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To: City of Vaughan Clerks Office
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I would like to add my voice in support of the re-establishment of the the Older Adults Task Force for the period of this new City Council's mandate period.

The work of the Older Adults Task Force needs to be continued, and recommendations put into action over the next 4 years.

We have to be prepared for an aging population, and ensure that Vaughan is a model of an Age Friendly Community.

Our city is in a unique position to be a world leader in this space, by adopting certain best practices, and establishing best practices of its own.

There are a number of developments in our city that will be going through revitalization, that city council will be dealing with during this 4 year term.

Some visioning work has been done for "Thornhill Town Centre" which is currently having a Secondary Plan developed, within the Vaughan Official Plan. (City of Vaughan Official Plan – Volume 2 – 2018, 12.11 Bathurst and Centre Street: Thornhill Town Centre, Pages 128 - 160)

[https://www.vaughan.ca/projects/policy_planning_projects/General%20Documents/Official%20Plan%20Vol%202/Volume%202%20Chapter%2012%20April%202018%20Consolidation/VOP%202010%20Volume%202_Chapter%2012%20-%202018%20Consolidation%20\(Complete\)%20April%2019%202018.pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/projects/policy_planning_projects/General%20Documents/Official%20Plan%20Vol%202/Volume%202%20Chapter%2012%20April%202018%20Consolidation/VOP%202010%20Volume%202_Chapter%2012%20-%202018%20Consolidation%20(Complete)%20April%2019%202018.pdf)

A 2-day multi-stakeholder working session, sponsored by Centennial College in February 2017, diagrammed the art of the possible

<https://www.centennialcollege.ca/news/design-sprint-addresses-living-with-dementia/>

Baycrest Hospital has put together a scan of best practices, which should be reviewed by the Older Adults Task Force, and recommendations be brought forward to council for action, where relevant.

http://www.cabhi.com/wp-content/uploads/BAY-025-CC_ABHI-Design_Sprint_Brochure_FULL_VERSION_FOR_PDF.pdf

The opening of Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital during the term of this new council can also offer new opportunities to focus on deploying needed older adult support services into the wider Vaughan community.

I hope this serves as food for thought as you decide on whether to have the Older Adults Task Force have a renewed mandate for the duration of this new City Council mandate.

With Respect

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