

**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***

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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.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair