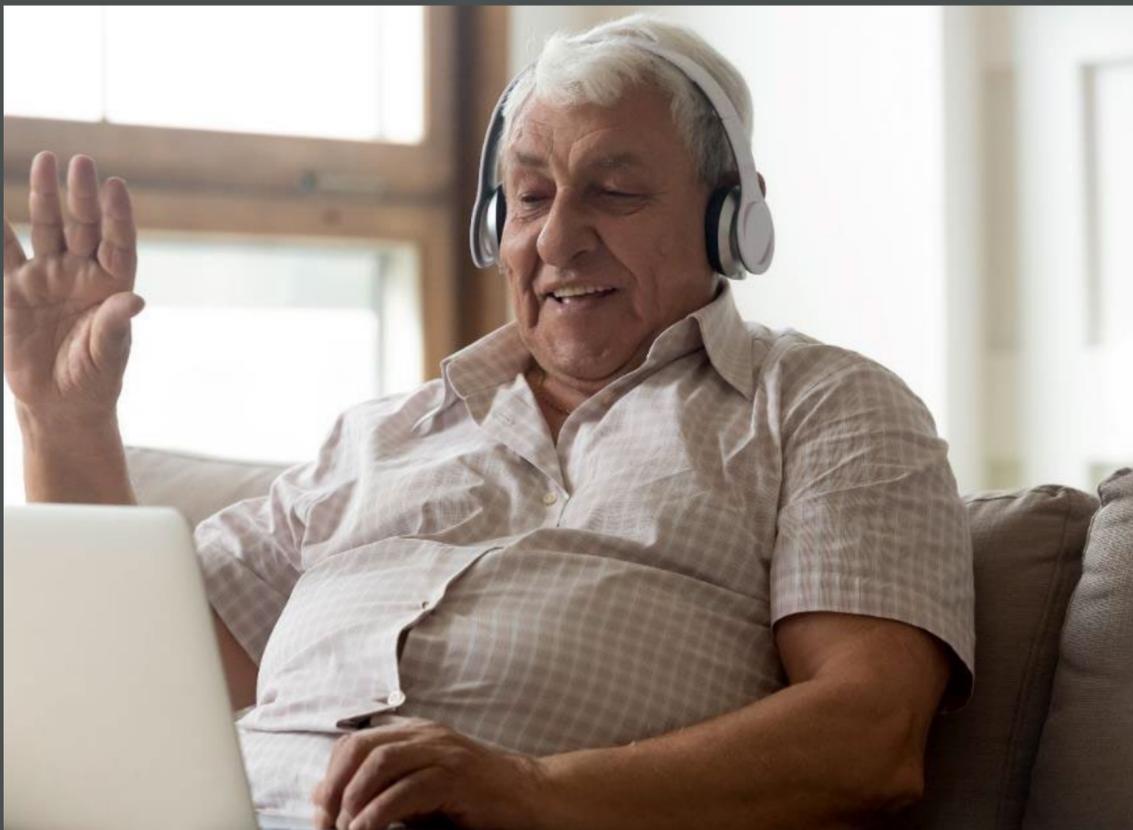
York Regional
Police

Welcome Centre

Chartwell

Vaughan Public
Libraries

United Way
Greater Toronto



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Vision

Vaughan is a community of
choice for all generations.



