York Region

Seniors Strategy

Thinking Ahead





Seniors Strategy Refresh

Presentation to City Of Vaughan Older Adult Task Force

York Region Community and Health Services

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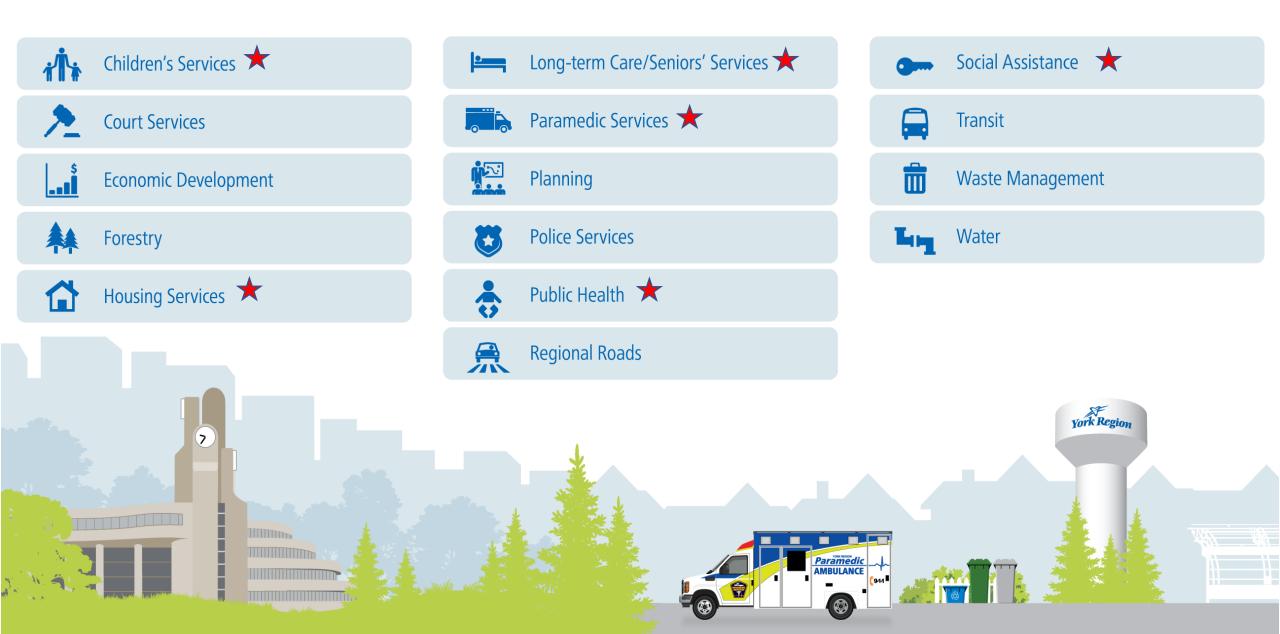
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Purpose: to provide an overview of the direction for the Seniors Strategy Refresh and to discuss where we might be aligned

