

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: OLDER ADULT TASK FORCE
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT
(TRANSMITTAL)

FROM:
Older Adult Task Force

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To forward, for Council's consideration, the Older Adult Task Force Findings and Recommendations Report.

Report Highlights

- The Older Adult Task Force is seeking consideration of the recommendations contained in its Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1].

Recommendation

The City Clerk forwards the following recommendation on behalf of the Older Adult Task Force:

- 1) That the Older Adult Task Force Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1] be received and referred to staff for review.

Background

In 2017, Council appointed the Older Adult Task Force to make recommendations on the implementation of action items related to the City of Vaughan's Older Adult Strategy, including exploring opportunities to move towards an age-friendly community and the promotion of healthy seniors.

The Older Adult Task Force strives to develop recommendations, through community and stakeholder engagement, on the following key objectives:

1. Ways to improve the effectiveness of older adult programs and services in the City of Vaughan.
2. How to respond to the growing, changing and diverse needs of Vaughan's older adult population.
3. Identifying issues related to barriers to access faced by older adults to City services and programs and recommend possible solutions including exploring the creation of older adult multi-service centres/community hubs.
4. Identifying opportunities to leverage partnerships with relevant parties, including York Region, other local municipalities, seniors serving organizations, higher levels of government and the non-profit sector, to:
 - I. Achieve objectives of the Vaughan Older Adult Strategy.
 - II. Contribute to areas of common interest that are aligned with the results identified in the York Region Seniors Strategy.
5. Identifying opportunities to educate and improve the quality of life for older adults, and to promote programs, resources, initiatives and policies that allow people to age in place.

Council appointed members of the Older Adult Task Force include:

Deputy Mayor, Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair
Gerry O'Connor, Vice Chair
Marina Di Battista
Bernard Lo
Belinda Marchese
Gino Rosati, Local and Regional Councillor
Darlene Share
Dr. Adriana Schnall

The Older Adult Task Force, at its meeting on June 27, 2022, adopted recommendations in its Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1] which are presented for Council's consideration.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

The Older Adult Task Force was mandated to bring forward a Findings and Recommendations Report at the end of its term in June 2022, for Council's consideration.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts/implications related with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

The City Clerk is forwarding for Council's consideration the recommendations contained in the Older Adult Task Force Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1].

For more information, please contact Todd Coles, City Clerk, Extension 8281.

Attachment

1. Older Adult Task Force – Findings and Recommendations Report.

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