Principles

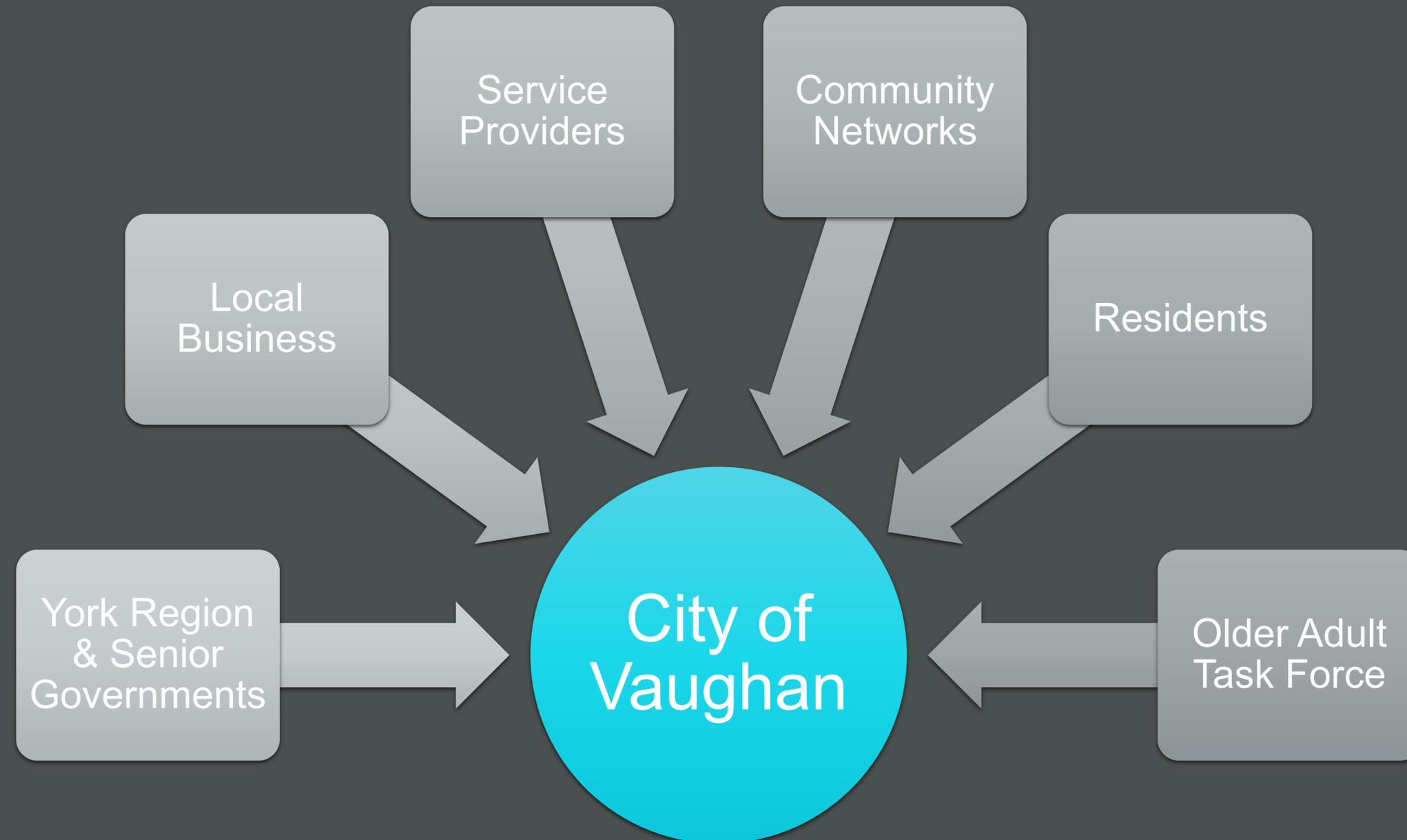
- Equity
- Collaboration
- Accountability
- Connection
- Inclusion



Objectives

1. To recognize the diversity of Vaughan's aging population not only in terms of age but also ability, gender, sexual orientation, culture, support needs, and income.
2. To support policies that create complete, accessible, and welcoming neighbourhoods.
3. To support independent, active, and healthy aging for all residents.
4. To realize a shared responsibility among community members and partners to fulfil the vision of this Plan.
5. To achieve recognition of the City of Vaughan as an age-friendly community through Ontario's Network of Age-Friendly Community Initiatives.