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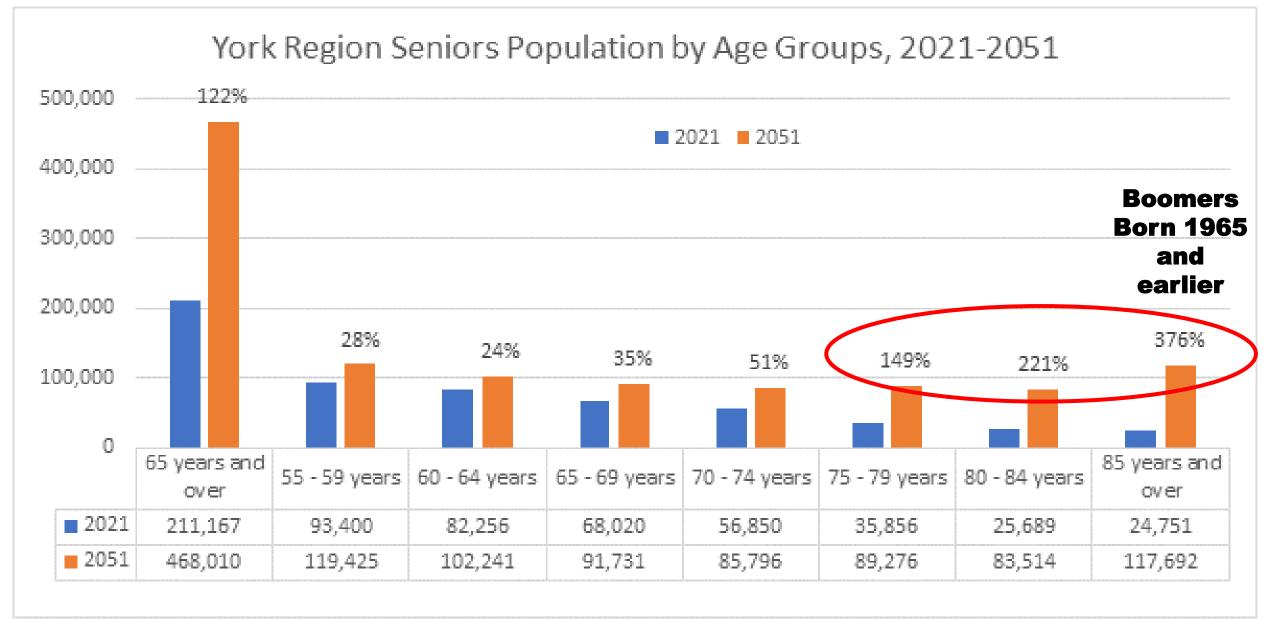
- 1. York Region Seniors Strategy
 - Where we have been
 - What we have done
- 2. Seniors Strategy Refresh and 2 Year Action
 - Where we are going
 - Approach and Plan
- 3. Discussion

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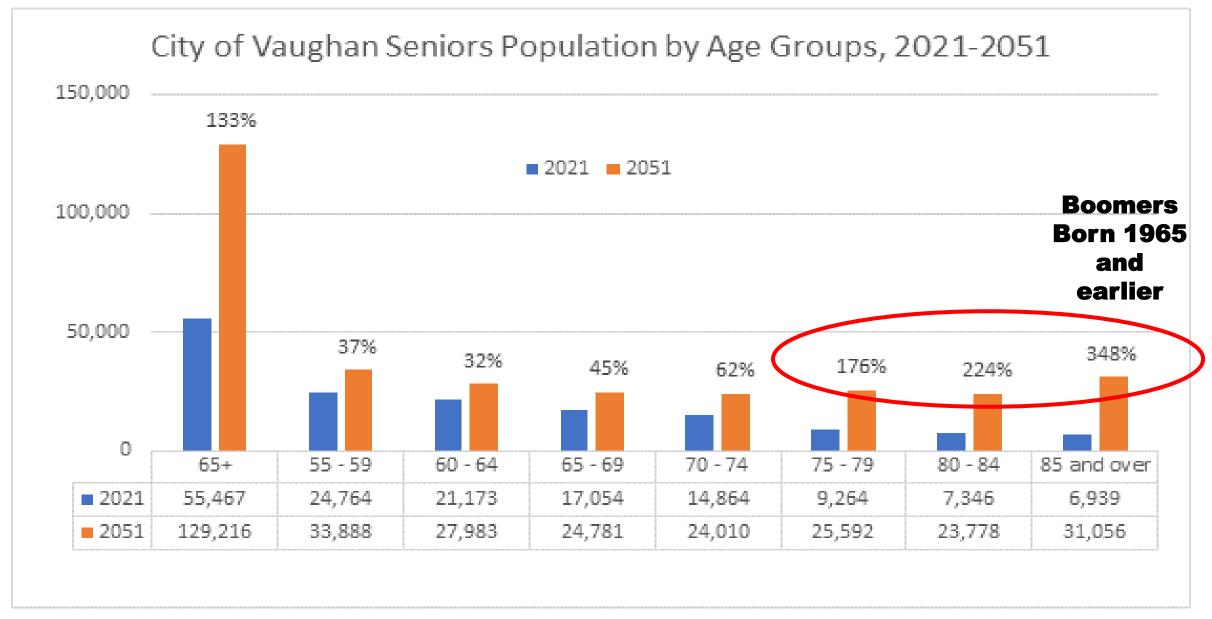
York Region Seniors Strategy Where We Have Been

York Region Seniors Population Growth 2021-2051 by Age Groups



Source: York Region, Corporate Services, Planning and Economic Development Branch, Preliminary York Region and Local Municipality Population Forecast (pending approval with the new Regional Official Plan).

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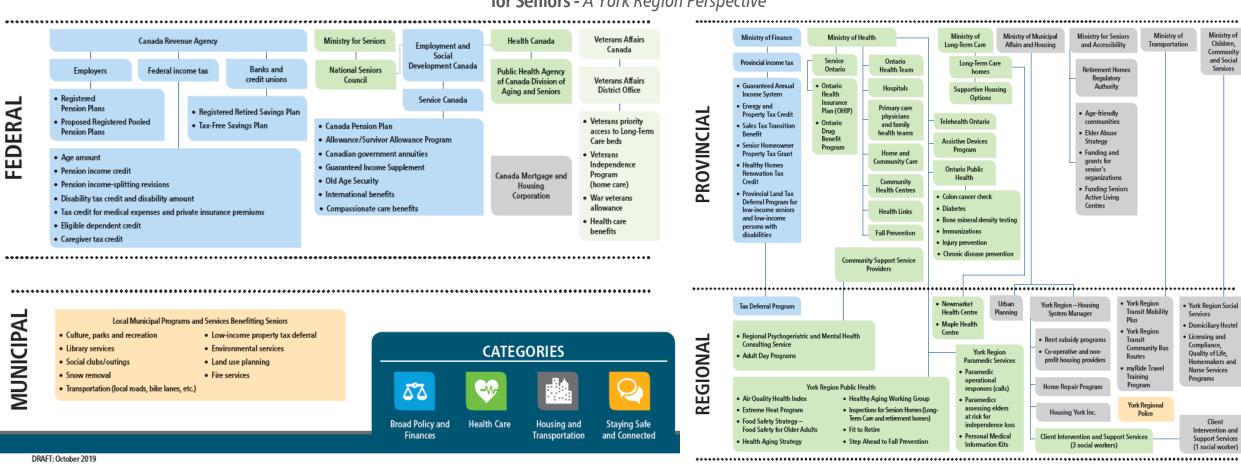


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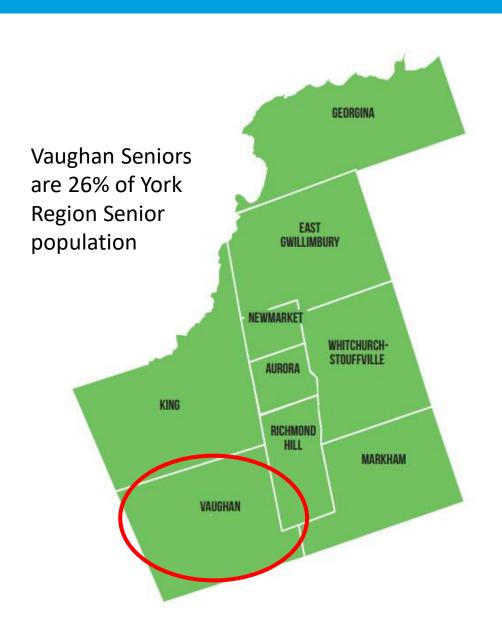
Roles and Responsibilities



Government Funded Services for Seniors - A York Region Perspective



York Region programs and services for Vaughan seniors



- Maple Health Centre
- Adult Day Programs
- Psychogeriatric Resource Coordinators
- Paramedic Services
- Housing Services
- Ontario Seniors Dental Program
- York Region Transit
- Access York
- United Way/York Region Seniors Cluster Table

Supporting seniors to age in place

Direction set out in the Seniors Strategy



all residents





Support age friendly complete communities



Connect seniors/caregivers to the right programs and services at the right times



For information: www.York.ca/seniorsstrategy

York Region Seniors Strategy What We Have Done

Accomplishments through Corporate Collaboration

Result Area		Actions	Complete	Underway
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	Keeping seniors healthier, longer	 Nature's Classroom for Seniors Personal Medical Information Kits Virtual Age Simulation Training Room for LTC Getting to Know York Region Seniors Better 	✓ ✓ ✓	√
	Supporting age-friendly, complete Communities	 Unionville Seniors Hub and Community Centre Municipal Comprehensive Review – Getting Better with Age YRT Mobility on Request 65+ Program 	✓	
	Connecting eniors/caregivers to right programs and services at right times	 Community Asset Data Base Project York Region Integrated Response for Vulnerable Seniors Pilot 		✓ ✓ 11