Collective Accountability



Proposed Age-Friendly Actions



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings



Transportation



Housing



Respect & Social Inclusion



Civic Participation & Employment



Communication & Information



Community Supports & Health Services

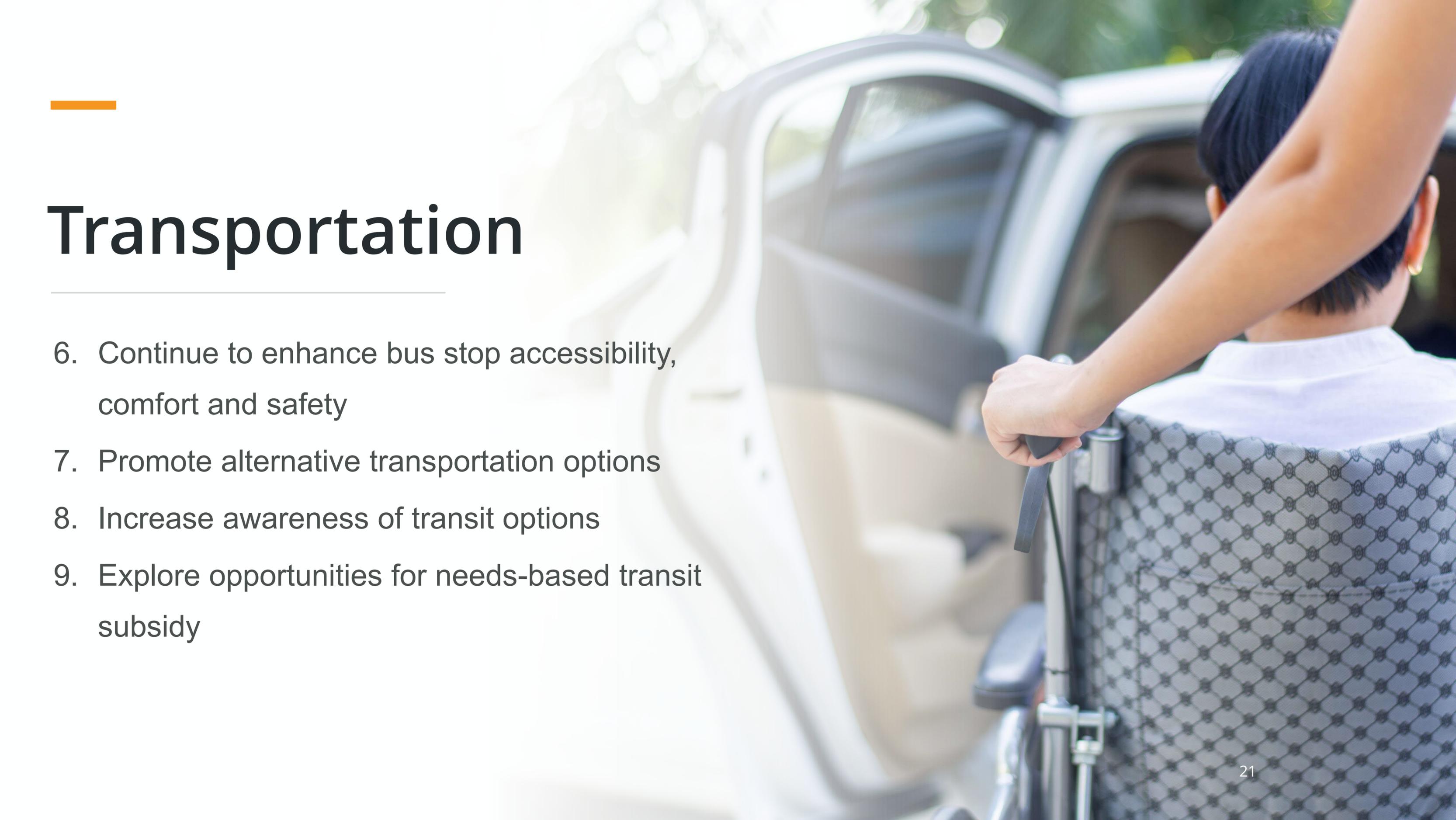


Social Participation



Outdoor Spaces & Public Buildings

1. Continue to explore opportunities to expand winter snow removal program
2. Continue to ensure park and open space design incorporate accessibility, safety, and recreational opportunities
3. Continue to make improvements to age-friendly street design
4. Support accessible community gardens
5. Identify opportunities to create more walkable neighbourhoods

A photograph showing a person in a wheelchair being assisted into the back of a white van. The person is wearing a white shirt and a dark patterned skirt. The wheelchair has a dark mesh backrest. The van's rear door is open, and the interior is visible. The background is bright and slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Transportation

6. Continue to enhance bus stop accessibility, comfort and safety
7. Promote alternative transportation options
8. Increase awareness of transit options
9. Explore opportunities for needs-based transit subsidy

Housing

10. Establish policies to support a range of affordable and accessible housing options
11. Explore HomeShare program options
12. Increase awareness of home adaptation programs
13. Promote and support in-home support options



A photograph of two elderly women smiling and embracing each other outdoors. The woman on the left has long white hair and is wearing a white sweater. The woman on the right has short grey hair and is wearing a yellow sweater. The background is a soft-focus green field.

Respect & Social Inclusion

14. Celebrate seniors and youth through art

15. Increase awareness to help combat ageism and elder abuse

16. Explore integration of some local club events/programs

17. Engage and partner with community organizations to identify unique and diverse needs of older adults



Civic Participation & Employment

18. Promote and share volunteer and employment opportunities

19. Expand age-friendly awareness among local businesses

20. Engage with OATF in community planning

Communication & Information

21. Expand digital access and literacy

22. Enhance online presence of
community information and services

23. Continue to create positive and
inclusive messaging and promotional
material



A circular arrangement of hands, some wearing gloves, symbolizing community and healthcare. The hands are of various skin tones and are positioned in a circle, with some wearing blue and green gloves. The background is a light, neutral color.

Community Supports & Health Services

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- 24. Explore opportunities to develop a community hub
 - 25. Encourage partnerships with local health care agencies

Social Participation

26. Continue to expand diversity of recreational programs and inter-generational programs
27. Explore opportunities for additional training for front line staff to support seniors
28. In partnership with community organizations, coordinate monthly 'Coffee Connections' for older adults



Achieving Action

- Expand membership of OATF
- Develop decision-making framework
- Establish an Age-Friendly Coordinator Role
- Prepare an Annual Report Card
- Join Ontario's Network of Age-Friendly Community Initiatives
- Explore membership to the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities
- Consider the priorities in the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan for inclusion in the 2022-2026 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan
- Conduct 5-Year Review





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