York Region Advocacy Agenda 🖧 🚾 🕮 🔾









Topic	Focus			
Forecast for Long-Term Care and Seniors Housing Implications	 Allocate more LTC beds in York Region Revise funding models to incentivize development of new LTC beds Relieve municipalities of responsibility for increased health care Support development of more housing options for seniors Invest in prevention initiatives to reduce health-related demands 			
Submission to Ontario Long- Term Care COVID-19 Commission	 Urgent action needed to address long-standing challenges in sector Resources and funding to manage outbreaks and support true costs Address severe staffing shortage across full continuum of care for seniors Strengthening partnerships to integrate LTC into health care system 			
Ontario Seniors Strategy	 Called on province to align Ontario Seniors Strategy with priorities for seniors consistent with York Region Seniors Strategy Submission to COVID-19 Commission called on province to take leadership and release Ontario Seniors Strategy 			
Ontario Health Teams	 The Region is signed partner on all three York Region OHTs Opportunities to leverage these partnerships to connect regional health and social services 			

Where We Are Going A Focused 2-Year Action Plan 2022-2024

Future Directions: 4 Result Areas

Keeping Seniors Healthier, Longer



What is the Focus: Awareness of Seniors Needs in York Region

- Communications Strategy and Awareness Campaign
 - Preventing chronic disease by promoting seniors health
 - Mitigating impacts of COVID related to seniors health and well-being
 - Promoting supports and services for seniors and caregivers based on needs

What is Underway:

- Paramedics: CP@Clinic Expansion; CP@LTC (data, gaps); Paramedics Training Palliative Care; Paramedics Treat and Release
- Ontario Health Teams: Participating in related OHT sector tables and working groups

Supporting Age Friendly Complete Communities



What is the Focus: Better Integrated Services

- New models of integrated service locations provide opportunities to respond to seniors needs holistically (Hub, Campus of Care)
- Senior friendly affordable housing options and supports

What is Underway:

- Unionville Seniors Hub
- MCR Planning Process
 - Planning for higher-density rental and ownership structures
 - Diversity and Inclusion policy considerations for inclusionary language, engagement and core principle of planning

Future Directions: 4 Result Areas

Connecting Seniors & Caregivers to Right Programs & Services at Right



Times

What is the Focus: System Navigation

- System navigation is part of everything we do
- Seniors and caregivers know how to find and access what they need

What is Underway:

- York Region/United Way Seniors Cluster Table
 - Vaccine Rollout for Seniors
 - Technology Access & Supports for Seniors
 - Partner on CHATS Expanding Social Engagement Project
- York Region Internal Integrated Response for Vulnerable Seniors
 - Brings together expertise to stabilize a vulnerable senior to prevent ongoing crisis

Strategic Change Management for Seniors



What is the Focus: Organization and coordination related to program and service system for seniors

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities for supporting seniors
- Planning and tools understanding needs at a community level
- Advocacy Agenda

What is Underway:

- Ontario Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission Report- Findings and Implications
- Forecast for Long Term Care and Seniors' Housing Implications
- Community Safety and Well-being Plan

The Approach and Plan

Seniors Strategy Refresh

Conducting Engagements

Planning and Design

Apr-Jun 2021

- ✓ Seniors Strategy Core Team
 - ✓ HSPB
- ✓ Council Memo

Nov 2021-Jan 2022

YR/UW Seniors Cluster Table – including additional interested HSPB members

Vaughan Older Adult Task Force

Local Municipalities
YR Accessibility Advisory
Committee

York Regional Council

Jun 2022

Seniors Strategy Refresh:

2-Year Action Plan 2022 -2024













Defining the Scope Aug-Oct 2021

Current state analysis

Data review

Environmental scan

Engagement plan

Validating Results Feb-Mar 2022

Seniors Strategy Core Team Regional Council Workshop

2-Year Action Plan Implementation

2022-2024

Tracking and Monitoring Progress

Discussion

Discussion

Efforts to reduce avoidable 911 calls will require collaboration, partnerships and investing in education and prevention efforts to keep seniors healthier longer.

1. Given what you have heard, how does this fit with the Older Adult Task Force priorities? Are there opportunities for alignment?